

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

2/18/2025

WINSHIP HOUSE

Board members present: Bill Scheel, Bryan Korte, Carol Finney, Caroline Van Slyke, Anna Flaaten, Joe Pfeiff

Neighborhood residents present: 9      Virtual: 2

**Welcome and Introductions:** Bill Scheel

**Minutes:** Carol Finney provided copies of the minutes from the January, 2025 meeting. They were unanimously approved.

**Community Action Officers' Report:** A new CAO has been appointed to the north neighborhood precinct: Timothy Cobb ([Timothy.Cobb@phoenix.gov](mailto:Timothy.Cobb@phoenix.gov)). Both Jeff Howell and Timothy Cobb will be present at the March Neighborhood Meeting. Caroline Van Slyke, who spoke with Officer Howell recently, reported that an additional police cruiser has been assigned to the Roosevelt Neighborhood (in addition to the 3 others that patrol the downtown area). Crime report: there was a burglary at 555 - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., and a suspect has been taken into custody. The sex offender that has been reported for indecent exposure has not been apprehended as of this date.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bryan Korte

Total amount in bank checking account: \$3,848.27

Total amount in bank savings account: \$31,864.43

**Old Business and Open Issues**

**24/7 Cooling Center Location:** An announcement will be made in March, as to this summer's location. In the meantime, Joe Pfeiff moved **that the RAA Board will send a letter of opposition to the choice of Burton Barr location—addressed to all stakeholders and decision-makers.** Anna Flaaten seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Block Watch Grant Update:** Bill Scheel

There is money in the budget for personal and public safety commodities, RAA sponsored social events and membership drives, a newsletter, RAA storage unit. The next social event is a Porch Concert scheduled for April 19, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the home of Bryan Korte. The address is:

**344 W. Lynwood St. (corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Lynwood).**

Kate Kunberger will provide contact information for a balloon artist and a face painter.

**Development Update:** Bill Scheel and Caroline Van Slyke

**Le Taco** Arizona State Liquor License Hearing: a new hearing date has been set for March 6, to accommodate the medical treatment of the owner. A letter of support for the liquor license was sent to the Liquor Board by the RAA Board. Bill S. will send a copy of that letter to Kate K.

**1<sup>st</sup> Avenue:** The City Street Transportation Department evaluated safety concerns at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Roosevelt. A work order was created for the installation of a white on blue Business Access sign with upward left pointing arrow on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Streets also plans to refresh all paint associated with the intersection: lanes, lines, pavement arrows, cat tracks, edge-line, white curbs and RMP's.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and McDowell Project:** from Grant Harrison, Research Analyst, City of Phoenix, via Paul NjiRaini: The intersection improvement project was approved and is currently in the design phase. The project aims to enhance intersection safety and efficiency by reconfiguring the intersection to accommodate a dedicated right-turn lane. The design phase is expected to finalize toward the end of spring, with construction programmed to begin in summer of 2025.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue:** the Board is working with Brinkman contractors to restore the landscaping (trees, green borders, plants) that was destroyed during construction of the high-rise.

**Historic Monument Wall,** 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and Lynwood: Bill Scheel

Restoration of a wall--using recovered blocks from original historic monument--will begin next week.

## New Business

### Election of Candidates Applying for RAA Board of Directors Membership:

Adriana Wright and Martyn Bridgeman introduced themselves to the attendees at the meeting.

Bill Scheel, acting President, moved to appoint both candidates to the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Bryan Korte. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next Neighborhood meeting: March 18, 2025

Minutes submitted by: Carol Finney, RAA Secretary