

RAA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY MAY 21, 2019

Call to Order 6:15 Welcome and Introductions – Andie Abkarian, President

In Attendance – Andie Abkarian- President, Steve Bruckal- Vice President, Cindy Ek- Secretary, Doug Churchill – Treasurer, Caroline Van Slyke, Joan Kelchner, Ryan Tempest, Catrina Kahler, Bill Scheel

Treasurers Report – Doug gave a report on the current state of all accounts which total \$31,129.19

Arizona Housing Fund – Tim Sprague, Habitat Metro Gave a presentation regarding the Arizona Housing Fund, a plan to address affordable housing. The group is seeking additional community partners to commit to working on a dedicated, sustainable funding source for permanent supportive housing, low income and working-poor housing. Website coming soon. Anyone associated with real estate transactions or who wants to get involved should contact howard.c.epstein@bankofamerica.com

True North Development Gave a presentation about the development at the NEC of Central and Roosevelt. Renovation will include significant changes to the building and turning the north parking lot into a mixed use outdoor space. The first floor windows will be changed to clear glazing to increase visible access to the building, among other changes.

RFP for American Legion Post #1 at 7th Ave and Polk – Xandon Keating, Community and Economic Development Department, City of Phoenix, gave a presentation about guidelines that have been gathered for the proposed desired project. Some of the guidelines include asking for designated space for services for Veterans, work force housing and an interpretive feature documenting the history of the site. Community members expressed a desire to have a larger portion of the property be used for affordable housing for Veterans.

Ashley Harder Announced that she is having a bottled water drive to help the human services campus. Donations will be accepted at 826 N. 3rd Ave May 29 and 30 from 8am-6pm with an open house on the 30th from 4pm-6pm

Historic Preservation Update – Bill Scheel discussed a recent review of cases and summarized that the current HP Board believes in more strict compliance with historic preservation value.

3rd Ave and Roosevelt Project – Demolition has begun.

Home Tour – Sunday November 17th The next planning meeting will take place on June 25th from 5-6pm at Caroline's house 816 N. 2nd Ave We are looking for houses on Willetta and Latham to participate in the tour.

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