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Margaret Hance Park Masterplan Design Receives Approval to Move Forward

Steve Bruckal, RAA Hance Park Conservancy Representative

At its July 6th meeting, the City Phoenix Council approved the next steps in the Margaret Hance Park renovation and upgrade process. Council gave approval for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the civil design firm Hargreaves Associates to create a detailed design for Phase One of the Margaret T. Hance Park Master Plan, which includes the area around Central Avenue. The initial general plan for that area included the “cloud-like” structure over Central Ave, a skate park, water feature, and restaurant, along with other pedestrian amenities. Hargreaves Associates will now create the detailed plans and drawings required for construction to start.

The City Manager also received authorization to proceed with utility design and construction agreements required for the project. Funding for the project is coming from a mix of the Parks and Recreation capital improvement budget, private donations, and grants. This is a big step forward for the Hance Park plans and it starts to turn the vision into reality. The images to the right portray artist conceptions of possible elements. The Roosevelt Neighborhood will have an important voice as the project moves forward. To see the vision for the park visit the Hance Park Conservancy website at www.HanceParkConservancy.org



RAA August General Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, August 15th 2017, UL2 Building
(SWC 2nd Ave/McKinley - 650 N. 2nd Ave)

Social “Quarter” 6:00-6:15, Official start 6:16



On the agenda:

Zoning Text Amendment request to increase maximum building height at Central and Willetta (Artisan Lofts Phase 2) from 75' to 250'. See July newsletter on Roosevelt website.

Presentation by attorney and property owner.

ASU Biomedical Campus Expansion- Presentation and request for input by ASU representative (see page 2).

Police Department/Community Action Officer discussion and Q & A regarding ongoing challenges with transient population and crime/safety/sanitation issues at Hance & Roosevelt Parks and the neighborhood.

Input sought on ASU/Biomedical Campus

ASU representatives will be at the August Neighborhood meeting to solicit input on the planning for the northern portion of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus in Evans Churchill (north of Fillmore Street). The blocks total approx. 7 acres and will ultimately house approx. 1.5 million square feet of health & bioscience research and related uses.

While the campus is not in the Roosevelt neighborhood, the design and characteristics will effect the evolution of downtown as a whole. Input on elements such as connectivity, open space, urban design, community amenities, and interim uses will be important in shaping the future of this important employment and innovation district. Input from all is welcome.

Update on 3rd and 5th Ave redesign

Aztec Engineering was recently selected as the engineering company to complete the engineering and design work for the project. This is the same team that developed the schematics for the open houses that offered three alternative designs for consideration. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2019. To view the selected alternative or for more information on the selected alternative and the process, visit www.3rdAnd5thAve.com



Hance Dog Park will remain closed through Aug 21st for turf restoration

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Ongoing Concrete Repairs

East/West streets north of Roosevelt
July - August 2017

Closures and detours possible. Residents, businesses and pedestrian access maintained. No on-street parking during construction hours. Damaged irrigation lines will be repaired.

Both sides of 7th Ave from I-10 to Thomas
Summer 2017

Adjacent property owners will be notified 48 to 72 hours in advance of work.

Hours 6AM-5PM, M-F with other hours if necessary
24 hr. Construction Hotline for both projects
Talis Construction - 602.956.2670

Food & Drink Happenings!!!

Gracies Tax Bar Opens

Gracies Tax Bar has opened in the old brick building at 711 N. 7th Ave; east side of 7th Ave, south of McKinley. They're open from 4PM- 2AM daily and self describe as casual "Booze & Food." The building was previously used as a (surprise) tax preparation office and features a large patio and casual space.

Forno to open at Muse

Roosevelt's very own Forno Pizzeria & Bar has done so well in the 'hood, they need bigger digs! Forno is moving from Roosevelt and 3rd Ave to a larger space on the main floor of Muse at the Northwest corner of McDowell and Central. The anticipated open date is later this summer. Updates at www.forno301.com.

Pizza People- back by popular demand

Pizza People will reopen in the same location (street level of Artisan Lofts building at SWC Central/Willetta) with a new owner. The bar is being expanded, but otherwise expect the same great food and service. The chef and many of the employees are on board and the new owner promises the same recipe mac & cheese and pizza. Look for reopen soon!

NCounter Opens

With their 2nd location in Arizona, NCounter is now open at The Union at Roosevelt - SWC Roosevelt & 1st Ave. This "brunch all day" spot is open daily 7am to 3pm serves breakfast through lunch and, of course, great breakfast cocktails from the full bar! Once weather cools, window walls will open to create an open-air counter and patio.

Rumors....

You didn't hear it from us, but rumor has it, a neighborhood wine bar will also be locating at The Union at Roosevelt!

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Block Watch Update - Alley Lights & Window Signs

The use of motion lights to illuminate alleys is among the best practices recommended by Police Departments to deter crime. Funded by the 2016/2017 Block Watch Grant, Roosevelt purchased approximately 50 outdoor motion lights. To date, over 20 have been professionally installed or distributed to residents. Help is needed to identify most-needed locations for the remaining lights and to complete very simple installs. The lights must be installed on private property and be positioned to detect motion in and illuminate the alley. The following alleys seem particularly dark:

Between 4th & 3rd Ave - Fillmore to McKinley

Between Portland & Latham - 5th to 3rd Ave

Between Lynwood/Willetta & Willetta/Culver -Central to 3rd

Please forward additional locations to Mark Davis (below).

Block Watch window signs (see below) and a limited number of alley lights will be available at the August RAA meeting. If you can't make the meeting, you can contact Mark Davis at MarkDavis27@gmail.com to make other arrangements.



8.5 x 11 Block Watch Window Sign

Summer Bulk Trash Pick Up Schedule Continues

McDowell Rd to I-10

Set out Aug 5-13. Pick up Aug 14-19

Bulk trash is items too large to fit in containers, such as furniture, large appliances and large amounts of vegetation. **NO** construction materials more than 4' long, tires, glass, mirrors, un-bagged debris, hazardous waste or chemicals, brick, shingles, or appliance that use refrigerants. It's a violation to place materials out before the "set out" date.



More info at www.phoenix.gov/publicworks.com

Historic Preservation Rehab Grants Available

The City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Department is overseeing the [Low Income Historic Housing Rehabilitation Program](#). The program was created to encourage the repair and rehabilitation of historic residential properties to persons and families with incomes below a certain threshold by providing grants for critical building maintenance; structural stabilization work; repair and rehabilitation of historic exterior features such as roofs, walls, windows, and doors.

Interior work may be eligible but only to the extent that it's needed to support or stabilize the home's historic exterior. Grants range from \$3,000 - \$30,000. Homes must be on the Phoenix Historic Register.

The deadline for application submissions is June 2018. This seems like a long way off, but there are a limited number of grants available, and while the application process isn't complicated, it does have some steps and elements that require information gathering and pre-planning.

More information is at www.phoenix.gov/pdd/historic.com go to the "Incentive Programs" hyperlink.

Questions? contact the City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office at 602-261-8699

Can you deliver some newsletters?

Would you be willing to deliver newsletters to your block? The newsletters are printed monthly and hand-delivered - some people are delivering over 100 newsletters! The newsletters would be dropped off to you (or you can pick up if you prefer). Your commitment would be to distribute to your selected area within the first few days of the month. The Aves in SoRo can easily be split into groups of 25. Contact Doug at DougChur@aol.com.

The newsletters are always posted on the Roosevelt website under the "news" tab. If you prefer to receive an electronic copy only, forward your email to Info@RooseveltNeighborhood@gmail.com with "E-newsletter" in the subject line.

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Burton Barr Library Storm Damage Update

You may know that the roof of Burton Barr Library was damaged during a storm on July 15th, causing a break in the sprinkler system just under the 5th floor ceiling. Water poured in and reached each floor; at one point the main floor had several inches of water. Fortunately, the library reports that 90% of the collection is intact and the Rare Book Room suffered only minor damage to the floor. As of printing, there is no concrete re-open date, but in the meantime, the library system could use volunteers at the other libraries. The next closest libraries are Harmon Branch on 5th Ave south of Buckeye & and Century Branch at Highland and the 51. There may also be fundraising efforts in the future.

www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org

Downtown Park & Other Events - August 2017

Civic Space Park- 424 N Central

Mon-Sat Splash Pad

AZ Diamondbacks Baseball

ArizonaDiamondbacks.mlb.com

Aug 8-10 Los Angeles Dodgers

Aug 11-13 Chicago Cubs

Aug 14-15 Houston Astros

Aug 25-27 San Francisco Giants

Aug 29-31 Los Angeles Dodgers

Phx Mercury Basketball

Mercury.WNBA.com

Aug. 12 Seattle Storm

Aug. 24 Los Angeles Sparks

Arizona Puppet Theatre - 3rd Ave & Latham

www.azpuppets.org

Aug 1-10 Rumpelstiltskin

Aug 16 -Sept 3 Three Billy Goats Gruff

Aug. 4 First Friday www.Roosevelt Row.org

Aug. 15 RAA General Membership Meeting (see page 1)

Aug 18 Third Friday www.Roosevelt Row.org

Herberger Theatre

Aug. 1-10 Fiddler on the Roof (lunchtime Theatre)

Aug. 11-27 Shrek -The Musical, Valley Youth Theatre

Comerica Theatre

Aug. 3 Meek Milk & Yo Gotti

Aug. 4 Banda MS

Aug. 11 Straight No Chaser/Scott Bradlee's Jukebox

Aug. 12 Bring it! Live

Aug. 13 Steve Martin & Martin Short

Aug. 19 Cristian Castro

Aug. 20 Slayer

Aug. 26 Summer Jam 2017/Rick Moss

Community Contact Info

Police Community Action Officers:

North of I-10: Ofc Ben Harris - 602.361.4501

South of I-10: Ofc Armida Gonzales & Ofc Mario

Anioch -602.534.1389

Street light outages: include pole number: 602.495.5125

Graffiti Busters: no tag too small! 602.534.4444

CRIME STOP (non emergency Police) 602.262.6151

Property Maintenance Violations: 602.262.7844

APS Emergency: 602.258.5483



Roosevelt Historic Home Tour Monthly Update Home Tour: Sunday, November 19th

So far, 5 generous neighbors have volunteered to open their doors for the Annual Roosevelt Historic Home Tour, Roosevelt's annual fundraiser. This is a great start, but a few more homes are still needed. This year's tour is on Sunday, November 19th and will feature residences south of I-10. Would you consider adding your home to the list? There are also 4 tour sponsorships and plenty of vendor spots available. Tour sponsors receive prominent placement in the Home Tour Guide and other event marketing materials. Of course fun volunteer opportunities abound. More info from 2017 Home Tour Chairperson, Pierre Kaluzny at

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