

MINUTES

RAA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

October 16, 2018

In Attendance

Board Members – Andie Abkarian - President, Steve Bruckal – Vice President, Caroline Van Slyke, Dan Nelson , Doug Churchill - Treasurer, Catrina Kahler, Cindy Ek Secretary, Bill Scheel

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Andie and introductions were made.

Treasurers Report was given by Doug, balance on all accounts is \$35,253.07

Presentations

Eric Vondy – AZ State Parks Historic Preservation, gave a presentation on the State Historic Property Tax Classification. Properties that are deemed “contributing” within the historic district boundaries (built prior to 1937) that are non-income producing may qualify in the program. Participation results in a reduction in property taxes paid. For information you can contact evondy@azstateparks.gov

Chris Ewell – Deputy Street Transportation Director gave a presentation on the 3rd/5th Ave street project and an update on other street projects in the area. They are addressing community comments regarding 3rd/5th which is at 60% design completion stage. Estimated timeline is: plans finalized Fall '19/Winter '20, with construction start tentatively Spring 2020. Mr. Ewell agreed that painted directional arrows on the street and larger/more oneway signs could help traffic problems in the meantime. The best resource for information on street projects is phoenix.gov Street Transportation Department. <https://www.phoenix.gov/streets>

Updates/Business

Madot Ventures Text Amendment, NWC Willetta and Central. The case was continued at the City Council Subcommittee meeting with a charge for the parties involved to meet and work on negotiating a compromise. Councilman Nowakowski’s office offered to participate and conversations are underway. The case will be reheard at the next Planning and Economic Development sub-committee meeting on November 6 at 9:30am, with the full City Council meeting on December 5 at 2:30pm. RAA asked the City to reconsider their denial to require a ¾ vote to pass the text amendment.

Duo on Fillmore NEC of 3rd Ave and Fillmore is a continually changing project that has filed for a setback variance and a GPLT, an appeal was filed. The Board of Adjustment hearing was continued and the case would be reheard on November 4th if not withdrawn.

Announcements

Neighborhood Fundraising Event – Luminaries are back and planned for December 22 and 23rd with a family friendly event to be held on the 23rd. Email info@RooseveltNeighborhood.org to participate.

The Puppet Theater is celebrating 35 years of service to Phoenix. There will be an evening of celebration in November. They are looking for donations for an online and silent auction. RAA made a \$750 donation. Please contact them to participate. <https://www.azpuppets.org/>

Officer Howell of Phoenix PD asked for citizens with information regarding the Double Homicide at 3rd and Roosevelt to call 602-262-6141

Next Meeting

November 20, 2018