

Willo Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Oven + Vine, 14 W. Vernon Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Brad Brauer, President.

Board members present in person: Brad Brauer, President; Aaron Searles, Vice President; Nicole Armstrong, Secretary; Linda Doescher, Treasurer; Dan Childers; Eric Gilmore; Sandra Lefcovich; Jonathan Roberts; Lara Sands; Jeremy Schachter; Patrice Wappel

Board members present via Zoom: Wylie Carhartt; Jim Smith

Other attendees:

In person: Chris Norton; Jan and Kevin O'Rourke; Venancio Berrocoso; Zak Holman; Addison Dent; Crawford Breedlove; Courtney Sutherland

Via Zoom: Ed Buckel

Approval of Minutes: Secretary Armstrong presented the minutes from the November meeting. Childers made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Lefcovich, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doescher presented the Treasurer's Report, including an explanation of how Block Watch grant funds were used to cover the shortfall of approximately \$200.00 in luminaria expenses, which involved applying for reapplication of funds through the City. Doescher also explained that neither Block Watch nor GAIN funds can be spent on food or drink. Brauer stated that he would like more Block Watch meetings in the neighborhood and is hopeful that a solution for funding food and drink at those meetings will be found. The Association's total current assets as of November 30, 2023 are \$155,719.27. Lefcovich made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written, seconded by Childers, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Social: Committee Chair Roberts reported that monthly neighborhood happy hours continue on the Friday of each month. January's happy hour will be hosted by Kelly Flood with a theme of "the 1980s." The Welcome to Willo branch of the Social Committee expects to ramp up its activities following the holidays.

Social Media/Communications Strategy: Committee Chair Schachter reported that the insert in the last issue of *Inside Willo* informed neighbors about the new text messaging option for residents and that approximately 92 people opted into the messaging as a result. Expect another insert in the next issue. Meanwhile, testing of the new text messaging is in progress.

Schachter also reported that food trucks will no longer operate regularly at Walton Park on Wednesday evenings due to not receiving enough patronage to make operation affordable for them.

Inside Willo: Committee Chair Lefcovich reported that the next issue is in progress.

Home Tour: Committee Co-Chair Courtney Sutherland reported that the December organization meeting was cancelled, but the slide presentation with updates from all committees was shared with the volunteers.

Approximately 75-80 neighbors attended the Willo Movie Night sponsored by the Committee, so they are considering another movie night in the spring.

Upcoming events include the January organizational meeting on the 19th at Co-Chair Crawford Breedlove's house. The pre-tour cocktail party will be January 27. A volunteer and docent training session is scheduled for February 1. The final organizational meeting prior to the tour will be February 16.

There are 12 homes committed to be on the tour, with potential for a couple more. The organizers are also looking for gardens to participate. There are 39 new vendors registered to participate in the street fair. Volunteer numbers for both the Twilight Tour and the Sunday tour are low; those wanting to volunteer can sign up online, and get more information from willohometours@gmail.com.

Klean Streets/Yard Sale: Committee Chair Wappel reported that she recently worked cleaning up along 7th Avenue, and may ask for additional committee volunteers after the holidays.

Luminaria: Committee Chair Chris Norton reported that the plastic boxes used to store the LED lights for luminarias have cracked lids, presenting a potential safety issue in the storage unit (they could fall). Norton proposed possible solutions of shelves for storage and/or new storage containers to replace the cracked lids.

Home Depot incorrectly processed this year's order for sand bags, for the fourth year in a row.

Norton distributed flyers on four blocks, hoping to recruit volunteers.

Discussion of alternatives to paper bags in case of rain ensued, touching on storage issues, cost, work level for volunteers, and sustainability. Discussion tabled until the January meeting.

Old Business: President Brauer postponed discussion of the landscape issues on the north side of Edgemont until the January meeting. (Potential home value impact due to unsightly landscape behind the businesses on Thomas Road, including a large grease/oil vessel located in the area.)

New Business: Vice President Searles discussed the flight plan of helicopters heading to and from St. Joseph's Hospital and whether the plan(s) must be renewed with the FAA every ten years or fifteen years, and whether this was done. He will follow up and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. following a motion by Searles and seconded by Childers. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Association will be Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Oven+Vine, 14 W. Vernon Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Nicole Armstrong, Secretary