

RNA December 14, 2020 Minutes

Minutes by Allen Field

Meeting via Zoom was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Debby Hochhalter.

Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Allen Field, Kamal Belkhat, Peter Forrest, Claire Cofsky, Denise Hare, Simon Kipersztok, Albert Kaufman, Heather Flint Chatto, JoAnne Knowles, Leslie Poston

Board Members Absent: Madeleine Anderson-Clark

Others Present: Viviane Libson, Greg Bourget, Kris McDowell, Amanda Fritz, Dennis Hopkins, Robin Denburg

Ground rules and Land Acknowledgement read

Crime & Safety: Officer Shaun Sahli reported on general trends since July 2019 showing increase in person and property crimes. But Bureau has lost detectives to investigate crimes. Regarding increase in catalytic converter theft, a DA and detective are working on these cases. Q&A followed. Lack of police resources and shortage in staff is ongoing problem impacts all aspects of policing.

Amanda Fritz: The Commissioner is making the rounds of neighborhood association to say goodbye and thank them for their service to community engagement. She thanked the RNA Board for persevering through tough times; providing community engagement in these divisive times is hard. Board Members thanked her and some asked questions.

Announcements:

- Heather – PSC hearing on Shelter to Housing policy continues tomorrow, 12/15. Can testify via the map app.
- Debby:
 - Vega Peterson w/ Sen. Merkley Town Hall 12/16 4-5pm;
 - The RNA will have a multi-NA meeting with Mingus Mapps, no date yet;
 - No meeting in January, will be annual retreat, will likely be the regular time for meetings: 2nd Monday 6:30 pm
 - Support local businesses

Treasurer Rept (Simon on East Coast, so he needed to go early in mtg):

From Treasurer Rept sent to Board:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Ending balance</u>
CU Share	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Business Checking	\$12,668.12	\$1,137.13	\$102.00	\$13,723.25

		\$1,135.47		
		\$1.66		
			\$102.00	
12 mo. CD (1%/yr)	\$6,383.74	\$5.25		\$6,388.99
		\$5.25		
TOTAL	\$19,056.86			\$20,117.24

Newsletter: Screen shared draft of Newsletter. Mentioned need for delivery people that Allen will speak to later.

November Meeting Minutes: Peter moved, Albert 2nd, passes with everyone voting Yes except Kamal abstaining.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Greg Bourget, Oregon Clean Air:

Greg Bourget, Lead Researcher for Portland Clean Air (portlandcleanair.org), gave a presentation on the problem of high level of industrial pollution in Portland, especially diesel particulates. Portland Clean Air is organizing the city’s neighborhood associations to work together on these issues: 41 NAs, 14 churches and 3 coalitions have appointed liaisons to OCA. He asked the Board if it was interested to appoint someone to be a liaison. Kamal volunteered. Q&A followed:

Allen moved, Brian 2nd, to appoint Kamal as liaison to Portland Clean Air. Vote: Yes: Unanimous, vote passes.

2. Adoption of PDX Mainstreets Guidelines for Hawthorne and Hawthorne Special Buildings list :

a. **Special Buildings List** - Heather summarized process and reason for special buildings list. Kamal asked if Red Light building is on it – no.

Allen moved, Kamal 2nd, to adopt Hawthorne Special Buildings List with recommendation to add Red Light Building. Vote: All in favor, except Abstain by Leslie. Denise left her computer so she didn’t vote.

b. **PDX Mainstreet Guidelines for Hawthorne:** Heather summarized purpose of Guidelines and other organizations that have adopted it. RNA previously adopted them for Division. **Allen moved, Albert 2nd, to adopt the Guidelines for Hawthorne. Vote: All in favor, except Abstain by Leslie. Denise left her computer so she didn’t vote.**

3. Communication Budget: Item set over. Haven’t received Communications packet from SEUL yet.

4. Fiscal Sponsorship: Allen summarized SEUL’s fiscal sponsorship program: any project the RNA wants to do where it needs use of 501(c)(3) or have SEUL hold money for it needs to be on fiscal sponsor application. He screen-shared last year’s application with the list of

projects. Heather and Kamal said they will do their projects again and so will Allen. The Board should vote on the application in the February meeting and until then people can let him know if they want to add a project and he'll send the project coordinators the forms to fill out.

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer** (Simon): Report given earlier in meeting
- **Annual Tree Planting** (Allen): The Dec. 5 planting was done by FOT staff over an extended period.
- **Richmond Cleanup**: Allen asked Leroy if SEUL can still help with Cleanups. SEUL Board will have to address it. Tentative discussion with SNA is they are interested in a joint cleanup.
- **Richmond Ready**: No report, no coordinator
- **Sustainability Committee** (Kamal): Short article sent to newsletter.
- **Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use** (Heather): DOZA design guidelines draft is out but no date when will go to Council.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative** (Heather): No report since it was agenda item.
- **Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative**: Heather urged the Board to renew as member of HBBA at \$100 Mt Tabor level. Heather Motion, Debby 2nd, passes unanimously (Leslie already left meeting and Joanne didn't vote). 37th Ave Plaza project on hold with Covid restrictions.
- **Division/Clinton Business Association Representative** (Leslie): Leslie had to leave, no report.
- **SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer** - Minutes-taker (Allen) will write it.
- **Richmond Newsletter Editor** – Allen described newsletter distribution system: a lead coordinator with 4 quadrant leaders oversee the distribution by volunteers. Need Lead Coordinator and 3 quadrant lead for NW, NE, and SW areas. Allen will do the NW are, Kamal volunteered to do NE and Brian SW area. Allen will send then the volunteers list.
- **SEUL Rep.** (Allen) – Christina left SEUL, moved to LA. SEUL hired new staff, Paola. Leroy will serve as SEUL liaison to RNA.
- **Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces** (Allen): No report.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs** (Allen): Nothing to report. No movement on GNA re Hathorne & 37th Plaza or Bagdad. Allen send the earlier GNA's to Maddy.

Meeting adjourned 8:40, next RNA Meeting February 8, 2021