

MINUTES

RAA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

In Attendance

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

Call To Order

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

Updates/Announcements

822 N. 6th Ave. Bar Garden Update - The BOA has chosen to re-consider their decision to uphold the denial of the use permits for this property as a Bar Garden and added the item to the meeting on October 4. The RAA Board has voted to submit a letter of support for the use permit with stipulations. There will be a community meeting for information on the use of the property on September 25, at the property from 6pm-7pm.

Madot Ventures Willetta and Central Text Amendment Update – The planning commission voted to approve the text amendment change. Signatures were submitted to appeal and force a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote by the city council. The $\frac{3}{4}$ vote was awarded, then denied. RAA has obtained council to represent the neighborhood regarding this matter.

Duo on Fillmore, property at Fillmore St. between 2nd and 3rd Ave, Update – The variance that was applied for to reduce the setback was granted. The case goes to the BOA on October 4th.

Presentation

Dan Klocke, Executive Director, Downtown Phoenix Partnership, gave a virtual tour of current and future development in and around Roosevelt. The Economic Development update pointed out that the downtown area is becoming more desirable with most of the change/additions in the South Roosevelt area. He shared about current, planned and predevelopment projects in the area. With Hotels, Office, Residential and Retail/Restaurant projects all in the works there is much activity.

Announcements/Events/Other

Historic Preservation – The owner of the McKinley House (649 N. 5th Ave, filed for a demolition permit based on economic hardship. The RAA board has filed an appeal citing the criteria had not been met to show economic hardship. There was some discussion mostly in opposition to saving the house.

Neighborhood Fundraising Event - A Holiday season family friendly community event is being planned that will include bringing back neighborhood luminaries and an afternoon/evening of fun.

Central City Mayoral Debate – September 26, at 7:00p.m. at Burton Barr Library

Communications Update – We are working toward communicating on a more regular basis by mailchimp and the Newsletter is now being released electronically (once a month). Events and will be announced by social media and additional information is available on our website.

New Business

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. Please contact them to participate.

Park Update – Hance Park will be limited use from October 1-November 11 due to re-seeding.

There are various street projects planned in South Roosevelt including replacement of water mains and gas lines over the next 18 months. The location of the gas lines is not known but in some cases it will have to be placed between the curb and sidewalk, which will prohibit street trees being planted as the code streetscape requires.

Next Meeting

October 16, 2018