

Willo Neighborhood Association Board
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021

Board Members Present: Dr. Robert Cannon, Brad Brauer, Linda Doescher, Charlene Gum, Gene Nance, Lisa Helm, Erika Gagnon, Ann Bommersbach, James Varela, Sandra Lefcovich, Jeremy Schacter, Aaron Montaña Searles, Kush Govani, Patrice Wappel and Opal Wagner

Treasurer's Report: Linda Doescher presented the financial report and will be requesting that committees submit their requested budget items for the upcoming fiscal year beginning May 1st.

Opal Wagner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jeremy Schacter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

February, 2021 Minutes: Opal Wagner presented the February, 2021 Board meeting minutes for approval.

Brad Brauer made a motion to approve the Feb., 2021 minutes. Lisa Helm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Inside Willo: Sandra Lefcovich reported the Inside Willo magazine is running smoothly. She requested that content for the April, 2021 issue be submitted by Fri., March 12, 2021.

Social Media: Jeremy Schachter reported that Willo's Facebook page had started with about 50 people but was now up to 200 members and continuing to grow.

Streets and Traffic Safety Committee: Opal Wagner and Bob Cannon requested that everyone attend the District 4 Budget meeting on April 14, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., or one of the citywide budget meetings on April 17th at 10:00 a.m. or April 20th at 5:30 p.m. to advocate for funding to implement the 3rd and 5th Ave. re-design project from McDowell to Thomas Rds.

Home Tour Committee: Brad Brauer reported that he and co-chair Teresa Fontana had gotten the ball rolling on Willo Home Tour 2022 and were working on the budget. He said they need people to work on procurement of homes and that Teresa plans to reach out to prospects from last summer. Brad said they are cautiously optimistic we are going to be in good shape this year.

Willo Photo Book Committee: James Varela and Diana Herman reported they have pre-sold 50 books of the 200 ordered. They have photographed 9 of 19 streets. The drone photographer has been working on aerial photographs as well.

Willophx.com Website: Kush Govani reported that he has been posting requested content and

updates continuously as they come in.

Klean Streets Committee: Patrice Wappel reported that she has been combatting the springtime weeds that are beginning to crop up along 7th Ave. with weed killer.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Lisa Helm reported the committee was waiting for Covid-19 restrictions to be lifted, and for CDC guidelines to be updated before proceeding with planning any activities.

Willo Parks: Brad Brauer reported there have been issues with the City of Phoenix Parks Dept. calling Walton Park a traffic divider (which has a different set of maintenance responsibilities than a park), and that the light in the park had not been operating. Brad said he plans to meet with the Parks Dept.

Sandra Lefcovich suggested a bulletin board in Walton and Lewis Parks for neighborhood announcements. Others said they would prefer to keep announcements on-line for aesthetic reasons and ease of maintenance

Block Watch: Brad Brauer reported there had been 3-4 complaints of homeless encampments near the Fairfield Inn, Windsor, Wilshire and Edgemont. He said alleys are not thoroughfares and CrimeStop should be notified of trespassing in the alleys. Jeremy asked if Willo had looked at closing off our alleys. Brad reminded everyone that some people have their garage access through the alleys.

Zoning Committee: Tom Doescher reported on a pending application for a Raising Cane's drive through restaurant at 7th Ave. and Thomas and provided a synopsis of a Zoom meeting with the applicant to discuss the possible traffic impacts, noise impacts to nearby neighbors, etc.

Tom also reported on Barrows Neurological Institute's new signage which was approved for 4000K and 80-nit lighting levels. He said they are required to provide an affidavit attesting to lighting levels and they must dim the lights by 10:30 p.m.

A single-story addition at the rear of the existing home at 133 W. Palm Lane was found to be compliant with historic preservation guidelines and was approved by the Historic Preservation Hearing Officer.

Gene Nance Appreciation and Celebration of Service to Willo: Bob Cannon presented a bottle of wine and gift card to Gene Nance for his many years of service as a Willo Neighborhood Association Board Member. Gene assured everyone he is not going away and said he may run again in four years.

Elections Committee: Ann Bommersbach reported that the deadline for opting in to vote was March 9, 2021 and that 180 residents had opted in and 140 had voted. The 2021 election

results are:

Officers:

Bob Cannon, President

Brad Brauer, Vice President

Opal Wagner, Secretary

Linda Doescher, Treasurer

Members:

Aaron Montañó Searles

Ann Bommersbach

Patrice Wappel

Kush Govani

Sandra Lefcovich

Jeremy Schachter

Charlene Gum

Erika Gagnon

James Varela

Old Business

Nikki Armstrong, Social Committee Chairperson, said Willo Happy Hours and other social activities would not resume until the pandemic restrictions have been lifted.

New Business

None.

Linda Doescher made a motion to adjourn. Sandra Lefcovich seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned