

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021
6.15pm – 7.15pm
(held virtually)
Zoom meeting ID: 856 1144 6550
Passcode: None

Call to Order: 6.17pm

In Attendance:

Bill Scheel, Bryan Korte, Karl Obergh, Kate Kunberger, Kevin Haasarud, Martyn Bridgeman, Ryan Tempest

Absent:

Christa Lawcock

Presiding Officer: Ryan Tempest

Session meets quorum

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- General Welcome (Ryan)
- Secretary Report (Kevin)
Approval of 4/20/21 minutes (Martyn motioned to approve. Kate 2nd, approved w/ no dissent or abstention).
- Treasurer Report (Bryan)
Current Balance: \$42,449.64. Should have Quickbooks setup and operational by next month.
- 7th Ave/Polk St Presentation (American Legion Post)
Heather Rassmussen (Program Mgr, Community Economic Development) presenting with Xandon Keating (City of Phoenix) and Eric Schwender (Cardinal Capital) attending. Cardinal Capital Management Inc proposal includes veteran-favored affordable housing units (VASH Vouchers accepted; three income tiers accepted, ie. 50%, 50-80%, and 80-120% median neighborhood income thresholds). The plan also includes a memorial garden, flag pole, and space for veteran services.
- Hance Park Firehouse RFP

Heather Rassmussen (Program Mgr, Community Economic Development) presenting with James Orloski (City of Phoenix) attending. RFP intent is to find reliable full-service, high-quality food service developer/operator. Proposing 10-year lease at market rate. Timeline: hoping to be partially or full operational in time for 2023 Superbowl park activities.

- Astra Presentation

Nick Wood (representing client Geoff Jacobs/Aspirant Development) presenting with Noel Griemsmann in attendance. Looking for four variances (one re 18' setback and three re parking relief). Principal reason for setback is to provide area for building overhang/shading allowing pedestrian traffic and outdoor dining. Parking variances focused on economy of traffic flow. Discussion re whether all of the variances are the purview of the neighborhood, viz. the setback clearly affects the experience of the neighborhood, but the inner workings of the building's parking structure seem less so. Comments from Rick Naimark and Nick Wood re pressing the City of Phoenix to consider revisiting its request for an expanded 2nd avenue. The City hearing is next Thursday, and developer needs to press forward. Discussion re whether a Board Vote or Neighborhood vote was most appropriate for considering the letter of support. Technical difficulties made member vote impossible, so agreed to board vote. Kate motioned for writing letter of support for first variance only (the setback). Bill 2nd. Motion passed (no dissent or abstain). More discussion. Karl motioned to include variance 2 – 4 (the parking variances) in the letter as well. Martyn 2nd. Motion passed (Kate dissented).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Hance Park (Caroline)
Dog Park closed for turf renovation.
- Roosevelt Park (Caroline)
New furniture/lighting delayed.
- Block Watch (Caroline)
City Council agreed to review grant proposal. Appeal continues.
- 2nd Ave Streetscape (Caroline)
New trees being planted.
- Social Media (Martyn)

Yoga in Park sessions ended Sunday, will restart in the Fall

- 3rd/5th Ave (Ryan)

Continuing conversations with City re traffic flow, bike lane safety, et al

- Special Events Upcoming: BBQ in Hance Park Ramada (October 10 @ 4pm)

Next Neighborhood Meeting: June 15, 2021 (6.15pm – 7.45pm)

Meeting Adjourned: 8.01pm

Kevin Haasarud

Secretary