

Willo Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022

Board Members Present: Dr. Robert Cannon (President), Brad Brauer (Vice President), Linda Doescher (Treasurer), Opal Wagner (Secretary), Sandra Lefcovich, Charlene Gum, Ann Bommersbach, Jackson Modrak, Patrice Wappel, Kush Govani

Absent: Erika Gagnon, Jeremy Schachter, Aaron Montaña Searles

Attendees/residents: Venancio Berrocoso, George Ernest, Joanne Andrews, Eric Gilmore, Samantha Keating, Jonathan Roberts, Keith Aldridge, Chris Norton, Gene Nance, Tim Smith (President, Del Norte Neighborhood), Michelle Smith. Via Zoom: Scott Ferreira, Heather Finden, Mary Bayless, Alba, Addison, Sharon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Brad Brauer, Vice President.

Approval of Minutes: Opal Wagner (Secretary) made a motion to approve the September 13, 2022 special meeting minutes and the September 15, 2022 meeting minutes for approval as previously provided to the Board for review. Charlene Gum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Doescher (Treasurer) presented the financial update as previously provided to the Board. Linda reported the new cost-saving changes to *Inside Willo*, along with Home Tour revenue and the Block Watch grant had resulted in the end-of-month financials being in the black. Net worth at this time is \$144,000. Opal Wagner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Charlene Gum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Update: Brad Brauer presented the Zoning update. Little Miss Barbeque is moving into the former Honey Bear's building on Central Avenue. They have submitted an application for outdoor dining.

Willo GOPHX Bond Committee Update: Opal Wagner reported that she and Eric Gilmore had met via Zoom to discuss how to further our requested bond items for addressing the drainage issues in the northeast area of Willo and installation of

pedestrian scramble crosswalks on Central Avenue at McDowell and Thomas Roads. It was decided to follow up on the requests we presented at the Streets and Storm Drainage subcommittee meetings with an email to City officials.

Home Tour 2023 Update: Co-chairs Linda Doescher and Sandra Lefcovich provided an update on home procurement and presented a sponsorship packet the committee had prepared to request financial support from prospective sponsors. Over 200 Home Tour tickets have been sold thus far. Twilight Tour tickets will go on sale in November. The Signup Genius website for volunteers to sign up is live. Thus far, 8 houses, 3 gardens and the firehouse will be included in Home Tour 2023. The Committee's goal is to have 14 houses on tour.

President Bob Cannon introduced Tim Smith, President of the Del Norte Neighborhood Association and his wife Michelle Smith who were invited as guests to our meeting.

Willo Yard Sale: Patrice Wappel and Eric Gilmore reported the yard sale signs were up. This Saturday from 7-11:00 a.m. will be the Willo Yard sale. Yellow balloons will be placed at the sites of the yard sales. The yard sale information has been posted to 10 Facebook groups and at the Caffe Vita coffee shop on McDowell and 5th Ave.

Willo Kids Club Update: Samantha Keating reported the WKC will join with Block Watch for a joint GAIN event/Halloween party at Walton Park on October 29th, including a costume parade, costume contest, food trucks, bounce house, balloon artist, face painting, etc. There is an online sign-up for volunteers to help with activities, clean-up, etc. The WKC leadership will have a planning meeting to talk about their upcoming winter and spring events.

Luminarias: Chris Norton reported the 2022 Luminaria nights will be December 23rd, 24th and 25th. Volunteers are needed to put boxes of luminaria supplies together. Block Watch grant funds will replace tealights as needed. Phoenix Spokespeople are expected to do their bike ride through Willo on Dec. 23rd with a cocoa/coffee truck available.

Social Committee/Welcome Committee: Jonathan Roberts reported tomorrow will be the State Fair-inspired Willo Happy Hour at the home of Lawrence

Andrews and Nic Diez, 90 W. Virginia. There will be yard games, etc. and everyone is encouraged to bring State Fair-themed food, drinks to share. There is an opening for someone to host the February Happy Hour (Fri. Feb. 10th). The planned theme will be Valentine's Day. Brad Brauer will provide Jonathan with MLS info. regarding any new neighbors moving into Willo for the Welcome Committee.

Social Media:/Communications: Kush Govani and Sandra Lefcovich reported the new, refreshed Willo website went online on Wednesday and it looks great.

Block Watch Update: Block Watch will be co-hosting the GAIN event with Willo Kids Club on October 29th. All neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Willo Streets and Traffic Safety Committee: Opal Wagner reported Kini Knudson, City of Phoenix Streets Transportation Director will attend Willo's November 10th meeting to present the 100% design for the 3rd and 5th Avenues update through Willo and to answer questions. All neighbors who are interested in learning more about the plans for 3rd and 5th Avenues are encouraged to attend.

By-Laws Committee: Ann Bommersbach reported the committee had reviewed the By-laws and is suggesting one change – that the residency requirement of 2 years to serve on the Willo Board be changed to 1 year. Ann Bommersbach made a motion to amend the By-laws to reflect this change (reduce the 2-year residency requirement to serve on the Willo Board to 1 year). Linda Doescher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Willo Parks: Brad Brauer reported the landscaping on the two roundabouts on Encanto Blvd. has not been maintained by the City and requested the roundabouts be added to the landscaping maintenance service that Willo currently provides for Walton and Broadmoor Parks. The additional cost would be \$60 monthly for each roundabout for a total of \$120.00/month. Bob Cannon stated this would be placed on the November agenda for approval by the Board.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Opal Wagner said the City of Phoenix Historic Properties Exterior Rehabilitation Grant program is accepting applications until November 18th. The

competitive grant process will award up to \$20,000 reimbursement for approved exterior rehabilitation/restoration projects to historic homes. Applications are available online on the City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office webpage.

Bob Cannon said the Arizona Architectural Society is interested in providing their members a walking tour of Willo on Nov. 12th and asked for volunteers to lead the tour. Eric Gilmore and Jackson Modrak volunteered to do so.

Brad Brauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra Lefcovich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.