

## Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2022, 7 – 9 PM

Minutes taker: Allen

Audio link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H9w3sn31UbyGaiTyDL7BvY3XQXXjeD0/view?usp=sharing>

7:01 Meeting called to order - Quorum present

**Board Members Present:** Claire Cofsky, Allen Field, Brian Hochhalter, Heather Flint Chatto, Debby Hochhalter, Simon Kipersztok, Richard Bruno, Ann Sandvig

**Absent Board Members:** Kamal Belkhatay, Madeline Anderson-Clark, Hope Townsell, JoAnne Knowles,

**Others Present:** Nanci Champlin, John Schuberg, Nancy Chapin, LONI & TJ GRAY, Kara Monroe, Loni Gray, Curtis Merring, Jason Richard, Christina Wolfe Nochisaki, Chistine Leon, Robin Denburg, Edie Gillis, Nanette Curtis, Tracy Modde, Jae Brodsky, Blanton Blackburn, Lu Devore, Courtney Scott, Gabe Hernandez, Sarah Berkemeier, Amelia Flohr, Nate "KG" Kirby-Glatkowski

**Ground Rules/Purpose:** Debby read Ground rules

**Land Acknowledgement:** Heather read the Land acknowledgment from [website richmondpx.org](http://richmondpx.org).

**Adoption of October Minutes:** Debby noted misspelling of names which will be corrected. **Allen moved/ Heather seconded. Passed unanimously**

**Announcements:**

- Heather announced there is a new page on [RNA website on the Peaceful Villa development](http://richmondpx.org/peaceful-villa) (<https://richmondpx.org/peaceful-villa>)
- Debby added an agenda item: to vote to do an RNA Facebook and Instagram pages

**Old Business:** Debby stated:

- Development project next to Central Christian Church got permits issues, demolition to start soon
- She attended public meeting at Cleveland High School about 26<sup>th</sup> and Powell bike fatality. Chris Eykamp will be rep. for NAs

**Police Report:** Officers present but gave report in Community Safety forum

### **AGENDA**

**1. Community Safety Forum:** Representatives from Portland Police Bureau's Neighborhood Response Team, the city's Community Safety Program, and the Public Environmental Management Office (PEMO) described the programs and services they offer.

Sarah Berkemeier, Safe Blocks Program Coordinator, Central Team, described the changes to the Community Safety Program which was transferred to the Office of Management and

Finance. Its programs include: the Safe Blocks, Office of Violence Prevention, Rose City Self Defense, and Safe Summer PDX.

The Safe Blocks program offers trainings on Neighbors Together (formerly known as Neighborhood Watch), Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), Personal Safety, and General Safety Training Development. To request or inquire about these trainings, contact [sarah.berkemeier@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:sarah.berkemeier@portlandoregon.gov) if you live west of Cesar Chavez Blvd, and [Jacob.Brostoff@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Jacob.Brostoff@portlandoregon.gov) or [Mary.Tompkins@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Mary.Tompkins@portlandoregon.gov) if you live east of Chavez Blvd.

Officers Nate Kirby-Glatkowski and Amelia Floher, Central Precinct, explained the roles of the Neighborhood Response Team, which focuses on addressing chronic livability issues, property crimes, and graffiti investigations, and providing patrol support. Richmond straddles two precincts: Central and East, divided by Cesar Chavez Blvd. However, they are not the first point of contact for people needing to contact the police. Contact 911 for situations (i.e, crime in progress) involving an immediate threat to life or property, otherwise, for non-emergencies contact the police non-emergency line (503-823-3333) or file an online police report.

Powell and 38<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and Waverly and SewallcrestPark have been the focus of their attention lately.

Christine Leon described the role and duties of the recently formed PEMO, which was created in May 2022 by Emergency Declaration of the Mayor to work across the different bureaus to streamline the cleanup of trash, graffiti, illegal dumping and abandoned cars. They gather input from the community and business districts, create activation strategies, and coordinate neighborhood cleanups.

Much of the meeting was devoted to responding to questions and concerns posed by audience members.

2. **SEUL Community Small Grant/IDEA Grant Applications**: Allen summarized the 2 grants available. Richard Bruno explained a grant project to set up and maintain a telehealth booth for homeless individuals. Discussion ensued.

**Allen Motioned, Heather 2<sup>nd</sup> to authorize Richard to submit Community Small Grant application for up to \$4,900 for telehealth booth. Passed unanimously with Simon abstaining.**

Heather explained grant project idea for IDEA grant, which was resubmitting her grant project submitted last year on behalf of RNA.

**Brian motioned, Simon 2<sup>nd</sup> to authorize Heather to submit IDEA grant application for up to \$1,000. Passed unanimously.**

3. **Instagram and Facebook pages**: Richard motion, Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> to do RNA Instagram and Facebook pages. Passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Treasurer:** Simon emailed the Board the week before the bank balances. He explained he moved \$ 12,000 into a 1<sup>st</sup> Republic Bank 8 mo. CD 3.75
- **RNA Newsletter:** No Editor. But one of the delivery people expressed interest in being editor. Debby and Allen will meet with her.
- **Community Spaces:** Allen stated that there have no tents in the park since middle of August.
- **SEUL Rep:** Allen reported: Dave Weaver is SEUL Chair with Kat West as Vice Chair. SEUL vote to send letter urging transfer of Powell jurisdiction from ODOT to PBOT.
- **Annual Tree planting:** Allen said there is no tree planting planned.
- **Cleanup:** Nothing to report.
- **Richmond Ready:** Vacant
- **Sustainability and Climate Change:** Nothing to report.
- **Land Use and Transportation:** Vacant. Heather referred to the new Peaceful Villa page on the website
- **HBBA Rep.:** Nancy Chapin described HBBA meeting and recent letter threats to Hawthorne business
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative Rep.:** Heather gave an update on the kiosk built in the Parkose WeShine site.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs:** The Good Neighbor Agreement with Hawthorne Theater is almost done, hopefully to be presented to the board next month.
- **DEIA:** No report given
- **Houselessness:** No report given

**Meeting adjourned 8:40**