

R.A.A. NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Date: 2/20/2024

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

Facilitator: Joan Kelchner, President RAA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL SCHEEL; JOAN KELCHNER; CAROL FINNEY, CLAIRE NELSON

Community Members Present: Aimee Conroy Nelson; Anna Flaaten; Kim Kasper; Dianne Barker; Mark and Lois Frances;

Benjamin Harris; Kim Kasper; Frank Giordano

Virtual attendees: Braxton Hynes; Kate Kunberger; Joe Collins; Albert Crespo; Kim & Kevin Haasarud; Chase Kassel;

Christine Lindley; Don Brown; Jeffery Lazos Ferns; Eric Prochnow; Jessica; Alexis; Don Brown; Shara; Caroline Van Syke; Martin B

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the General Meeting, January 16 were approved.

TREASURY REPORT

Joan reported RAA bank account totals:

Checking: \$556.70

Savings; \$31861.26

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

Ben Harris advises that there has been an increase in car break-ins and thefts.

OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Elections to the R.A.A. Board: There are 3 open positions. Community members were encouraged to support the neighborhood by serving on the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development—Joan reported the following development projects: 5th Ave & McKinley—10-condo unit, 4 stories tall.

“Residences on 2nd” & McKinley—onset of construction anticipated next month

Historic Preservation—Bill Scheel reported that the Seargent-Oldaker House restoration project has been funded. The sale of the Milum Textile Property is still being contested.

Vacant Lot—Carol reported that Carrie Brown of the city Office of Arts and Culture had made a presentation to the subcommittee on 2/7. The Collaborative Neighborhood Projects

program was discussed as a potential funding source for the development of the vacant lot.

Blockwatch-- Kate Kunberger made an appeal for community participation at the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, Encanto Park. Bill states that the Committee is waiting for July response to

their application for grant renewal.

Traffic—Joan reported that the provision of a right-hand turn lane at 3rd Ave. and McDowell will be delayed until bike lanes are completed. The project is partially funded.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Jen Barnett of Local Organizing Committee: neighborhood impact of upcoming NCAA Final Four and March Madness events.

Presentation by Shiraz Malul of Consolidated Electrical Distributors: Update on Fillmore Street Bicycle Study. Area included in study: Central Ave. to 7th Ave.

ADJOURN

Joan adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.