

## **RAA February 16, 2021 neighborhood meeting**

Andie called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Board members present included Andie Abkarian, Steve Bruckal, Bill Scheel, Caroline Van Slyke, Bryan Korte, Christa Lawcock, Kevin Haasarud, Ryan Tempest,

Steve reported there is \$43,123.68 in all the bank accounts.

Andie provide an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave construction project. Microsealing will begin Thursday on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Roosevelt and McDowell. Friday will be a meeting between RAA board members and the city as part of the effort to improve communications. There was discussion about the lack of good communication from the city as evidenced by the late notice on the microsealing project.

Andie shared thoughts about leaving the board and thanked many people for their support, particularly Dough Churchill for his support, as well as Steve Bruckal and Catrina Kahler who are also leaving the board.

Andie asked board members to share accomplishments from 2020.

Bill said he had been working hard to implement board elections during Zoom meetings and also proud of his work on GPLET criteria for 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue projects.

Bryan talked about his work with ADOT and the city on lighting issues as well as getting involved in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave construction project.

Christa discussed her effort to increase the number of block captains throughout the neighborhood.

Kevin has been working on a small business directory and helping Caroline create small fun social events like the front porch concerts.

Ryan worked with the City to get information about the 5G installation project, reviewed plans for 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave projects, and involved with monitoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave project.

Catrina talked about her 3 years on the board, how proud she has been to be a part of the neighborhood and wished everyone the best.

Steve talked about his experience representing the RAA on the Hance Park Conservancy.

Caroline described how she and Mark Davis have secured about \$22,000 over the past two years from City Block Watch which has paid for many of the things the neighborhood has been able to do including in-depth newsletters, luminarias, and social events. We had a porch-

decorating contest with 11 entries and Covid-safe luminaria program with 225 participants. Caroline is now the point person on keeping the trees healthy on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Bill asked for a moment to recognize and thank Andie for her service on the board and as board president for the last 4 years.

Caroline announced the Feb. 27 porch concert which will be happening on her front porch. There will be a flamenco guitarist and refreshments.

Andie recognized Bill to describe the board election process. We are using a Zoom app that will allow secret voting but that means folks who aren't members will have to leave the call. Members who are participating by phone will have to text Caroline to submit their ballots.

Bill described the vacancies – one 1-year vacancy due to Catrina's resignation, and three 2-year terms. Bill went through the voting process and who is eligible to vote.

Bill then introduced Karl Obergh who is the only candidate for the 1-year vacancy. Karl spoke for 2 minutes. Bill asked for a motion to elect Karl to the 1-year term, by acclamation. Ryan made the motion, Christa seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Bill introduced candidates for the 2-year terms, starting with Martyn Bridgeman, followed by Joan Kelchner, Kate Kunberger, and Ryan Tempest. Each spoke for 2 minutes.

After all the candidates were done speaking, Bill asked non-members to leave the call and asked Caroline to complete the cross-check between people on the call and the membership list.

While waiting, Steve gave a brief Hance Park update including the addition of several trees along the escarpment.

Joan asked about APS work in her alley which appears to have resulted in taller poles. Karl did not think poles were replaced but new wires were added.

Caroline announced that all membership issues had been resolved with the exception of Lynn Trimble; Ryan removed her from the call. Andie opened the voting and voting lasted 5 minutes.

Zoom voting was closed and Caroline reported there were two remaining non-Zoom votes to be counted. In the meantime Mark Davis gave a brief Block Watch report.

Bill announced winners of the two-year terms are Martyn Bridgeman, Kate Kunberger, and Ryan Tempest, and thanked Joan Kelchner for her continued advocacy for Hance Park. Andie said board members should meet soon to organize and elect officers.

Andie adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

