

R.A.A. NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

6/18/2024

WINSHIP HOUSE

21 community members were present, 4 attending virtually

Board Members present: Joan Kelchner, Bill Scheel, Caroline Van Slyke, Anna Flaaten, Carol Finney

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm

Minutes from April and May were distributed. Bill Scheel made a motion that the minutes be approved. Motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Bryan Korte, Caroline Van Slyke updated the members re Bryan's success in bringing RAA financial documents current.

New Business + Open Issues: Mark Davis related experiences of thefts of his security camera x2. He correlates this to an increase in crime since the influx of unhoused persons since the opening of the Respite Center (Cooling Center) at the Burton Barr Library.

action Item: Mark moved to write letter to the City of Phoenix recommending that the City improve information gathering from local residents impacted by the Cooling Center. Motion was seconded by Bill Scheel and approved unanimously. The use of "What's App" was suggested for improving communication between residents and community service resources.

Presentation by Jeff Stapleton: Master Parking Plan for Downtown Phoenix

Discussion included resident concerns re (1) parking spaces needed for the McDowell/Central area, such as the Art Museum and the Library.

(2) No parking zoning in S. Roosevelt neighborhood results in traffic congestion and unsafe exits from private driveways onto the Street.

Subcommittee Reports:

--Development: Building will begin on building project at Central and McDowell

--Vacant Lot: Letter will be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department expressing RAA's concerns regarding future lot development

--Traffic: 2nd Ave. and McKinley construction—Matt Sieman. No 24 hr. permits. Additional subcommittee meeting will be held in July—to address ongoing concerns.

Block Watch Report: Bill Scheel. New grant has been funded. Remaining funds of this year's grant will be spent to have a painted wall mural bordering on Roosevelt Park, 3rd Avenue. There will be a neighborhood party (with D.J.) to celebrate the completion of the mural on June 23, 12:00-2:00 pm. There will be an inflatable slip-and-slide for kids, free T-shirts and tote bags, block watch safety items, and refreshments.

Newletter: Members are encouraged to submit articles for the Summer edition.

Meeting adjourning at 7:40 p.m. No meeting in July.

