

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2019

Call to Order: A quorum having been met the meeting was called to order by Vice President Brad Brauer at 6:35p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Jeremy Schacter and seconded by Sandra Lefcovich. The motion carried.

Financials: Linda gave a synopsis of our financial position as of the end of the fiscal year (April 30, 2019) and reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss. Lisa Helm motioned to approve the financial reports, Charlene Gum seconded, and the motion passed. Linda also provided a copy of the finalized Home Tour Budget to the Board.

Zoning: Brad Brauer presented the zoning update in Opal Wagner's absence.

April 22, 2019 - A "Step Two" workshop was conducted at the Desert Vista High School by the FAA. A discussion with representatives from the FAA revealed that there is little likelihood that the Grand Avenue flight path will ever be reinstated. However, they have requested feedback for the Step One which proposed reinstatement of the 2014 flight paths. The deadline for comments is May 23, 2019. A link is provided on willophx.com. Please visit the link and state your opposing view which would oppose the reinstatement of the flight path and any solutions for addressing aircraft noise in other parts of the city must not include rerouting over Phoenix historic districts.

May 2, 2019 – The 1st Ave/Virginia Subcommittee attended the Planning Commission Hearing to speak in favor of the Willo Lofts Proposal. The proposal was approved by unanimous vote. This proposal will be heard by the City Council on June 5th.

May 8, 2019 – The zoning committee met with the Pederson Group re the high-rise development on the northwest corner of Central and Thomas. The development will be commercial or mixed use with retail and restaurants at street level. The developer will be invited to speak at a future Willo meeting to provide information and answer questions.

May 9, 2019 – LED Sign Roundtable at City Hall for the purpose of adopting standards to control brightness and glare from LED signs.

May 13, 2019 – G.G. George will be honored on the floor of the Arizona State Senate for her outstanding service and dedication to the preservation of our historic districts and Arizona history. A pre-Senate Floor reception in the Senate Democratic Caucus Room will be from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. and the public is invited. She has also been awarded the Governor's Heritage Preservation Lifetime Achievement Award and will be honored at the State Historic Preservation Conference in Prescott in June.

Vision 3.5 - Lisa Helm reported that the committee will meet to plan future events to encourage neighborhood involvement. Brad Brauer explained that the City Council has discovered an estimated 55 million, dollar availability of funds which in part will be used for the modernization of the 3rd and 5th Avenue(s) from McDowell to Indian School and through Willo. There will be two more council meetings to vote on where to allocate these funds to various projects including Vision 3.5.

Review of 2020 Home Tour Budget: Ellen Fong and Brad Brauer will serve as co-chairs. The Procurement Committee has obtained six (6) commitments for next year's tour. Brad reviewed the 2020 Home Tour Budget. A draft of a Calendar of Events is to be published in Inside Willo.

Block Watch Chairman: In view of increased duties acquired as a co-chair of the Home Tour Committee, Brad finds it necessary to relinquish his position as Block Watch Chairman. The position must be filled by a member of the Board. If anyone is interested in taking over as Block Watch Chair, please contact Brad Brauer who will provide details of the duties of the position.

Inside Willo: Sandra Lefkovich reported that we have plenty of copy and photographs for the next issue of Inside Willo.

Willo Social Media Update: Jeremy Schacter, Director of Social Media, discussed ideas for the design and function of a private website specifically for Willo residents and consideration of Facebook and Instagram sites. The construction, content and liability facets were discussed for each site. Jeremy requested that several Board members become administrators. Officer Ben Harris offered input as to privacy, safety and security procedures.

CAO: Officer Harris reported the occurrence of minor offenses such as a theft of patio furniture cushions on Edgemont and follow up to a suspicious person call on Encanto. Brad mentioned that a Block Watch Captain reported several car break ins in the 100 block of Lewis and intruders in the alley. Any homeless encampments can be reported to Phoenix Cares.

Welcome to Willo Website: Linda Doescher discussed the plans for adding a section to willophx.com designed for disseminating welcome information to new residents of Willo. All ideas are welcome.

Committee Updates: Patrice Wappel reported that alleys have been cleaned and areas on 7th Avenue have been groomed. Brad mentioned that areas at 1st Avenue between Encanto and Cypress are need attention. Patrice will examine this area. Brad will also contact the City for cleanup.

Old Business: There was no old Business to discuss.

New Business: There was no new Business to discuss.

The next meeting will be June 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Charlene Gum motioned to adjourn which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Charlene Gum
Recording Secretary**