Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Date: September, 10, 2026
Time called to order: 6:02pm
Location: 1636 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ
Presiding Officer: Dr. Robert Cannon, President

Attendance:
Board Members Present: Chris Norton, Eric Gilmore, Scott Ferreira (Treasurer), Courtney Sutherland, Reid Mertens,, Bob Cannon (President), Dan Childers, Ed Buckel, Jennifer Cannon (Vice President), Lora Aquinde, Jeremy Schachter
Board Members Absent: Michelle Kopp (Secretary)
General Resident Count: 11

Treasurer's Report:
Scott Ferreira reported the Full Block Watch Grant, $15K, remains to start the fiscal year; 2027-2028 City of Phoenix Grant application is due on 12/4 and we anticipate requesting the same amount, $15K

Block Watch:
Bobbi Ryals reported that the GAIN event will be on October 17th at Walton Park and will include pumpkin painting with the Kids Club

Inside Willo:
Jennifer Cannon reported that APS has provided a grant/ sponsorship for in-kind printing services for Inside Willo saving $12K in annual printing costs.

Home Tour:
Courtney Southerland reported the date has been set for the 2027 home tour and will be on February 7; they are still looking for homes to be included on the tour and volunteers are needed to help with the event. The Home Tour coffee pop up will be on 11/7 and the Willo Winter Movie on 12/4. The next Home Tour meeting will be on 9/17 at 6PM at 525 W. Cypress.

WilloPHX.com:
Site has been updated to include all neighborhood events; webmaster is $80/month and is now providing site usage data to the Board.

Art Walk:
Tricia Amato reported that the Art Walk is scheduled for 11/7, 10AM - 4PM and there are now 22 artists (14 returning and 8 new) and 15 studios signed up for the event, the cutoff for printing for the flier is 9/30. Multiple Board members discussed/suggested advertising for the Home Tour during the Art Walk.

Social Committee:
Heidi Hill reported that Jonathan Roberts has re-joined the Social Committee; first neighborhood happy hour of the season is Friday 9/11 and will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks; fire station will be open for tours during the happy hour.

Heidi also reported that the Welcome Committee now resides with the Social Committee and they have welcome kits prepared and ready to be delivered for all new Willo residents dating back to January 2026.

Social Media:
The topic of the continued inclusion of non-Willo residents as members of the Willo Facebook page was discussed. Bob Cannon indicated that the guidelines state you must be a Willo resident to participate on the Willo Facebook page. Jeremy Schachter motioned to change the guidelines to include: residents and interested past residents; the motion failed 6 to 5. There was an additional motion to tie Facebook membership to the annual neighborhood membership opt-in process; the motion failed 6 to 5. Existing Willo Facebook guidelines will be implemented.

Jeremy Schachter reported he had designs created for small plaques to be placed on the benches at Walton Park to honor former Willo Board President, Brad Brauer. Jeremy motioned for the Board to approve and pay for the plaques at a cost of less than $100, the motion passed unanimously.

Kids Club:
Lora Mae reported that the Kids Club has events scheduled every month including a kids swap meet at Walton Park during the Willo Yard Sale on 10/10 where they will also be decorating the park for Halloween; there will be a Kids Club exhibit and ornament event on 11/7 and an event to decorate Walton Park for the holidays on 12/5.

Parks:
Rebecca Masterson reported she still needs volunteers for the Parks Committee.

FAA Update:
Opal Wagner reported that there were 675 comments/letters provided to the FAA by the June 30 deadline; because of the large number of responses the FAA has delayed the delivery of the final

Environmental Assessment until mid-January to be effective June 2027.

Opal also reported on construction on a home on Edgemont that was halted due to not being permitted and encouraged residents to adhere to the permitting process for construction.

Opal also announced that Willo Board member Eric Gilmore was the newest member of the Encanto Village Planning Commisaion.

Governance Committee:
Jennifer Cannon reported on the newly formed Governance Committee and handed out a governance introduction document to be discussed at the next board meeting. Governance to include clarity/visibility of Committees, succession planning for Board and Committees and minimum requirements for board members.

Tim Smith, President of Del Norte Place Neighborhood, spoke and invited Willo residents to the Longest Table event at Encanto Park on 11/17.

Bob Cannon wrapped up the meeting reminding everyone about the City Council Candidate Forum on 9/23. Meeting Adjourned.

Motion to adjourn by: Dan Childers
Second by: Chris Norton
Time adjourned: 7:22pm
Next Meeting Date: October 8, 2026 at 6pm.
Prepared by: Jennifer Cannon, Vice President