

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
UL2 BUILDING, 650 N. 2ND AVE. PHOENIX, AZ

2/17/2026

CALL TO ORDER: Bill Scheel, President

ROLL CALL: Board Members present: Bill Scheel, Caroline Van Slyke, Carol Finney, Anna Flaaten, Adriana Wright, Martyn Bridgeman. Absent: Joe Pfeiff, Bryan Korte.

Residents present: 18 Guests present: 6

JANUARY MINUTES: Unanimously approved. (Motion by Anna, Second by Caroline)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Total of \$30,146.43 in Chase accounts. Bill is submitting approx. \$3,500 in Block Watch expenses to the City of Phoenix for reimbursement.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

OFFICER HOWELL: South Roosevelt Precinct

362 N. 3rd. Ave. should be demolished shortly. The property owner will then fence off the property. **394 N. 3rd Ave.** has a current “authority to arrest” enforcement. The property owner has his crew doing weekly clean-ups. **Transit is cleaning up camps at bus stops** along Fillmore, between 7th Ave. and Central and Fillmore to Van Buren. They are also **addressing encampments** between Fillmore and Latham, and 7th Ave. to Central. Last **First Friday** we had 160 hours deployed to curb any violence. No issues—however will be unable to sustain that number every First Friday. Will need to pull officers from across the City. On 2/11 there were **8 subjects arrested**—ranging from felonies to misdemeanors. Several had warrants and a few people had new charges. On 2/17 **two people were arrested** for warrants at the I-10/7th Ave. overpass.

OFFICER COBB: North Precinct Report

“We rolled out the Hance Park Crime Suppression project. We are working with Office of Homeless Solutions, Park Rangers, and the Bike Squad from Desert Horizon Precinct and doing concentrated enforcement a couple days a week. We are also having patrol spend more time in the area and making subject stops. The City has also allowed us to make stops and **cite people for parks code of conduct violations**, which previously only rangers were able to enforce.

This project is slated to last up to the Women's Final Four Event in March. We will then reassess and determine if continued, intense enforcement will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR, MARCH 16 – 19, MORTGAGE MATCHUP CENTER

Jen Barnett of Arizona Sports Alliance gave a presentation of upcoming events to be held at various locations in the downtown area. For more details, neighborhood residents can go to: <https://phoenixfinalfour.com/>.

Community impact was addressed: Road Closures, Sustainability, 3rd grade reading contest, the Legacy Project at Washington Activity Center, opportunities for volunteering.

RED BULL FORMULA ONE, MARCH 14

Xandon Keating, Deputy Director of Economic Development for the City of Phoenix, gave an overview of the upcoming event presented by Ford where an Oracle Red Bull Racing F1 car, Visa Cash App Racing Bulls F1 car, as well as other Red Bull motorsports vehicles, will drive up and down **East Jefferson Street between S Central Ave and S 5th St**, in a showcase of high-end performance and the drivers' technical skills. See <https://www.redbull.com/us-en/events/red-bull-showrun-phoenix> for more details.

ANNUAL RAA BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS: ballots and candidate profiles were handed out to eligible RAA member voters. Three current board members (Carol Finney, Bryan Korte and Adriana Wright) will be retiring. The following candidates were approved by acclamation:

Andie Abkarian, Jonathan Pring, Caroline Van Slyke, Dustin Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a **Roosevelt neighborhood clean-up event** on February 21st. Meet at Proof Bakery at 9:00 am for coffee and pastries first.

Rick Naimark announced that shrubbery on the north escarpment of **Hance Park** (west) is being replaced in the next 2-3 weeks.

Tasha Martin of the **Office of Homeless Solutions** provided an update on her outreach work with unhoused persons in the Roosevelt neighborhood. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to use the App: **myPHX311** to access City resources.

Carol announced **Neighborhood Yard Sale** event scheduled for April 18th.

Bill made an appeal for residents who would be willing to open their homes to the

Home Tour that is scheduled for Fall, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned to SoSoBa for a social gathering.

Minutes submitted by Carol Finney, Secretary