

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

9/16/2025

UL 2 Building, 650 North 2nd Ave.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** @ 6:15 pm by Bill Scheel, President
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Board Members Present: Bill Scheel, Caroline Van Slyke, Carol Finney, Anna Flaaten, Joe Pfeiff, Adriana Wright Board Members Absent: Bryan Korte, Martyn Bridgeman.
Residents Present: 10 Guests: 4
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed.
Motion to approve: Caroline; Seconded: Anna Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bryan Korte via Bill Scheel
Current Bank Balances:
Chase Checking Acct \$789.22
Chase Savings Acct \$31,866.25
Total: \$32,655.47
- V. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:**

There has been a 2-year history of homeless encampments on the property at 850 N. 2nd Ave. The owner refused to authorize the police to arrest for trespass. Multiple complaints of violation of the Nuisance ordinance, photographs and documents were submitted by Anna Flaaten and other neighbors on the street. Thanks to their efforts and the support of the RAA Board, **Community Officer Jeff Howell**: was able to obtain "Authority to Arrest" from the owner of 850 N. 2nd Ave., resulting in subsequent departure of homeless persons loitering on that property.

Lisa Huggins-Hubbard from City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department: reported that the City of Phoenix contracted with Sentracam (a rotating surveillance camera) to provide security for Roosevelt Park for 60 days. Rangers will be surveilling neighborhood parks regularly—to park enforce rules and codes of conduct.

Further efforts: Businesses surrounding 850 N. 2nd (including Trinity Cathedral) have also signed authority-to-arrest agreements. No Trespassing signs are being purchased and placed

strategically. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to refrain from providing food, water or other provisions to homeless persons, as this results in lack of incentive to go into shelters.

Tasha from Phoenix Cares: expressed thanks for neighborhood reporting and documentation of homeless persons needing assistance.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

UPCOMING SOCIAL & NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS:

All Ages, All Stages Low Flow Yoga at Roosevelt Mini Park (837 N. 3rd. Ave. on Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:00 – 10:00 am, 2025.

South Roosevelt Neighborhood Trash & Litter Clean-Up: Sept. 27, 8:00 am before Yoga in the Park). Gloves, bags and grabbers will be provided. Need public trash receptacle on 3rd Ave. between Van Buren and Roosevelt.

Local First Fall Festival, November 6: RAA will have a booth.

Noche en Blanco, October 25 : RAA will have a table for 8. Any neighborhood residents interested in taking a place at the table, please contact Bill.

Luminaria Festival, December 23, 24

VII. **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:30 pm to social hour hosted by The Theodore, 110 E. Roosevelt.

--Minutes submitted by Carol Finney, Secretary

September 17, 2025

