

WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019

CTO: There having a quorum met, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Cannon.

Minute Approval: Secretary Charlene Gum called for a motion to approve the October minutes. Linda Doescher so moved. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Schacter. The minutes were approved as written.

Financial Report: Linda Doescher, Treasurer specified the net worth of the WNA as \$163,341.78. We are still operating at a net loss as the only source of income is Home Tour proceeds. The net income for the period of May – October is (\$9,525.85). A motion was made by Brad Brauer to approve the financial reports. Opal Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Home Tour: Brad Brauer presented an update of the home tour. The tour is February 9th and the Twilight Tour is February 8th. Tickets are available on Willophx.com. There is a discount for the Home Tour if you want to purchase your tickets prior to the tour. There are no discounts for the Twilight Tour. If you want a Willo discount on the day of the tour, visit the website and click on the “Willo” link option. There will be 14 homes on the tour as of this date.

City Council: Laura Pastor, City Council was in attendance to provide the status on the of plans for the modification of 3rd and 5th Avenues. Kini Knudson from the transportation and traffic department was also in attendance. Laura stated that the plans have been accelerated due in part to the efforts of Bob Cannon, Opal Wagner, et. al., who attended the budget meetings to show support for the preferred Willo design.

Kini Knudson, Streets & Transportation COP, spoke to the funding issues for development and maintenance of streets. The 3rd and 5th Avenue project has been approved for design funding. The next step is to develop the best design for the project. This will be done through feedback events such as the one held on November 13th. This helps to acquire information that will provide a way to go forward with design and construction. At this time questions and comments were invited from the audience.

Jeremy Schacter commented that he was disappointed with the meeting of November 13th wherein the “public” was invited to view the designs for 3rd and 5th Avenue. The designs were those of the original MAG study and the preferred Board approved Willo plan was not presented (one lane). The two-lane model(s) encourage speeding which has been observed on many occasions. In addition, speeding isn’t the only issue, e.g., wrong way drivers, not slowing for speed bumps, turning off 7th avenue to cut through to 3rd and 5th avenues and a blatant disregard for safety.

Inside Willo: Sandra Lefkovitch - The deadline for articles for the December newsletter is tomorrow, November 15th.

Zoning: Opal Wagner - Opal reported the following:

Nov. 26, 2019 (9:00 a.m.) ZA-541-19 – Zoning Adjustment Hearing for variances to relocate the Clear Channel billboards on the NW corner of Central and Thomas as part of The Pederson Group’s proposed mixed-use high-rise development. The applicant is requesting approvals of Use Permits and Variances, including:

1. Use Permit to relocate and rebuild an existing single-face non-conforming off-premise sign;
2. Use Permit to allow an off-premise structure to be within 230 feet of a historic preservation district (500 feet required);
3. Use Permit to allow an off-premise structure to be within 110 feet of a neighborhood conservation district (250 feet required);
4. Use Permit to allow an off-premise structure to be located 230 feet from a residential district and residential use (500 feet required);
5. Use Permit to relocate and rebuild an existing double-face non-conforming off-premise sign to single faced digital faces (north and south);
6. Approval of a variance to reduce the off-premise billboard structure setback to 15 feet to fit into building façade (25 feet required);
7. Variance to extend the period allowed for suspension of a non-conforming use to 3 years to coincide with the time period for construction of the high-rise building (6 months/180 days required).

Calvin Goode Building, 251 W. Washington St., 10th Floor, Coronado Training Room, Phoenix, AZ.
The Willo Zoning Committee will request to meet with the applicant’s attorney prior to the Nov. 26th hearing to gain more information about the proposal.

Nov. 26, 2019 (10:00 a.m.) HPCA 1900358 – Historic Preservation Hearing for home alterations at 54 W. Holly, including removal of a 176 sq. ft. front porch enclosure, construction of rear/side additions and a detached porte cochere. Conference Room 3B, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington.

Luminaria: Bob Cannon reported that the luminaria preparation is starting. This year we are displaying for four days (through Christmas day).

Social Media: Jeremy Schacter stated we have 142 members. If you have anything you would like to post, please do so. Brad Brauer and Jeremy are moderators. Please encourage your neighbors and friends to join us.

Willo Photo Journal: - Alex Rentzis, Photographer

Alex (Willo resident) is responsible for the photos and artwork that you see in the newsletter and has served as the photographer for the Willo Home Tour. Alex presented the concept of the production of a Willo coffee table book. He explained that this would like to promote Willo architecture and Phoenix history in another way other than the tour. The formation of a committee was suggested to consider the project. James Varela volunteered to establish a committee.

Vision 3.5: - Lisa Helm

The lighted bike ride will be held in conjunction with the Luminaria. The dates and further information will be published in the December newsletter. The committee will contribute \$300.00 to the event.

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, November 19th at Lara Sand's house at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Lisa Helm and seconded by James Verela to have the Board authorize a letter from Dr. Cannon to the Mayor and City Council restating the Vision 3.5 plan that was originally approved by the Willo Board. The motion carried.

New Business: Jeremy Schacter mentioned that roof rats have been observed in Willo. He suggested that we publish an article in the newsletter on how to prevent them. Jeremy will submit the copy for the December newsletter.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be December 12, 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Brad Brauer motioned to adjourn, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Gum
Board Secretary