

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2020

PRESENT: Andie Abkarian, Steve Bruckal, Joan Kelchner, Ryan Tempest, Doug Churchill, Bill Scheel, Caroline Van Slyke, Cindy Ek

ABSENT: Catrina Kahler

Call To Order 6:15 by Andie followed by introductions

Treasurers Report – Doug reported that the current total in all accounts is \$44,740.53

Parks Update – Stacia Holmes reported on several upcoming and ongoing events at the area parks. Events include; Fall into Fitness, Walk Wednesdays, Food Truck Fridays, movie nights, McDowell Mountain Festival to name a few. Check the parks website for all upcoming events.

Crime and Safety – Officer Jeff Howell, reported that there are ongoing investigations on bicycle thefts in the area. Bicycle registrations are still being held at Phoenix Public Market on Saturdays. He also discussed some of the changes regarding how the police are able to approach the homeless population, based on recent Supreme Court decisions.

UPDATES/BUSINESS

Hance Park – Rick N. led a discussion and reported on the recent Hance Conservancy meeting. Some key points were; regarding the mission the response is to make changes to the by-laws so that the conservancy is representing the interest of its' neighbors, operational issues, making the park better, respond to evolving design, increased communication, increased transparency to address the value to its' neighbors. Fundraising is continuing for the Master Plan. There is an open house to discuss the potential for the vacant lot on the corner of 3rd Ave and Portland on January 29th. Some suggestions for the property included; Oldaker house, community garden, parking, a better entrance into Hance Park, economic activation, special needs area.

Historic Preservation – discussions are ongoing with HP and community economic development regarding Oldaker house.

RAA Board elections will take place at the February RAA meeting. There are 6 open board seats.

Adjourn 7:36