

## **RAA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY      April 16, 2019**

Call to Order 6:19 Welcome and Introductions – Andie Abkarian, President

In Attendance – Andie Abkarian- President, Steve Bruckal- Vice President, Cindy Ek- Secretary, Doug Churchill – Treasurer, Caroline Van Slyke, Joan Kelchner, Ryan Tempest

Absent – Catrina Kahler, Bill Scheel

**Treasurers Report** – Doug gave a report on the current state of all accounts which total \$31,427.14

**Police Update** – Officer Jeff Howell shared an update that included a report that they have not seen any current upticks in crime in the area. He emphasized that if you see a crime in progress you should call the police. He also reiterated that if you are a victim and aren't satisfied with a result or action of an officer, you should ask to speak with a supervisor.

**Parks Update** – Stacia Holmes, Phoenix Parks Department shared information about upcoming events. The Fitness Series is back with Walk Wednesdays and Fitness Tuesdays. The irrigation water is off at Hance Park until the end of May while they work on another leak in the tunnel. Summer after-school programs are back at Roosevelt and Townsend parks. The restroom hours at Hance park are 6am-2pm and 5pm-10pm. The Parks Department is asking RAA what they want to do with the sculpture at Roosevelt Park. This is a discussion we will be having with the community in the future.

**Human Services Campus Update** – Amy Schwabenlender, Executive Director of Human Services Campus and Ash Uss, Andre House gave an update on a special permit request to increase the current number of beds that are allowed on the combined campus. The plan includes a collaboration between Andre House, Human Services and St Vincent de Paul to expand services for the estimated 1000 people experiencing homelessness that are already in the area. Andre House has purchased an adjacent property and is looking to expand services with a low barrier shelter model. The request has to start at the Village Planning Committee level. Amy reported that the earliest the request would be heard by city council is in July. She also extended an invitation to tour the Human Services campus – regular tours are given the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:am and last between 60-90minutes.

**Historic Preservation Update** – Sherry Rampy, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, shared that May is National Historic Preservation month and that the theme for this year is “adaptive re-use.” The annual kickoff is being hosted at the Great Arizona Puppet Theater on Thursday May 9, 2019 at 5:00pm. She is looking for people to participate in the “This Place Matters” contest and handed out signs. Contact Sherry at SherryRampy@cox.net for information on this. The presentation included concepts that HP Commission is considering to improve historic preservation in Phoenix and ended with a discussion about Oldaker House. Sherry believes that the house will either be demolished by neglect or demolished outright. She suggested that RAA be clear about what the community wants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & Portland vacant property (as this is a potential location for Oldaker house) and asked for a special meeting to discuss these issues. Information to follow.

**Thank You** Diane Barker for organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge clean up.

**Home Tour – Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>** Please add the Home Tour date to your calendar. The first planning meeting will take place on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-6pm at Caroline's house.

**Adjourn**