

RAA General Meeting, June 18, 2019:

Present: Abkarian, Churchill, Bruckal, Kelchner, Scheel, Van Slyke, Tempest, Kahler

Absent: Ek

Parks Updates, Stacia Holmes, Shontae Johnson:

Summer programs and special events announced. Specific to Roosevelt, they need feedback re: the current hours that Roosevelt Park is open (7:30 to 7:30). Also, what does RAA want to do with the sculpture in Roosevelt Park? It does not necessarily need to move, but could. Suggestion that Parks also reach out to Kenilworth to be included in that decision since the tiles were created by their students as a special project in conjunction with RAA.

Downtown Transportation Plan Update:

Main issues identified so far: residential increase from 2018 thru 2025 about 66% translating to 25,000 new cars. Public comments have strongly encouraged looking at all transportation forms, not just cars. Public vote coming up re: South Central extension of light rail may alter how they look at traffic changes. 3 and 5 Ave changes now may be from Thomas all the way down into downtown, but design will not be coming out for another year. Strong suggestions made to include bike studies, also to work with new parking study group, which is just now issuing RFQ for professional study.

Downtown Economic & Development; Dan Klocke:

Review of anticipated office and residential projects until mid-2020's.

Historic Preservation Updates, Bill Scheel:

1. VFW Post going to City Council for an RFP June 26.
 2. Still working with staff on ordinance to prevent demolition of historic structures just to leave vacant lots.
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RAA Ice Cream Social Announced. Police will be there to talk with neighbors.

Adjourned 7:30pm.