

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
8/20/2024
WINSHIP HOUSE

Board members present: Joan Kelchner; Bill Scheel; Carol Finney;
Caroline Van Slyke (virtual)

of community members present virtually: 15; Neighborhood
residents present: 8

Call to order by Joan Kelchner, President @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes reviewed—June 18 RAA meeting. Motion to approve
was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Savings: \$31,082.83; Savings: \$2,824.53.
Monthly summary statements are available upon request.

Community Action Officer Reports:

Jeff Howell, South precinct: Burton Barr Cooling Center—2-
officer police car is assigned from

Tue-Sat, 4:00 pm – 2:00 am. Stats given re number of police
contacts, arrests, service calls and

Service accepts.

Ben Harris, North precinct: comparison between number of
crimes 2023 and 2024 was read—

there's been increase in Fentanyl arrests, armed robberies,
assaults (mostly DV), and general

thefts. The criminal element preys upon the homeless
population.

**Presentation by Chuckie Duff (new owner of what was
previously the Garden Bar):**

--Introduction of Devon McConville (owner of First Place
Coffee Truck). She will be new tenant

in brick and mortar building. Menu will include coffee, baked items, and foods from cold kitchen.

Hours of operation: 6:00 am-10:00 pm, 7 days per week.
Request RAA's support of application

for liquor license, Series 12. Roosevelt resident Kim expressed concern re business impact on

local traffic, noise and parking.

Subcommittee Reports:

Development: 2nd Ave. project, 1st Ave Saiya project and X-Roosevelt updates given. No more

24-hour concrete pours. EcoPhoenix Sustainable Apts. (Roosevelt & 3rd Ave.) completion date unknown. Six 3-storey townhomes on 2nd ave. and McKinley—lot is fully graded.

Vacant Lot: Parks Dept. to meet with RAA Board to coordinate vision for proposed development.

Block Watch Grant: This year's grant has been approved. Bill Scheel is collaborating with the

Principal of Kenilworth Elementary School for "Kids' Safety" event.

Historic Preservation: Grants up to \$20,000 are now available for exterior improvements to

Historic residences.

Neighborhood Social and Service Events: Suggestion has been put forward for regular meet and greet socials to promote neighborliness and a sense of community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

--Minutes submitted by Carol Finney, Secretary