

March 17th, 2026 - RAA Neighborhood Meeting

Introductions and Board Roles

- Bill Scheel called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. and introduced board members, noting the absence of a secretary and the need for a new appointment.
- Jonathan Pring introduced himself as the new treasurer and discusses his transition and plans for modernizing payment methods.
- Dustin Wright introduced himself as the new VP
- Bill confirmed he remains in the role as President, Dustin as Vice President and Jonathan as Treasurer, and mentions the need for a new secretary.

Treasurer's Report

- Jonathan provided a detailed treasurer's report, mentioning the addition of his name to the bank account and the need for additional paperwork.
- He discussed the current financial status, including a checking account balance of \$15 and a savings account balance of approximately \$30,000.
- Jonathan mentioned the need to modernize payment methods and the potential for better interest rates on the savings account.
- Bill added that a Block Watch reimbursement request for \$3,268 has been submitted to the city, which will boost the treasury balance.

City of Phoenix Presentation on Downtown Entertainment District

- Bill introduces Xandon Keaton from the City of Phoenix Community and Economic Development to present on the downtown entertainment district.
- The presentation includes a background on the CSS study commissioned in 2019, which identified the need for more space at the convention center, more hotel rooms, and better access to entertainment.
- The focus is on connecting convention center attendees to entertainment options in downtown Phoenix, using San Diego as a model.
- The presentation highlights the importance of making downtown Phoenix a destination for visitors, emphasizing unique local experiences.

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- Bill discussed the Final Four event and the downtown-wide cleanup project, with Joe PfiEFF mentioning a cleanup scheduled for **March 28**.
- Carol Finney and Anna Flaaten discussed plans for the **April 18** neighborhood yard sale, including the need for volunteers and the involvement of local businesses.
- The need for block captains to organize neighborhood participation in the yard sale was emphasized.

Police Report and Community Safety

- Officer Howell provides an update on community safety, mentioning recent incidents and ongoing efforts to address issues such as encampments and trespassing.
- The discussion included the impact of the Final Four event on the April First Friday event and the need for additional police resources.

Home Tour Update

- Dustin provided an update on the home tour, mentioning the need for more homes to be included in the tour and the potential costs involved.
- Dustin mentioned the need for volunteers to help with various tasks, such as obtaining permits and organizing the day of the event.
- The conversation emphasized the potential for the home tour to generate significant funds for community projects.

Central and McDowell Development Update

- Suzanne Lewis provided an update on the Central and McDowell project, mentioning ongoing utility work and the need for regular communication with the developer.

FAA Flight Path Update

- Andie Abkarian provided an update on the FAA flight path project, mentioning the potential benefits of moving planes to a unified south approach.
- The conversation emphasizes the need for proactive community engagement to ensure that the flight path changes are implemented in a way that minimizes disruption to local residents.

Meeting Conclusion and Next Steps

- Bill adjourned the meeting, thanking everyone for their participation and outlining the next steps for various projects and initiatives.