

MINUTES

RAA General Neighborhood Meeting

July 17, 2018

In Attendance

Andie Abkarian, Steve Bruckal, Bill Scheel, Dan Nelson, Caroline Van Slyke, Cindy Ek, Joan Kelchner, Doug Churchill, Catrina Kahler

Downtown Parks Update

Stacia Holmes reported that the Hance dog parks are closed until July 30 for turf improvements, drinking fountain repairs, fence repairs and irrigation repairs. Hance Park restroom hours experiment will be implemented through the end of summer as follows; 7:30am-1:00pm open, 1:pm-5:00pm closed, 5:00pm-10:00pm open, 10:00pm-7:30am closed. Evaluations will be made at the end of the summer to determine if these new hours help toward controlling the negative aspects of open public restrooms. Summer Rec Program continues at various parks, see schedule on the parks website. Phoenix Fitness, Walk Fit, Boot Camp have moved indoor for the summer. Roosevelt Park new hours are 7:30am-7:30pm.

Discussions/Presentations

1. Tutorial on variances and use permits was given by Andie.
2. Presentation was given on behalf of the owner of the parcel at the Northwest corner of Central and Willetta who has applied for a text amendment change to increase the height of the parcel from 75' - 180'. There was discussion and questions, most members expressed opposition. RAA has taken a position in opposition to the text amendment and will write a letter to the Planning Commission and resubmit petitions signed in 2017.
3. Update was given regarding Design review committee appeal and variance request for SW corner of 3rd Ave and Roosevelt ("Footprints" by Habitat Metro). Three variances to reduce alley setback from 3' to zero, streetscape reduction from 15' to 5', exceed 25% roof utility coverage to 100% to have solar. Design changes to reduce front setback from 20' to 15' along 3rd Ave, lot coverage requirement increase to 82-83% of lot. RAA supports the variances but if bike lane may already be in the street ROW in the 3rd Ave Redesign; if so, the 5' bike lane next to the sidewalk on the site plan should be used to widen streetscape. Andie to contact Streets Design. Motion was made and carried to send a letter of support to the ZHO.
4. Presentation by owner and designer regarding zoning request for use permits for a bar and outdoor service as accessory to a bar at 822 N. 6th Ave ("Bar Garden" by Liquid Architecture). There were questions and discussion. There was support and opposition for the project. RAA asked the owner to provide a detailed explanation of the business and how it has and will evolve, survey of neighbors, a floor plan/design of the project and parking arrangements with neighbors. With that information RAA could support the project depending on the results.
5. Introduction of proposed project on NE corner of Fillmore and 3rd Ave. ("Aspire Fillmore" by Aspirant Development). They have applied for a variance to reduce the 3rd Ave. setback from 10' to 5' starting at 20' up to the top of the building. A motion was made by Bill to oppose the variance, it was seconded by Doug and the motion passed. A letter will be drafted and sent by Andie in opposition.

Updates/Announcements

Next meeting September 18, 2017 No August Meeting

Mayoral debate September 26, at Burton Barr Library at 7:00pm

August 21, 5:30pm Meeting and Discussion on Phoenix Murals at Burton Barr Library

Strong Towns – August 8, 5:30pm at AE England Bldg

Rottn-Grapes Bar expected opening mid-August

Adjournment
