

The Monsoons have brought some much needed rain to the Valley and slightly cooler temps.

**CAO Ben Harris** – Criminal activity in FQ Story has been very low since last reported in June. There have been no reported burglaries but there has been an increase in crime at the 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave Circle Ks. They are attributing this to the increased numbers of homeless in the area which could further increase with the closing of a shelter later this year. He also noted that laws have changed and homeless can no longer be arrested for sleeping in public places, which violates their 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment right for simply arresting someone for sleeping.

**FAA...the fight continues** – As you may recall, July 21<sup>st</sup>, the FAA submitted their response to brief the City and Neighborhoods submitted May 13<sup>th</sup>. August 4<sup>th</sup>, we were able to respond to the FAA's brief, all documents were submitted for the Court's review on August 11<sup>th</sup> and final briefs are due August 25<sup>th</sup>. There is currently no schedule for oral arguments. Also, there has been an increase in the number of flights off of established RNAV paths so keep reporting those incidents over the phone, online or the Sky Harbor app.

**7<sup>th</sup> Ave/Portland St Tree Replacement** – We are working with the City to find the original landscape design for this area. With this property belonging to ADOT, responsibility of the City of Phoenix, and maintained by a third party contractor, it has lost a few trees and plants due to vehicle over runs, lack of care and weather. The City's contracted maintenance provider states that there are no city funds for replacements which we feel is unacceptable. Our leads are working with Councilwoman Pastor's office to rectify that stance, ensure proper watering and bring back a pleasant view to our neighborhood.

**702/706 Lynwood St** – Mark Davis of Davis Enterprises came and briefed the Steering Committee on the sign that went up recently on its property. The investment and development firm is seeking input as to uses for the properties. It is a unique set of properties as 702 is zoned DTC Roosevelt and 706 is zoned R-4 Story Residential. Our Historic Preservation lead is in contact with Mark as it seems any use the developers would envision, other than an "as is" sale, would likely result in rezoning requests for business use.

**1642 Culver St** – In January, the previous SC was asked for a dire situation "Special Circumstance Gift" of \$1500 for the owner and her mother, which it approved. The funds were not distributed, at the request of the project manager, as a repair was being looked for to focus the funds on. In May, an additional request was made to the current SC for \$2500, a total of \$4000 to replace the roof. After quotes were reviewed in July to ensure fair market pricing, the quote chosen by the owner increased the request from \$2500 in additional funding to \$4500, for a total of \$6000. After much discussion on this, the SC now views this as having turned from a dire situation circumstance to a grant request, which it feels it should not participate in. By establishing this precedence, there could be future requests that would drive requirements to be established to accept applications, review and decide on factors that this SC should not be involved in. There are City programs that are available for that. The original \$1500 is still available for the owner. I'm told the local media is aware of the family's situation and are working on an outreach possibility. There also is a new City program that is excited to take on something large scale with this property possibly being its pilot project. If you would like to provide any personal assistance you can, food, supplies and/or monetary donations, please contact Lynae Cole @ 602-300-9300 or visit the GoFundMe page @ [www.gofundme.com/qbg89qfg](http://www.gofundme.com/qbg89qfg).

As always, feel free to contact me if there's anything I can help with.

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