

## WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

### MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bob Cannon, President at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Brad Brauer to approve the September and October minutes and seconded by Charlene Gum. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Doescher shared that we have received \$900.00 in donations for the Luminaria but no other income was received. The total income was \$11,930.00 and expenses totaled \$26,130.00 which resulted in a net loss of \$14,200.00. A motion was made by Brad Brauer to approve the report as presented. A second was issued by Jeremy Schacter and the motion passed.

**Social Media** – Jeremy Schacter reported that Social Media membership is continuing to increase. There have been those who have inquired about advertising on our Facebook page, Willo website, an Inside Willo.

**Welcome Committee** – Carl Shurtz – A presented a prototype of a Welcome Kit which will be a Tote bag which may contain such items as a Welcome Letter, Willo keychain, a Willo T-Shirt, issues of Inside Willo, a welcoming letter, a list of informational websites, seeds, etc. A total of 10 bags have been distributed. There are 22 new residents in Willo and it is estimated that the average new residents per year is 60.

**Zoning: - T Doescher/Opal Wagner** There are two issues to address. U Haul is upgrading their signs. In October proposal 2 LED 5,000K/230 units which will be brighter than the BMO signs. A meeting was held via zoom with the City and attended by Opal and Tom. Opal explained our opposition to those specifications. The hearing was continued for discussion for November 19.

U Haul presented two proposals. The first was for 3,000K/40 which meets our standard. The other was for 4,000K/50. Tom will attend and speak at the zoning adjustment hearing on November 19th and with the Board's direction recommend the 3,000K/40 units.

Opal – The building at 1415 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave was purchased by a new company. They have applied for a sign variance that exceeds the code. They requested a variance to allow a 20' high ground sign, a 56 square foot sign when they are only allowed 32 square feet. Roosevelt and FQ Story neighborhoods are concerned and are opposing it. They would like us to support them. Opal suggests that we do as there is a possibility that Willo could be affected next.

Opal Wagner therefore motioned to ask the Willo Board to authorize Dr. Cannon to send a letter to the City zoning adjustment hearing officer opposing the item number ZA 625-20-7 for a variance to allow a 20' ground sign and 56 square feet.

Motion Discussion – Jeremy Schacter asked if it would be better if a letter signed by all the presidents of the historic districts combined was issued presented.

Bob mentioned that he has been meeting with the other presidents and each one has already approved the letter.

Jeremy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Opal mentioned that at the last meeting with the representatives from the Phoenix Street Department gave us an update on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> avenue. There will be a 2-way bike path on 3<sup>rd</sup> and there will be a curved lane continuing at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Encanto. She asked them to provide us with the plans for the pedestrian sidewalk or pathway on 5<sup>th</sup> avenue north of Encanto. She also asked for an illustration so that we could present it to our community for feedback as to their preferences. At that time they were still working on this issue and were evaluating the costs and the feasibility. They have asked to join us for our December meeting to share their findings and they will share illustrations as well.

**Inside Willo** – Sandra Lefcovich – Since we are not having a home tour this year, there are plans to select homes that have historical interest and importance. There will be pictures, interviews and interior shots for Inside Willo. We have a lot of content for this issue but are missing key content for the month, e.g., zoning, real estate and tip of the month. A zoning article will be submitted next month. The tip of the month will be submitted next month as well.

**2021 Election Committee** – Ann Bommersbach reported that she has researching software. She has found one that may fit our scenario. The pricing is good (\$48.00 per election) with no monthly subscription. It is reasonably priced and secure., e.g., protections for duplicate voting, voter lists imports from other files, e.g., CSV, Excel or Text file. Our list would be taken from our opt in membership. We should be able to export it from our website into the software. We allowed it in the by-laws in 2018 and made a statement about electronic voting. We may have to amend it to describe what we will be doing. She ran tests and there were no objections. The downside is that you can allow for email, text or paper ballots or in person. The paper ballots would have to be entered into the software. Ann recommends that in person or text votes be used.

Ann explained how the software works.

**Block Watch/ Grants** - Brad Brauer – Our CAO can't join us on Zoom at this time. In the 100 block of Granada there was a guesthouse break in. The person was arrested that day and is still in jail. He has a record and may not be getting out soon. A backyard was broken into in the 100 block of Coronado small items were stolen. The intruder was not caught. On the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Vernon, the owner came home while the robbery was in process. The owner reported it to the Police and the incident was also reported to Block watch. There was an attempted car theft on Vernon. Activity seems to be increasing. Please report anything suspicious activity to Crime Stop.

Brad has applied for a Block Watch Grant.

**Luminaria Update – Chris Norton** - Chris has evaluated this year's estimated costs of the Luminaria project and with the current inventory of supplies and replacement costs, we are about \$9.25 over budget. He is confident that he can move forward with a complete display of Luminaria. The plan is to display 200-225 bags per block beginning December 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to donate to this project, a link has been set up on [WWW.WILLOPHX.COM](http://WWW.WILLOPHX.COM). Chris has discovered lights that can be timed, and which provide brighter lighting of the Luminaria. We should consider this for the future. He explained how the costs may be reduced by switching to this type of lighting.

**Street Activation Committee – Lisa Helm** - Lisa announced that all “in person” events have been cancelled. However, she proposed a canned food drive and a donation to St. Mary’s food drive. The committee will coordinate the effort and deliver the food the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lisa welcomes any participation by other Committees’.

**Klean Streets** – Patrice Wappel – There is nothing new to report on Klean Streets and everything looks good.

**Old Business** – No old business to discuss.

**New Business** – Jeremy Schacter commented that perhaps a Board Member who has experience in writing grants should help Brad with the application to secure a grant for Block Watch.

**Adjournment** – A motion was made by Brad Brauer to adjourn the meeting, a second was made and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.