

RNA December 9, 2019 Minutes

by: Allen Field

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chair Debby Hochhalter.

Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Allen Field, Kamal Belkhaty, Peter Forrest, Claire Cofsky, Madeleine Anderson-Clark

Board Members Absent: Jonathan King, JoAnne Knowles,

Others Present: Bonnie Bray, Heather Ball, Missy Ryan, Dennis Hopkins, Dick Boak, Denise Hare, Midge Pierce, Christina Estime, Sydney Mead, Randall Wyatt, Gordon Hillesdale, Beth Nesser, Vivian Libson, Kathryn Doherty-Chapman, Robin Denburg, Simon Kipersztok, Kyle Huth, Dave Bennis, Marsha Hanchow

Meeting Minutes: Sept: Allen moves to adopt, Brian 2nd, passes unanimously
Oct: Brian moves to adopt, Peter 2nd, passes unanimously
Nov: Allen moves to adopt, Brian 2nd, passes unanimously but Peter abstains

Announcements:

- Lauren _____, Ando International Homestays, explained their program and seeking people to host international students

Crime & Safety: No officer present.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Portland YouthBuilders** - Randal Wyatt, Student Advocate/Counselor, explained their program. They host 17-24 yr old, low-income students who haven't earned diploma and give job training in construction and technology. They are building a home w/ Habitat for Humanity. They also help them find jobs. Also have program for 18-25 yr old who have received diploma and help them get jobs. Much Q&A with board and audience about their programs, clientele, and outreach efforts.
2. **2020 Fiscal Sponsor Application** – Allen explained that RNA needs to submit application to renew Fiscal Sponsorship with SEUL. Need to be fiscally sponsored to be able to use 50(c)(3) number to get donations or if SEUL has to hold \$ for us. Draft application sent to Board.
Renewing projects are:
 - a. Spring Cleanup,
 - b. Summer Movie,
 - c. Litter/graffiti Cleanup,
 - d. Community Garden (Ivon and Sewallcrest) workparties,
 - e. Richmond Ready,
 - f. PDX Mainstreet Initiative

New projects: Sustainability Committee and Monthly Litter Cleanups.

Terminated projects: SE 45h Ave Public Rt of Way and Clinton Traffic Circles projects never happened. They were for PBOT Portland in the Streets grant applications that were never awarded, so projects never happened

Motion by Brian to approve fiscal sponsor application, Kamal 2nd: passes unanimously

3. **Division Parking Plan update** – Kathryn Doherty-Chapman, PBOT, hired to oversee Division Parking Project. Gave background on Centers and Corridors Parking SAC that created new parking management tools, that included new parking permit program. In 2018 RNA and SNA partnered on request for permit parking plan on Hawthorne, that failed from not getting enough ballots returned. Jan. 2019 RNA voted to ask PBOT to form SAC to develop a parking permit plan to present to community. Consultant is Lancaster & Angelo Planning Group. PBOT will work w/ OCCL to select SAC members. Possible January Open House on project.

She wanted to work with RNA to discuss: How to do outreach, what should makeup and size of committee be, timeline. Shared draft timeline and process description. She went over summary of draft schedule and process. Much Q&A on process, timing, parking demand/occupancy issues. Discussed increasing SAC to maybe 11 and getting diversity of perspectives: apartment dweller, renter in a house, business owner, someone living just outside possible area, homeowners of different ages, person with kids, different ages. After SAC there will be ongoing Parking Committee to monitor program.

4. **Communication Funds Budget** – Christina explained that every yr SEUL has \$20,000 to allocate for communication funds for NAs, but many NAs underspend funds. So, will allocate funds to NAs in the amount they spent year before, and NAs and groups can seek to apply for more funds. RNA allocated \$1,513, which was what they were reimbursed last year.

Allen explained proposed budget for using funds for 2020-21. Budget can list more funds than will be reimbursed, important to list all possible categories of expenses so SEUL can see NA has plans to use funds. Budget can be amended. Items on budget: Newsletter costs, copy cards for the year, A-frame street sign, color flyers, newsletter publishing software, trifold color brochures.

Motion by Kamal to approve budget, Brian 2nd, passes unanimously.

5. **Online Savings account** – Allen explained that current Rivermark accounts earn .15% interest, but could earn 1.85% interest with online savings account, such as with PurePoint online savings bank. Discussion whether online banks are socially responsible and some wanted to keep \$ in community. Pointed out that if RNA earns more interest, we spend the money in the community. Allen said he'd look into social responsibility issue and report at next meeting. Took straw vote to see who is interested in switching to online savings acct. All but Debby and Madeleine straw voted to switch.
6. **Setting January Board social:** Proposed dates are Jan 13, 20 and 21 Hello India. Will do a doodle poll to see what works best for people.
7. **Community outreach discussion:** discussed outreach ideas.
8. **Community Feedback:**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Treasurer Rept:** Jonathan not present
- **Tree Planting:** Allen: tree planting was last week planted over 100 trees
- **Richmond Cleanup:** May 16 Jonathan stepping down as Coordinator. Kamal said might be interested.
- **Richmond Ready:** Dennis reported that group in hiatus. Only 4 active members and in limbo
- **SEUL Rep:** Allen reported that SEUL voted to not support 3.96 proposal but no letter sent out yet; officer elections was last month, Tina Kimmey in new Chair, 13 people applied for Exec Director position
- **Sustainability:** Kamal explained doing fundraiser and Idle Free Zone idea for project
- **Land Use/Transportation:** Debby read from handwritten memo from Heather listing variety of land use issues
- **PDX Mainstreet Design Initiative:** Heather not present
- **SE Examiner Blurb:** Minutes taker: Madeleine
- **Newsletter Editor:** Still vacant
- **Community Spaces & Sewallcrest Pak:** Allen - Nothing to report
- **HBBA:** Heather not present
- **DCBA:** Sidney already mentioned DCBA wanting to do regular litter cleanups
- **Liquor Licenses:** Allen: nothing to report

Claire requested/moved, Peter 2nd, we start at 6:30 for Feb meeting. Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm