

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

10/21/2025

SAIYA, 802 N 1ST AVE.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** @ 6:15 by Bill Scheel, President

II. **ROLL CALL**: Board Members Present: Bill Scheel, Caroline Van Slyke, Carol Finney, Anna Flaaten, Joe Pfeiff, Adriana Wright. Absent: Bryan Korte, Martyn Bridgeman. Residents present: 24 Guests: 3

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve: Caroline. Seconded by Anna. Unanimously approved.

IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT**:

Current Bank Balances:

Chase Checking Acct:	\$ 0.00	(Block watch reimbursement check outstanding)
Chase Savings Acct	\$31,430.62	
Total	\$31,430.62	

V. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Question and Answer session with David Olson, Phoenix Downtown Parks Rangers**

Currently there are 41 of 44 park rangers patrolling 20 parks. They have 3 vehicles plus several bicycles at their disposal. They work in pairs, covering 24 hours--broken down into 6 shifts. David reviewed the Parks and Recreation Department Code of Conduct. The Park Rangers' assignment is to enforce the Code of Conduct within the respective park boundaries. If there are infractions that require arrest or detainment, the Rangers contact the Police Department. Most common infractions are homeless encampments and dogs off leash. There was a question raised about lack of enforcement of the 2024 Ordinance G-7264 (Camping and Penalties for Violations). Enforcement hesitance has to do with lack of clarity of definition of "encampment."

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**:

Report on Neighborhood Clean-Up, Sept. 27: Seven volunteers showed up to pick-up trash ---between the raindrops.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**:

Joan Kelchner complained of **mosquito swarms** due to standing water (apparently caused by chronic problem of poorly functioning street drains). She will seek

information about City mosquito control resources.

Development Updates: Central and McDowell: developer is in pre-app phase. A water line needs to be moved. Construction is estimated to begin in Spring, 2026.

Proposed Development: Jonathan Pring, owner of The Teapot, 815 N. 5th Ave.

Vacant Lot south of The Teapot: In past years, various proposals for development of the lot have failed. Jonathan is seeking RAA support for his own proposal to the City of Phoenix: A single-family home-- mixed use space (live/work). Jonathan is seeking a direct sale (fair market value) of the property to him. The lot was purchased with federal funds and must meet specific structural requirements that have been considered in the plans submitted by Jonathan's wife, who is an architect.

Joan Kelchner made a motion that RAA write a letter to the City, strongly urging the direct sale of property. Caroline seconded. Mark Francis voiced concerns about the wording of the letter and requested that the motion be amended to say "the membership body authorizes the RAA Board" to write the letter. The amended motion was passed.

Upcoming Events:

Neighborhood Trash Pick-up, October 25, 9:00 – 10:00

Noche en Blanco, October 25, 5:00 – 10:00 pm

Local First Fall Festival, Hance Park, November 8, 10:00 – 4:00 pm. Volunteers needed.

Yoga in Roosevelt Park, November 8, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Luminaria Festival: December 23, 24, 25th.

Meeting Adjourned to Social Hour at Boho Farm at 7:20 pm

--Minutes submitted by Carol Finney, Secretary