

## **RAA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY      DECEMBER 18, 2018**

Call to Order 6:15 Welcome and Introductions – Andie Abkarian, President

In Attendance – Andie Abkarian- President, Steve Bruckal- Vice President, Cindy Ek- Secretary, Doug Churchill – Treasurer, Bill Scheel, Caroline Van Slyke, Catrina Kahler, Joan Kelchner

Absent – Dan Nelson

**Luminaria event update – Caroline Van Slyke** The main event will be held on December 23 from 4-7p.m. at Roosevelt Park. The event will be open house style with short Christmas films playing at the park throughout the evening. Block Watch will be present with some fun “giveaways” and there will be Discount cards available to be used at participating restaurants in the area during the evening. Additional volunteers are needed to manage luminarias on Culver and Latham. Please join us to help light our community.

**Introductory Comments – Councilman Michael Nowakowski** The Councilman shared that he was primarily in attendance to listen. Listening to the community has brought about a number of initiatives to address issues. Among these initiatives are the changes to the hours for Roosevelt Park, for a trial period, in an effort to make the park more safe and accessible to the community. This trial period is coming to an end and will need to be reviewed and renewed by the community. Additionally, security measures have been addressed with the Circle K at 1<sup>st</sup> avenue and Fillmore.

**Lisa Glow – Executive Director of CASS** Ms Glow shared information on services for the homeless population and statistics that emphasize the need for these services. She expressed a need for more beds, more permanent housing and a need for more advocacy.

**Tamra Spindly Deputy Services Director, Phoenix Cares, James Orlaski Deputy Director, Phoenix Parks, Lt. Muller** – Discussed the Phoenix Cares Program and how these divisions of city services are working together to combat issues with homeless encampments and re-direction of individuals and groups that are living illegally on public and private property. Lt Muller was clear that if a crime is in progress or if you are a victim of a crime you should call 911. To report issues with homeless encampments contact Phoenix Cares 602-262-6257.

**Chief of Police – Jeri Williams** Chief Williams had an open discussion with community members and shared methods that are being used to address issues that have been brought up in the past as well as plans for future improvements.

While we are served by more than one precinct, each of these units are in communication with each other.

Additional crime suppression teams have been added to serve the area.

Next steps include adding more officers and opening an operation center at Civic Space Park

Partnering with ASU to curtail issues with the transient population in the area

Addition of FireArms Locating System technology

Future plans to use Ring and Nextdoor to get access to information to aid in solving crimes

A pilot program Booking Project has been implemented and has cut booking times in half

Crime Gun Intelligence Center has been added and has resulted in quicker evidence processing times

Looking to add more body worn cameras

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**Question and Answer**

The campaign to discourage groups from randomly feeding homeless people in the parks has brought about The Healthy Giving Council in an effort to inform people how to give better. This also has brought about funding for additional park rangers. Park violations are being addressed as a team.

Dan Klocke Executive Director of DPP put out a call for public and private city stakeholders to advocate for changes to State mental health policy and funding. This would require seeking change through state legislators.

**Adjourn 7:44**