

RAA GENERAL MEETING September 6, 2016

Call to Order: 6:21pm

Board Members present: Sherry Rampy, Doug Churchill, Pierre Kaluzny, George Pasquel, Cole Van Norman, Ryan Tempest

Approval of Minutes: Moved- Mr. Churchill, Mr. Kaluzny second – approved unan.

Treasurer's Report: Report by Mr. Churchill, plus written report. Moved Mr. Tempest, Mr. Pasquel Second – approved unan.

Community Action Officer's Report: Neither CAO was present.

Ongoing Business / Updates:

Vacant Board Seats: Three board seats will be open for the interim until the January election. October meeting will be when three new members are elected to the board. Nominees can be self-nominated or nominated by someone else.

Home Tour: Ms. Rampy suggested that the board become the Home Tour committee as Melanie Terpestra is no longer able to chair the committee. Ms. Rampy volunteered to chair the committee. She requested help from Andie Abikarian, who agreed to discuss it further after the meeting. Ms. Rampy also suggested opening up the Home Tour to the entire neighborhood in order to get more homes on the tour. It was also noted that there is a minimum of 10 homes needed, or the tour will be canceled. Homes need to be secured by the October meeting.

Newsletter: Next month's newsletter will be the first month of being paid for by the block watch grant. It subsequently will not have any ads.

Hance Park: Tim Sprague gave update. On October 22nd Hance Park will host Noche En Blanco, a dinner where everyone dresses in white. Cost to attend is \$10/person. During the event an announcement on the park fundraising will be given.

FAA: Legal briefs were submitted but oral arguments have not been scheduled. Willo agreed to pay \$25,000 towards the legal bill.

3rd/5th Ave: Ms. Rampy gave brief description of option 3 of the plan, which has been labeled by the City as the preferred option. RAA will reach out to the City of Phoenix and find out what the timeline is for selecting an option. Angel Pennell noted that Kenilworth School submitted a letter of support for option 3. RAA will vote on an option as a board in the October meeting.

Block Watch: Mark Davis would like to start a block watch committee and block watch leader for each block / residential complex.

Homeless: There have been a number of meetings being held in regards to the increase in homeless around the neighborhood. Ms. Rampy suggested someone from the board start to attend the meetings as a representative of the RAA. Tim Sprague noted that Human Services will come to the RAA meeting and give a presentation.

Demo of old buildings: The recent demolition of four buildings on 6th Ave as well as throughout the downtown has led advocates and historic preservation to work with the City on a plan to receive 30 days notice of any buildings being demolished.

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Guest Presenters:

Tim Sprague project updates: Mr. Sprague gave updates on R³, Portland on the Park, and FoundRE. Updates are as follows.

R³: Currently in discussions with the City of Phoenix. Floor plans are being developed. Will be submitting back to the City in 30 days.

Portland on the Park: Expected Certificate of Occupancy on December 19th.

FoundRE: Opens October 25th. Match: Cuisine & Cocktails will be the restaurant opening. Mr. Sprague gave away a \$15 credit to all attendees. Grand opening in December. Hotel will feature local artists and source local food.

Larry Weeks, President of School Board: Handed out survey for attendees to fill out. Talked about affordable housing and workforce housing. Touched on GPLETs and how he hopes the laws change regarding taxes being deferred to local property owners. Science festival is on March 10th.

Fillmore RFP: Andi Abikarian was on selection committee. Developers will present at the October meeting.

Sean Sweat: Presented on street lighting. Told the group that the City was in a RFP process to change to all LED lights for streets and parks. The RFP calls for 4000k LED lights. That is close to the temperature of light from the sun. In comparison, house lights are typically around 2700k (warmer light). Mr. Sweat noted that studies have found the blue wavelength of light (found in sunlight and 4000k LED) suppresses melatonin in the brain and leads to sleep deprivation. Mr. Sweat is advocating for the use of 2700k LED lights instead. Mr. Pasquel made a motion to sign on to Sean's letter. Mr. Kaluzny second, approved unanimously.

Ken Clark: Unable to attend meeting, will be at the October Meeting. He notified the board that Phoestivus will be on December 5th and 12th.

Items from floor / Public comment: Quinn Whissen informed the group of the next This Could Be PHX happy hour on September 27th from 5-8pm at Filmbar.

Adjournment: 7:51