

ROOSEVELT ACTION ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

1/20/2026

UL2 BUILDING, 650 N. 2ND AVE.

CALL TO ORDER @ 6:15 BY Bill Scheel, President

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

Residents present: 15

MINUTES: the minutes of the December Christmas Party meeting were approved.

Motion to approve: Mark Francis; Second: Lou Beebe.

TREASURER'S REPORT via email from Bryan Korte:

Chase Checking Acct Balance: \$84.43

Chase Savings Acct Balance: \$31,186.74

Total: \$31,271.17

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Scheel asked for feedback on our December 2025 Luminaria project, so that a future board would have some information when discussing the future of the project for next year. He noted that about 200 homes participated, with participation varying widely on different streets and blocks. Members responded with a number of ideas and suggestions:

- Consider alternative way to decorate the neighborhood, ie
 - Something more environmentally sustainable
 - lighted palm trees or decorated lamp posts
 - battery-operated candles.
- Make it more of a community event, i.e. gather for cocoa, fill bags together, etc
- Only do 1 or 2 nights instead of 3
- Collect leftover supplies

Several residents reported stolen candles or missing luminaria bags. Bill said the topic would come up again with the new board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Safety Update: Officer Howell

Multiple homeless transients continue to hang out at the neighborhood Circle K stores, and trash is a problem. Fernando Felix has been communicating with the Circle K corporate offices to address neighborhood complaints.

Union Pacific Railroad has filed trespass charges, due to transient presence on the tracks, resulting in massive trash clean-up (between 22nd Ave. and Central) on Friday, 1/22.

1st Fridays have deteriorated into a gigantic block party requiring a large police presence to break up street fights along Roosevelt, east of Central. RAA will contact the Evans-Churchill neighborhood association to offer support.

There were multiple complaints, by residents in attendance, of homeless encampments in the neighborhood. We are again encouraged to keep reporting incidents to Homeless Solutions Department, Neighborhood Services, Park Rangers and the Police Department.

Neighborhood Development Updates: Bill Scheel

Townhouses at 2nd Ave. and McKinley are complete.

Traffic lane revision has begun at 3rd Ave. and McDowell

No current construction at Central and McDowell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RAA Board of Directors Elections will be held at the February neighborhood meeting. Bill passed out descriptions of officers' responsibilities and candidate interest questionnaires. The Board can have up to 9 members—there will be at least 2 vacancies to fill in February.

Neighborhood Clean-up to take place on Saturday, January 24. Meet for coffee at 9:00 am then pick up trash for an hour. Trash bags, gloves and pickers will be made available.

City Council to discuss possible methods of **rapid transport to the West Valley**—on Thursday January 22.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Finney, Secretary

