

## **Roosevelt Action Association (RAA) General Meeting**

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:15 - 7:30

DRAFT minutes

Zoom meeting was called to order by Andie Abkarian, RAA President, at about 6:18 p.m. Board members present were Andie Abkarian, Treasurer Steve Bruckal, Catrina Kahler, Crista Lawcock, Bill Scheel, and Vice President Ryan Tempest. Caroline Van Slyke was absent. Approximately a dozen community members were also present.

**Treasurer Report:** Steve Bruckal, RAA Treasurer

Steve reported \$43,479.43 total in several bank accounts, with minimal transactions last month.

**Officer election:** Andie Abkarian

Christa nominated Bill for secretary and Catrina seconded. There were no other nominations. Ryan moved to elect Bill by acclamation and Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**August 11th election for 2 board vacancies:** Bill Scheel

Bill provided an overview of the process to fill two current board vacancies. Information about how to run and how to vote will be sent out in the next neighborhood newsletter. Rick Naimark suggested Zoom may have the capability to conduct a private poll which would allow a secret ballot. Bill and Andie said they would look into it.

**Proposed projects on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue:** Steve Bruckal

Steve provided an update on three proposed Second Ave projects – McKinley Green at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. & McKinley, X Basecamp on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. south of McKinley, and Astra, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave south of Fillmore. Most of the discussion was about Astra, particularly how the extremely dense office, hotel, and residential twin towers could negatively affect the Second Ave. pedestrian streetscape. The plan eliminates most street parking and creates two northbound lanes to provide more access to the project.

**Community updates:**

3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Avenue construction: Andie Abkarian

- Andie reported on efforts to improve communication from the City as construction has started on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. bike lanes project. Project completion on track for Spring 2021.

Parks: Steve Bruckal

- Steve gave a brief update on Deck Park construction. At Hance Park Conservancy request, Hargreaves will bring the 30% drawings back for public comment. Joan Kelchner expressed concern about the future of the vacant lot at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. & Portland, requested that the Board take an official position against the lot being devoted to overflow or event parking, and asked to add this to the August neighborhood meeting agenda. The board will discuss at its next meeting as well.

Public Safety: Andie Abkarian

- Andie gave an update on public safety. Due to protests, there have been some street closures and heavy police presence. There has been some break-ins and criminal activity

south of McKinley. Christa asked if there is any data showing an uptick in crime in the last 21 days. Andie will ask PD and report back.

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Small wireless facilities: Christa Lawcock Lam

- Christa explained the issue of cell providers having the ability to place 5G towers in any public right-of-way in any neighborhood. Neither neighborhoods nor municipalities have the ability to prevent or regulate the towers. Neighbors need to be alert for any unexplained construction crews. If caught early enough, there may be the opportunity to negotiate with providers over exact placement and appearance. Along with Christa there is a group of neighborhood volunteers engaged in investigating further.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Christa Lawcock Lam

- Christa discussed the need to identify block captains who can help distribute printed newsletters, luminarias, and any other communications. Also Christa is compiling household info for a neighborhood directory.

**Communication:** Catrina Kahler

- Catrina described the various ways the board works to communicate with the neighborhood, and encouraged any resident who has questions or concerns to email to [info@rooseveltneighborhood.org](mailto:info@rooseveltneighborhood.org)

**Meeting adjourned by Andie at 7:25 p.m.**