**5G Cell Towers in Willo**

**The issue:**

**A permit has been issued by the City of Phoenix for a 5G Cell Tower at the NW corner of 5th and Coronado. The City issued this permit without proper disclosure to the Historic Preservation Office or the Willo Neighborhood Association.**

**A 5G Transmitter has been installed on the northeast corner of 7th Avenue and Encanto Blvd.**

**The concern specifically is regarding the 5th and Coronado Tower as this is clearly in a residential area.**

**State Law:**

**Important: The State of Arizona passed a state law in 2017 preventing the rights of The City (Phoenix) to regulate installation of the 5G Towers.**

**What has been done to date:**

* **A Conference call was held on Thursday March 26th with Tom Doescher, Willo Board Zoning Chairperson, GG George, President of Phoenix Historic Coalition, Michelle Dodds, Historic Preservation, Dolce Rivas from Laura Pastor’s office, and Kini Knudson, City of Phoenix Streets and Transportation to discuss this issue. General concerns were shared amongst the group of stakeholders, but the following questions still need to be addressed:**

**What we need to know:**

1. **Why did the City issue a Permit without proper disclosure?**
2. **What legal action can we take regarding the lack of disclosure of the proposed tower scheduled for 5th Avenue and Coronado?**
3. **What is the overall strategy for Willo regarding Cell Towers?**
4. **How do the 5G Towers impact the current on-going 3rd/5th Ave study by the City?**
5. **What is the specific design of the proposed “tower,” and perhaps the “tower” can be designed to appear as a palm tree or cactus?**
6. **How can we impress our City officials that Willo and other Historic Neighborhoods should be involved in such strategic decisions before we have to apply our own resources (as we did with the FAA, APS Lot issues) to defend the Willo Conservation Plan written by the City of Phoenix?**
7. **What are best practices for installing 5G infrastructure in Historic Neighborhoods?**

**Action Taken on Friday March 27th:**

**Representative Lela Alston’s office has been officially notified about the 5G Cell Phone Tower issue, and we have asked her office to provide us with information on what we can do to resolve this issue.**

**Many stakeholders are involved (City, State, Historic Preservation, Phoenix Historic Coalition) and we will continue to provide information.**

**Please note this issue is fluid, and ever-changing with the various levels of government involved.**

**Please be safe, stay healthy, and we will continue to work to preserve our neighborhood by working with all stakeholders.**