

R.A.A. NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Date: 1/16/2024

Time: 6:15 p.m., Winship House

Facilitator: Braxton Hynes in Joan Kelchner's absence

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BRAXTON HYNES; BILL SCHEEL; CLAIRE NELSON; CAROL FINNEY

Community Members Present: Aimee Conroy Nelson; Rick Naimark; Ben Patton; Oscar Selles; Kim Williamson; Nancy Meyers; Cindy Ex; Dianne Barker; Chase Kassel; Benjamin Harris; Kim Kasper; Joe Pfeiff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the November 21st Meeting were approved.

TREASURY REPORT

There was no treasury report.

INTRODUCTIONS: BOARD MEMBERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Braxton announced that Mike Kosse has resigned from the position of Vice-President of the Board.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT: BENJAMIN HARRIS (ROOSEVELT ST. TO I-10)

Four suspicious persons were reported to the police department—2 of those were arrested for outstanding warrants.

There were two vehicle break-ins, occurring late at night, in the parking lots around the Spaghetti Factory. There was theft associated with one of the break-ins.

There were two Residential Trespasses reported—nothing was stolen. There was one arrest.

Several community members expressed concerns about the increase of transients in the neighborhood. Park Rangers are allowed to give out trespass

warnings and litter violations. **To report transient encampments, call: PHX C.A.R.E.S. 602-262-6251.**

The Director of City Parks and Recreation, Alonso Avitia, keeps statistics on encounters with transients. It is suggested that

he be invited to make a presentation at an upcoming Neighborhood Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Luminarias Recap: One-hundred households participated in this year's Luminaria Lights of Night.

Vacant Lot Development Update: Ben Patton of Live Forward Development. Goal: activation of small scale sites, downtown Phoenix

5th Ave & McKinley—10-condo unit, 4 stories tall.

"Residences on 2nd" & McKinley—onset of construction anticipated within 2 months

3rd & McKinley—renovation of Seargeant-Oldaker House. The intention is to move the home within its own lot, then renovate it into a restaurant.

A multi-family housing development will be built on the surrounding vacant lot. Project completion set for end of 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development—Claire and Braxton reported that Joan met with the developer of 25-story building on the vacant lot at Lynwood & Central. Some of R.A.A.'s

concerns have been considered, i.e. entry and departure onto Lynwood. It is suggested that the Developer meet with local residents to update them.

Vacant Lot—Carol reported on the ideas for repurposing the lot on the corner of 3rd Ave. and W. Portland St. The members of the sub-committee are

exploring using the vacant lot as an **additional park area** with a grassy lawn, tables and benches.

A few smaller-scale, raised garden beds could be designated as **community gardens**.

The suggestion of including an **art installation** as part of the vacant lot design is being considered.

Traffic—there is no traffic report.

Historic Preservation—There is no historic preservation report.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Elections to the R.A.A. Board: There are 4 open positions of a possible 7. Braxton read Joan Kelchner's statement of intention to run.

Community members were encouraged to support the neighborhood by serving on the Board. They were reminded that membership dues must be paid by January 23rd

In order to be eligible to run.

There were several complaints of **overflowing trash cans** in front of neighborhood businesses.

To report or request assistance with this issue, please call: **602-262-6251 and ask for Public Works.**

ADJOURN

Braxton adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.