

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

June 13, 2019

Meeting Minutes

CTO: A quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome/Intros: All Board introductions were made.

Approval of May Minutes: A motion was made by Opal Wagner and seconded by Linda Doescher to approve the May minutes as written. The motion carried.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were given by Linda Doescher, Treasurer. The shortfall for May was \$4,366.20. The total assets of the WNA are \$167,681.81. A motion was made by Brad Brauer to approve the financials as given. The motion was seconded by Patrice Wappel. The motion carried.

Development Proposal for the Northwest corner of Thomas and Central: Jim Pederson, Owner and Andrew Yancey, Zoning Attorney were in attendance to present information aimed at the potential development of the sight. The decision as to what to develop will be based on the highest and best use of the property. The site has existing buildings, a parking garage and a large billboard. Ideas for residential and commercial development were given. If developed residential, the plans would adhere to the "walkable urban code". Mr. Yancey assured that once the decision was made, proper zoning and permit applications will be submitted to the city.

Zoning Committee Report: Opal Wagner presented the following zoning updates:

On June 5, 2019 the Phoenix City Council unanimously approved zoning for the Willo Lofts project as 1st Avenue and Virginia. The project provides for 28 single-family residences on the lot that was formerly earmarked for an APS substation.

The use permit application for a large, white LED signs at the top of the north and south sides of the high-rise building at 2020 N. Central has been withdrawn by the applicant.

The Historic Preservation Commission's ruling upholding the Hearing Officer's decision re 333 W. Coronado Road (approval of over-height wall and gate after the fact), including a reduction in height of the wall and gate to 6 feet was appealed by the applicant. The appeal is scheduled to be heard by the Phoenix City Council on June 19, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Opal Wagner motioned to authorize the Willo Board President, Dr. Robert Cannon, to send a letter to the Phoenix Mayor and City Council regarding HPCA 1700546 (over-height wall and gate after the fact at 333 W. Coronado Rd.) in support of the Phoenix Historic Preservation Office's staff recommendation, the Hearing Officer's decision and the HP Commission's ruling that the over-height wall and gate along 5th Avenue be reduced to 6 feet in height, in order to bring them into compliance with the Phoenix City Code and Zoning Ordinance and the Willo Conservation Plan.

The motion was seconded by Brad Brauer. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Social Web Site Protocols: Board member Jeremy Schacter opened discussion as to the pros and cons of making the proposed website public, private or both. After oral considerations were given, a motion was made by Jeremy Schacter to make the official WNA Facebook public. The motion was seconded by Brad Brauer. The motion passed.

Vision 3.5 Committee: President Cannon read a letter from the Mayor's office which outlined the remaining steps left to include funding for the 3.5 project through Willo. A tentative budget 2019-20 Annual Budget was approved by the City Council. The City Council has also adopted the 2019-24 Capital Improvement Program which will provide funds for the design and planning of major improvements to 3rd/5th Avenues. Lisa Helm reported that the Vision 3.5 committee will not be meeting over the summer months. The plans of the committee are to propose neighborhood activities and monitor/observe the frequency of wrong way drivers.

Welcome to Willo Strategy (website): A suggestion to add a "Welcome Tab" on the WNA Website was made by President Cannon. Linda Doescher will implement this action. This section will include pertinent and current information about the Willo Neighborhood Association which will be available in a Welcome Letter. It was suggested to include guest cards and coupons from local vendors as well as a copy of Inside Willo in a welcome package.

Block Watch: Officer Ben Harris reported on the criminal activity in the area which included theft from a worker's truck. DNA was left at the scene and most likely this will lead to an arrest.

Gain Event: The GAIN Event is October 19th this year. The Yard Sale will be coordinated with Gain Event.

Inside Willo Fall Schedule: Sandra Lefkovich announced that the deadline for copy for the September issue is July 10th.

Committee Updates: Patrice Wappel, Kleanstreets Chair has groomed the 7th avenue and Encanto areas. Brad Brauer, Co-Chair, Home Tour Committee reported that eight (8) homes have been confirmed for the tour. The procurement team is continuing to solicit additional homes for the tour. The committee needs additional volunteers to serve on sub committees for the tour such as Advertising and Brunch committees. Sandra Lefkovich suggested publishing the need for volunteers in the newsletter.

Old Business: Happy Hour will be Friday, June 14th. The details are posted on the Willo website.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment: The next meeting will be September 12, 2019, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. A motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Patrice Wappel to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Gum
Recording Secretary