

## R.A.A. NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

**Date:** 3/19/2024

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

**Facilitator:** Joan Kelchner, President RAA

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL SCHEEL; JOAN KELCHNER; CAROL FINNEY**

Community Members Present: 15 of which 7 were virtual

### OLD BUSINESS

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from the General Meeting, February 20, were approved.

**Treasury Report:** There was no treasurer's report

**Community Police Officer Report:** There was no police officer report

**Elections to the R.A.A. Board:** Carolyn Van Slyke, Kevin Hassarud and Bryan Korte agreed to run for the 3 vacant Board positions. Rick Naimark moved that these three be elected to the Board, effective as of tonight. Dianne Barker seconded the motion. It was passed.

**Committee Reports:** tabled to make time for presentations and discussion  
Report on Milum Textiles: City Council has agreed to send this back to the Historic Preservation Commission to see if they'll designate.

A hearing is to take place in April.

### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of City's proposal to put a 24 hr/7 day "Cooling Center" in Burton Barr Library—presented by Dave Hondula and Rachel Milne of the Phoenix

Offices of Heat Mitigation and Homeless Solutions respectively. Neighborhood concerns include the defacto establishment of a full-time encampment in and around the library and potential disruption of other library uses, i.e. kids' programs and the Voting Center.

Discussion of a proposal by the City Planning Department (presented by Trish Gomes) to use a Text Amendment to the downtown Land Use Boundaries which would allow a 30% increase in height, using sustainability bonus points, between Portland Street and McKinley Street. There was opposition and concern voiced by a number of residents, though no vote was taken.

Kate Kunberger reported that there is still some Block Watch funding available in this year's fiscal budget.

## **ADJOURN**

Joan adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.