

RAA Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Winship House

Board Members Present: Joan Kelchner, Chase Kassel, Bill Scheel, Claire Nelson

Board Members Absent: Mike Kosse, Kate Kunberger, Braxton Hynes

Community Members Present:

1. Joan called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM
2. Last meeting's minutes
 - a. Bill moved to approve
 - b. Chase second
 - c. All yes
 - d. Claire abstained
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. See appendix
4. Newsletter
 - a. All the articles have been written
 - b. Distribution will be early November for the printed edition
5. Hance Park Noche en Blanc Annual Fundraiser
 - a. Braxton has guests to help fill the table
 - b. Mike will be decorating
 - c. Drinks and food can be purchased at the event
6. Fall Socials
 - a. Halloween Decoration Contest
 - i. Submit your house online on the RAA website
 - ii. Applications are due October 27, 2023
 - b. Block Watch Event: Pumpkin Carving, Halloween Costume Contest, & Safety event on Sunday, October 29 from 2-4p
 - i. Has a safety component
 - ii. Located in Hance Park
 - c. Thanksgiving Bike Social
 - d. Luminarias
 - i. Potentially doing three days
 - ii. Details forthcoming

7. Vacant Lot Committee Update

- a. The vacant lot next to Winship
- b. Meets monthly and is announced on website and in newsletter

8. Traffic Committee(s) Updates

a. North Traffic

- i. Awaiting the city's response to our letter and planning to discuss 7th Ave and Lynwood as well as a traffic master plan

b. South Roosevelt

- i. There is a closed off street at Roosevelt and Central blocking the turn into Portland > is there an opportunity to open up the left turn lane
- ii. Request for four-way stops on all streets on McKinley - need a parking study to put in a four way stop
- iii. Possibility of removing 7th Ave and Roosevelt no turn right on red?

9. Development Committee(s)

a. East side of 4th Ave, mid-block where Clinton Campbell House was (Mercury) development variance hearing to 100% lot coverage (from 55%) > date of hearing is Thursday, October 19

- i. South of the Coe House
- ii. Proposal for a 7-story building, 2 floors of parking and 5 floors of building, on 4th ave (besides the parking lot entrance) parking garage is screened by retail and apartments
- iii. The developer is arguing that the paseo route is not an issue they're required to deal with
- iv. No site plan has been sent out with the variance notice
- v. There is a continuance for the variance > no meeting should be taking place, owner of the Coe House will be attending the hearing just in case
- vi. Discussion on how there can be an exemption on setbacks because they are written in the deeds and deeds trump zoning
- vii. The Coe House owner will be meeting with the developer to find an agreeable outcome on the Paseo and setbacks
- viii. The plan on file with the City draws the Paseo in an irregular way

- b. Extended hours work permit > noise issue
 - i. JE Dunn building the Saya
 - 1. X Roosevelt being built by another general contractor on the south of Saya
 - 2. One other development being built on the north
 - ii. 22 hours a day, five days a week, no night shifts on Saturday and Sunday
 - iii. Permit requires no public input and does not require Council approval
 - 1. City Council member has right to approve it but only after they consult with the relevant city departments (after city staff reviews and recommends it)
 - 2. The Council member has the right to approve or veto the permit request
 - iv. Joan would like to send a letter of complaint to the City with the request to limit/prevent these extended work hour permits in the future
 - v. Two commitments were made during the meeting that were not fulfilled
 - 1. Sound meter
 - a. There were "issues" getting it
 - b. Will be installed tomorrow
 - 2. Overnight work for concrete pours would only be done 2 nights/week
 - a. Notice went out for 4/week > mistake done by the interns
 - b. Had a couple instances of people making too much noise > two workers were fired
 - c. There were financial and other penalties to the contractor implemented
 - vi. Additional issue of bright lights shining in the middle of the night
 - vii. Need widespread policy change about how these permits are granted and code of conduct/best practices
 - viii. Bill motioned to write a letter outlining RAA's stance on construction best practices, and policy changes including public input on how these extended hours permits are granted

1. Kim seconded
 2. All yes
 3. 1 abstention
10. Pay your membership dues 😊
 - a. Chris Burns, cmb85003@outlook.com - paid \$10 cash at meeting
 11. New business
 - a. Palm trees
 - i. Bob Graham

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Appendix

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Treasurer's Report

The balance of our Chase Bank account was \$35,901.43 at the time of our last RAA meeting on September 19, 2023.

In the past month, the following deposits were made into our account:

- \$10.00 in membership
- \$.26 in interest

The following expenses were incurred:

- \$15.78 in fees
- \$84.33 in event expenses
- \$72.32 in website/domain hosting

The balance of our Chase Bank accounts, as of October 16, 2023, is \$35,739.26.

The difference in balance from last month is **-\$162.17**.