

Present: Sherry Rampy, Doug Churchill, Joan Kelchner, Pierre Kaluzny, Ryan Tempest, Cole Van Norman

Approval of Minutes: Motion- Tempest, 2-Churchill – approved unanimously

Treasurer's report: Churchill; Motion-Kelchner, 2-Tempest – approved unanimously

Presentation by City of Phoenix, Sidewalk Project

Jose Rodriguez Diaz: Accessible ramps need to be updated to current code, so Phx is taking the opportunity to do some repair work as well. Work should be confined to sidewalks and not further up on private property. They will provide a hot line number if homeowners want to ask about work.

Addressing obvious concerns about historic sidewalk markers, Michelle Dodds (Phx Historic Preservation Office) is distributing "Sidewalk Guidelines for City Historic Districts". Original stamps and markers will be preserved as much as possible. Bill Scheel is concerned about too aggressive replacement of old sidewalks. He wants to propose that RAA form a committee to examine specific sidewalks and ask if it's necessary to replace? Do homeowners need to grant permission for work? We need a collaborative process with the city. Mr. Diaz replies that the city needs to make sure that work will not result in tripping hazards, etc. Andie Abkarian notes that Karl Obergh has volunteered that he wants to be involved. Aimee Nelson: wants to hear more specific criteria that would trigger replacement; answer (A)- slabs separated or elevated more than ½ inch generally. Also, the city is not eager to spend too much on the budget. Money is coming from maintenance program for city; no federal money is involved. The areas now being looked at are Portland from 7 to 3, Willetta and Lynwood. City needs at least a month of planning before starting work and then will probably be delayed by the NCAA events. Claire Nelson notes that Lynwood has a number of spots that need to be repaired.

Bob Graham brought in a large map of Portland St to use for referral. He notes that the city guidelines are generalized for all historic districts. However, he thinks that these are not specific enough for Roosevelt. Specifically, Frenchy Vieux was the concrete contractor who laid all the original sidewalks for Roosevelt neighborhood and his house on 5th Av. and Portland is on the National Historic Register separately. Currently, the city is planning on taking out 10 of the original 11 Vieux stamps. While strict interpretation of historic preservation would prevent cutting out his stamps and embedding them in new concrete, it really could be done in order to preserve the historic pattern (Terry Goddard has done this). Mr. Diaz says the concern is that doing it this way can leave cracks in the sidewalk. Mr. Graham also asks about the street name markers which were going to be set into the curbs again? Joan Kelchner responds: RAA investigated making new markers out of bronze to replace the original that have been lost but did not get far with the project. We should have one of these markers in the RAA archival storage at the Winship House. Ms. Rampy also notes Wayne Turner has one of the original markers.

Other Street and Transportation questions from the audience: Dianne Barker asks about grassy strips in right of way. Is there any strict rule about keeping those? Wants to know about desert landscaping? Ms. Rampy – there is no strict rule. Mark Davis notes the problem of paving drop-offs at the alleyways. He says it makes it difficult for strollers. Joe Liest notes pavement and traffic problems

with the Lynwood north side alley. Mr. Bruckal: would the sidewalk repairs be more efficiently included into the 3 and 5th Ave updates? A: Mr. Diaz; no, Historic Preservation Office (HP) planning for this is probably way ahead of that planning.

Ms. Rampy: ? motion from the floor to form a committee. Mr. Scheel moves that RAA form a committee to work with HP and Streets to work on sidewalk issues. 2- Mr. Van Norman. Vote (all membership) passed unanimously.

Updates:

Union Liquor License: have not yet seen the request posted, but there will be restaurant at the Union Development. No concerns heard from floor. Mr. Churchill asks if Sosoba came to us when they got a liquor license. A: no.

Block Watch Grant: Ms. Rampy asks if anyone wants a motion sensor light in their alley? This is one of the projects we got funded for. Andie wants to know if the lights would shine in backyards? A: Has to do with placement.

FAA update; April 27 is now the date for the fundraiser for legal fees. It will be at the Puppet Theater. Art work has been donated; also Dr. Kelchner has acquired a number of the "Booster, Streetcar and Bungalow" books which will be part of auction. March 17 is the date for oral arguments in federal court.

Roosevelt Park discussion: Matt Seaman requested a discussion but is not here; will table.

James Trocki Memorial Chili Cook-off. Joan Kelchner requested a budget of \$3,000.00 for set-up of the cook-off, though some private donations have been acquired or promised to offset this amount. Approval of budget request moved by Mr. Churchill; 2-Mr. Ryan. Passed by Board unanimously.

Dog rescue business update: Ms. Rampy: They do not have zoning for a boarding kennel. Officer Howell is aware and so is Councilman Nowalkowski. The business has been notified that they have 2 weeks to move or change. Mark Davis has a call into Native American Connections, who own the building. Ms. Rampy understands that the parcel is going to be redeveloped anyway.

Elections: President Rampy preciding. Two board members have already resigned – Melanie Terpstra and Kristina Henbeth. Ryan Tempest and Sherry Rampy are not running again. Therefore there are 4 openings. Candidates who have accepted nominations are Andie Abkarian, Steve Bruckal, Dan Nelson and Will Rodriguez (who wants the 1 yr term). Move to approve by acclamation – Bill Scheel; 2 - Cole Van Norman. Vote by General Membership – approved unanimously.

Joe Liest from the floor. Concerned about the alleyway traffic in the McDowell / Lynwood alley. What about speedbumps? Aimee Nelson notes that the city will not allow it in alleys because of trash trucks. Rick Naimark: maybe we could do something else to slow traffic, like signage.

Dianne Barker: concerned about trash along busy streets and the entrances to the freeway.

Andie Abkarian has been following up with SW Behavioral Health's residential facility on Willetta because they are allowing sexual offenders as residents, along with their seriously mentally ill patients. Mr. Naimark suggests we follow up with the Planning Dept; Josh Bendarick or Sandy?

Meeting adjourned