Special Meeting Minutes

Willo Neighborhood Association Board

March 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present for virtual/online meeting: Robert Cannon (President), Brad Brauer (Vice President), Opal Wagner (Secretary), Linda Doescher (Treasurer), Sandra Lefcovich, Kush Govani, James Varela, Jeremy Schachter, Aaron Montaño Searles, Patrice Wappel

Absent: Ann Bommersbach, Erika Gagnon, Charlene Gum

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Robert Cannon, President, stated the sole purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss a potential letter to City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department leadership and the Phoenix City Manager regarding challenges and concerns raised by recent Historic Preservation and Zoning rulings that were contrary to Historic Preservation Guidelines and Zoning requirements, as well as the Willo Conservation Plan. Cases of specific concern are recent applications at 309 W. Monte Vista and 78 W. Cypress.

A discussion was held regarding whether to also include the recent Historic Preservation Commission ruling on 549 W. Cambridge. It was ultimately decided not to do so.

Further discussion was had regarding how Phoenix can best continue to welcome growth while still managing to uphold the Historic Preservation guidelines and Willo Conservation Plan.

Opal Wagner made a motion to authorize Dr. Robert Cannon, Willo Board President to send a letter to the City of Phoenix notifying them of our neighborhood’s concerns that recent actions and rulings on certain Historic Preservation and Zoning cases specifically involving 309 W. Monte Vista and 78 W. Cypress do not meet Historic Preservation Guidelines and Zoning Requirements.

Brad Brauer seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Sandra Lefcovich: Yes

Linda Doescher: No

Opal Wagner: Yes

James Varela: Yes

Aaron Montaño Searles: Yes

Brad Brauer: Yes

Jeremy Schachter: Yes

Kush Govani: Yes

Patrice Wappel: Yes

The motion passed 8-1.

Robert Cannon stated the document would be posted to Willo’s website over the weekend, with copies to Mayor Gallego, Vice Mayor Pastor, City Manager Jeff Barton and the presidents of the other 4-corners historic districts.

This concluded the business of the Special Meeting.

Brad Brauer made a Motion to Adjourn. Patrice Wappel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19p.m.