

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
9/17/2024
WINSHIP HOUSE

Board members present: Joan Kelchner; Bill Scheel; Carol Finney; Caroline Van Slyke; Anna Flaaten. Absent: Bryan Korte; Joe Pfeiff

of community members present virtually: 5;
Neighborhood residents present: 8

Call to order by Joan Kelchner, President @
6:15 p.m.

Minutes reviewed—August 20 RAA meeting.
Motion to approve was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Current bank balances
are:

Chase savings: \$31,863.09

Chase checking: \$2,762.68

Full statement is available upon request.

Community Action Officer Reports:

Jeff Howell, South precinct:

Burton Barr Cooling Center—numbers of unhoused and incidents both dropped after the police increased their presence, though that level of staffing cannot be sustained past the end of September. After the closure of the Center, Social Services will continue to be

provided in other spaces within the library through October. Joan will draft a letter to Mayor Gallego representing RAA's request that the 24 Hour Cooling Center be discontinued, as planned, at the end of September—and requesting that a different location be found for next summer's 24-hour Cooling Center.

New Business:

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Report

Roosevelt neighborhood is going to be exempted from street/curbside bulk trash pick-up after 9/30/2024. Alley pick-up will continue by appointment or on a quarterly basis. After some discussion, the members present voted unanimously to opt for quarterly bulk trash pick-up. Joan will complete application for such. Discussion took place re best way of notifying residents of these changes. (Notices on doors?)

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.

Purchase and restoration of the original George H. Lutgeding House, at 303 W. Willetta St., is being undertaken by Johnny and Criselda Sweet. At their request, RAA will submit a letter of support for this project to the Historical Preservation Commission.

Original stones that were part of a historic monument marking the entrance to the Roosevelt Neighborhood have been located on a lot at 1st and McDowell. Ideas for repurposing were discussed.

Vacant Lot: RAA has submitted a letter of invitation to the Parks Dept. to meet with RAA Board to coordinate vision for proposed development.

Block Watch Grant: Planning is underway for a number of events to be funded by the Block Watch Grant. The first event, focusing on “Kid Safety” is being headed up by Bill Scheel and is to take place at Kenilworth Elementary School this Fall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

--Minutes submitted by Carol Finney, Secretary