

# THE ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD

## MINUTES OF THE ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY MEETING

June 20, 2023, at 6:15 PM

Winship House, Phoenix, AZ 85003 & Google Meets

**BOARD PRESENT: Officers** – President Joan Kelchner, Vice President Mike Kosse, Treasurer Chase Kassel, Secretary Braxton Hynes

**Board** – Kate Kuneberger, Bill Scheel, Claire Nelson

**BOARD ABSENT:** none

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:**

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Joan Kelchner called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chase moved to approve the May minutes. Mike seconded, motion carried.

#### **GENERAL WELCOME Joan Kelchner, President**

Joan gave a general welcome

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT Chase Kassel, Treasurer**

Written report is included in the Appendix.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. Art Wrap Update: Kathryn Maxwell present 3d Art Wrap mock-up**

Kathryn presented her design mock up. Community expressed approval and said that it would be a good idea to minimize negative space to try to avoid graffiti.

## **BLOCK WATCH COMMITTEE**

Received grant in full. Grant goes towards paper newsletters. We don't have a community action officer here today.

### **Water main Announcement**

There will continue to be construction on 7th ave and McDowell for installation of new water main for the next 2-3 months, mostly at night on the weekends.

## **HANCE PARK UPDATE**

Board of Trustees were elected.

### **Community Announcement: Dorina Bustamonte - TGL 1st Ave**

The Garment League is now hosting the Fashion Industry Youth Camp in an historic complex at 815 N 1st. Ave. Classes in different aspects of the fashion industry are being offered to students from elementary through high school age in classes that are completely free and done in 2 week blocks.

### **Traffic Committee**

We want to focus on one intersection at a time. Figure out what the questions are to task the city about to make suggestions. Members, you don't have to be on the committee forever; if there is just one traffic problem bugging you, this is your committee. In fact, we have divided this into the North and South committees. The north committee will have Chase Kassel as chair; their first meeting will be June 28th at 5 PM at Chase's house on Lynwood next to the office building on 7th Ave. Kevin Hassalrud was asked at the meeting to chair the south committee.

### **3rd ave vacant lot committee**

We're hoping to come up with something that fills in that lot - something useful and good and what we all want. Caroline and Mike are working on it. What's the end goal of the subcommittee? We had been talking about some sort of permanent installation such as sculptures, paved path, pick up/drop off lane. Has anyone suggested a community garden? Yes - there's a lot that goes into it... but haven't completely closed off. Braxton will help get the group organized for a meeting.

### **South Roosevelt Committee**

Nothing to report. Looking to put something together to report on developments in the area.

## **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, Kate Kunberger**

Kate reported on neighborhood issues with fences that are too high and impacting visibility.

Submitted a letter of opposition.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report

## **PRESENTATION: ASTRA DEVELOPMENT, 2ND AVE, Noel Griemsmann - Snell & Wider**

Astra project stated out several years ago there was a halt. West side of YMCA building. Renderings have changed since 2019. 800 Units and 185,000 sq ft of office space. Generate 4000 2500 perm jobs. This project was put on hold. Appear in person for council meeting. Next week consideration of the GPLET. Significant concerns from the community about parking, design, environmental impact. Kate moved to have RAA take a position in opposition of GPLET and write a letter in opposition.

## **ADJOURN**

Joan adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

## **NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING**

**August 15, 2023, 6:15 PM at the Winship House & Google Meets**

## **Appendix**

### **I. Treasurer's Written Report**