

Willo Neighborhood Association

September Minutes 2020

CTO: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

June Minutes Approval: A call for a motion to approve the June minutes was requested by the Secretary. A motion was made by Jeremy Schacter and seconded by Opal Wagner to approve the June minutes. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Linda Doescher, Treasurer presented the financial report. Brad Brauer motioned to accept the financial report as presented, the motion was seconded and passed.

5G Installation: Ann Smith, City of Phoenix was presented a report of the 5G light pole installation project. Opal thanked Ann for attending and prompt follow up on issues and questions related to the installation on Coronado and other proposed locations within Willo. It is appreciated that the city is developing a procedure in place for the historic districts for 5g installations and hope that there are no surprises in the future. That's our goal. Ann mentioned that it is the city's goal as well. Tom Doescher agreed and appreciates that Ann has always responded to his questions promptly and comprehensively.

Jeremy Schacter inquired about additional companies such as A T & T, T Mobile et. al would be installing 5G services as well. Would they be tying into those structures installed by Verizon? Would we have multiple poles throughout the neighborhood? Ann explained that the city is currently addressing this. There is discussion as to if the city can structure the meter boxes in such a way as to enable additional carriers on the same pole. The only two companies that COP works with are AT & T and Verizon. There is no agreement with T Mobile. They will currently use private sites on rooftops and buildings. As of now AT & T does not have any proposed sites up to 2022 for the Willo district. Verizon is the only one with sites which put them through their 2021 build. No action is anticipated for the next two years. It could change based on their coverage needs. Advance notice of site plans will be given to Willo.

There were other questions centering around prior notification to Willo when planning installations and adherence to the historical integrity of the neighborhood with pole design. (these discussions are too lengthy for this writing but are recorded for accuracy and confirmation).

Zoning Committee: Tom Doescher reported that zoning activity has been quiet. The Board of Adjustment voted to allow digital signs at the corner of Central & Thomas by a vote of 4 – 3. However, the Arcadia and Osborn Association located on 32nd Street asked them to reconsider their decision in their meeting of September 3rd. The Board of Adjustment took no action on that so the original ruling stands. A zoning adjustment hearing is scheduled for the end of the month for 509 W. McDowell for a small Craft Brewery. The committee did not take a stand on that. The Adjustment Board stipulated that the Roosevelt neighborhood should be canvassed before proceeding.

A residential development for the corner of 1st Ave/Virginia/Cambridge has been approved and has started.

There is a review hearing scheduled at the end of the month to evaluate Dogtopia regarding any problems affecting the nearby neighborhoods. We are not aware of any problems that have been reported. They are open for business. We have not had any reported complaints.

Bob attended an adjustment hearing regarding the Central & Thomas billboard project. The Arcadia/Osborn and UPP neighborhood associations joined the meeting to voice their objections to this project. Jeremy Schacter asked why a neighborhood several miles away would be interested in something that is not going to affect them? Opal explained that anyone can attend a hearing to voice their objections or approval. However, the neighborhood closest to the projects gets priority in the decisions.

Home Tour – Brad Brauer – Brad commended Theresa on her dedication to the organization of the home tour. We have made a decision for a different home tour this year which would include a mixture of homes, garden and outside studios in addition to planning around Covid 19 safety requirements such as requiring facial masks, social distancing, etc. . One home has already committed to joining the tour. Brad suggested that any Board members who have not had their homes e on the tour should perhaps consider Joining the 2021 tour.