

Historic Roosevelt Times

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New Project :

A representative from Native American Connections (NAC) shared renderings and floorplans for a proposed Work Force housing multifamily development on their property north of the NEC of 2nd Ave and Fillmore



Project Details

Number of Units: 63

Stories: 6

Studio- 3 BR

Square Footage:

Parking: 54 spaces

Maintains 2nd Ave Setback
& landscaping

Interior courtyard

Alley-load parking

First floor active uses.

Developer will address
pedestrian compatibility 2nd
Ave (west side) frontage -

(609 N. 2nd Ave). Rents will be subsidized which will bring well-needed affordable housing to Roosevelt. NAC built the UL2 Bldg at 650 N 2nd Ave, and the proposed project is similar in layout and appearance. The existing building will be torn down. The preliminary plans are for mid-2018 construction start.

The Planning Department is updating portions of the Downtown Code (downtown zoning ordinance):

- Add a new Category for Single Family Attached projects.
- Add three new building frontage types ("Porch," "Forecourt" and "Common Entry").
- Clarify property uses and delete unnecessary.

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Thanks to all who went to the April 27th Celebration of Historic Preservation and Fundraiser. It was a grand time and the results are still being tallied. The Four Corners Neighborhoods (Roosevelt, FQ Story, Encanto & Willo) are grateful to Sherry Rampy, who generously organized and underwrote the event.

Can't-miss Volunteer Opportunity

Home Tour 2017 Planning is underway! Ask anyone who's been on the HT Committee & they'll tell you it's a blast. This year a newsletter grant runs out and the coffers need to be re-filled after FAA lawsuit legal fees. Contact a board member for info on how to help.

RAA May General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th, UL2 Building
(SWC 2nd Ave/McKinley)

Social "Quarter" 6:00-6:15, Official start 6:16
Contact a Board member for info on Board meetings

Newsletter Submissions: contact Doug Churchill at Douglaschur@aol.com. The deadline for next month issue is the 15th of the previous month.

FOLLOWING UP:

BMO High rise Sign Light: Thanks for providing feedback on the impact this sign may be having on you and your potential property value. As planned, last month neighborhood reps and City of Phoenix Planning staff met with BMO executives, attorneys and contractors to discuss ways to minimize the intrusion of light from this sign into surrounding neighborhoods. While BMO is not willing to replace the sign due to the cost and inconsistency with company branding, they will install a “new technology” dimmer this summer. The company hasn’t committed to when the sign will be dimmed or if it will be a noticeable difference, but the City, BMO and neighborhood reps all agreed that if the brightness is still intrusive and not acceptable to the community, then other alternatives will be implemented. Watch the newsletter for updates.

Clinton Campbell House: the COP Historic Preservation Committee initiated activities to place a historic overlay on this property to stop demolition while options for saving the building are explored. Possibilities being explored are moving the building to the city-owned vacant lot on 5th Ave (currently up for RFP), finding a purchaser that will save it, or finding a way to use the property as part of the Taylor Street Paseo. The case goes back to Historic Preservation Commission for a final decision at a hearing date in late May.

Historic sidewalk and ADA ramp replacement: Representatives from several COP departments met with residents to explore options to ensure that more sidewalk & sidewalk stamps can be saved. They include more precise measurement of ramp grades and assigning city field reps to closely monitor the project on site.

Development Update:

Union at Roosevelt (SWC 1st Ave/Roosevelt). The apartments in this long-awaited project are all ready 10% leased! The first restaurant “NCounter” will open in June.

McKinley Row , at 4th Ave and Fillmore is 30% sold out. The project has 18 single family townhomes and construction completion is scheduled for this summer.

West Fillmore RFP- The process to reach a Development Agreement with the selected developer for this city-owned property south of Fillmore between 4th and 5th Avenues is ongoing. More information will be available as negotiations move forward.

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Contain Your Enthusiasm. Container Garden!

Peter S. Gray, RN

Despite our *lot* in life, space seems to always be at a premium. This is especially true for a condo dweller such as myself. Having grown up on a farm, I recall my mom wondering if she would have room for ‘running’ peas or Irish potatoes, spring onions or okra (even though it seemed a rather large garden at the time). In my present living situation, I must mainly be content with watching the green thumb of others blossom. Or do I?

Pots of all sorts have long served as portable gardens, in or out of doors. Capable of producing pounds of vegetables, supporting a proliferation of blossoms, or nurturing no fuss, no muss houseplants, pots allow us to exercise our green thumb even in the smallest plot, lot, or in my case on the front stoop of my condo. With a spring that feels more like a summer in the air, I recently purchased two Terra Cotta clay pots, one large, one small. Armed with fresh enthusiasm and perhaps with a ‘new’ level of container gardening in mind, I decided to create my own version of a hanging garden complete with potato vines, a ‘higher’ level of cultivation, and perhaps my own enthusiasm well contained.

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