

RNA Minutes 2/8/16

Minutes by Brendon Haggerty

Board members present: Doug Klotz, Tom McTighe, Erik Matthews, Callie Jones, Megan Light, Denise Hare, Heather Flint Chatto, Cyd Manro, Jonathan King, Kari Schlosshauer, Alan Kessler, Elizabeth Varga, Brendon Haggerty

Board members absent: Greg Petras, Jordan Lanz

Others present: Matt Goff, Environmental Services, Stuart Emmons, Tim Cunningham, Krystal Foote, Allen Field

Called to order at 7:06

Agenda consent

Denise Hare would like to get to committee reports, no other concerns voiced

Approval of minutes

January

VOTE: Cyd moved to approve January minutes, Doug seconded. None opposed, Heather, Alan, and Brendon abstained

December

There were several requested changes to the November 30th minutes. Heather thought it was useful to attribute things that people said. Doug wanted clarification of points in the comp plan letter as to whether they came from DDI or LU committee. Heather was concerned that the LU committee didn't vote, so she feels like it's more appropriate to attribute them to Doug.

Board discussed whether there was a motion at the LU Committee meeting in question.

Erik noted that he forgot to add Denise's name to her motion on PPS redistricting.

No motion was made on November 30th minutes. Any suggested changes should be sent to Cyd.

Announcements

Agenda items form

There's a [new form on our website](#) for submitting agenda items. The board discussed the amount of advanced notice required. The form requests a due date, if any, and informs the user that 1 month advance notice is desirable.

Hawthorne-Salmon green street and sewer repair project

Matt Goff of the Bureau of Environmental Services shared information on the ongoing project. Work on Hawthorne begins next week between 45th & 47th, with potential traffic delays. They anticipate that it will take 4 weeks per block to replace/repair pipes and add green streets features. The goal is to reduce basement back-ups as part of the tabor to the river project. There will not be on-street parking from 7am to 3pm to accommodate traffic flow. Further updates will come at the May meeting regarding planned overnight construction between 41st and 49th. You're considered "local access" if you're accessing a business. Traffic control plans can be altered, so people are encouraged to get in touch with Matt with suggestions.

Land use committee meeting

LU Meeting on 2/22 with speaker Jason Miner of 1000 friends of Oregon

Mixed use zones

MU Zoning committee is exploring a low-rise commercial area. DDI is working on climate change impacts of this project with PSU.

Air quality

DEQ & OHA are having a meeting at Cleveland HS at 5pm on Tuesday 2/9.

Agenda items

Create a vision statement for the RNA

Subcommittee (Greg, Cyd, Callie and Jonathan) met to refine vision and presented the following:

- Definitions of vision, mission, and goals
- Recap of visioning meeting in January
- Voted-upon complete list of values (see powerpoint)
- Agenda for this evening is to finalize the criteria for success and generate one proposal for a vision
- Proposed vision:

The board discussed the following success criteria for a vision:

1. aligned with our values,
2. inspirational and clear,
3. holds up when we check our decisions against it,
4. represents constituents of Richmond,
5. both forward thinking, grounded in Richmond's history and culture

VOTE: Cyd moved to adopt the above success criteria for a vision statement, Alan seconded. Passed unanimously.

The board discussed the need to ensure that the value of inclusion incorporates young, new-to-the-neighborhood employed people, a demographic not well represented on the current board.

Also discussed ways to add the values statements into the vision, such as “RNA encourages inclusivity by...

Cyd presented the following draft vision: “RNA inclusively listens to Richmond residents and supports with integrity their collaborative engagement to improve the livability, accessibility, and safety of the neighborhood for all.”

VOTE: Cyd moved to add 5 minutes to the agenda for further discussion of this item, Megan seconded. Passed with none opposed, Doug and Tom abstained

The board discussed the draft vision statement. There were concerns that “livability” is a vague term. Cyd clarified that “accessibility” is intended to reflect the outreach we conduct to people who can’t attend meetings in person. The board discussed the definition of “safety”, noting that it extends beyond transportation. Some board members voiced a preference for more active language, such as “promote, engage, and lead.”

Discussion ensued about the nature of a vision. Cyd articulated that proposals to use the material generated so far in other ways, or proposals to refine the vision, would be welcome in the future.

VOTE: Cyd moved to adopt the current version, Denise seconded. 8 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention.

Agenda changes

Cyd noted that starting in March, committee reports will be at the beginning of the meeting and will have more time on the agenda than normal. This will be the case every three months: in March, June, September, and December.

VOTE: Denise moved to postpone developing a goal the next meeting, Cyd seconded. Passed unanimously.

Communications committee

Kari proposed a communications committee and presented a draft charge:

Tasks:

- inventory existing communications activities and tools
- identify opportunities for improvements and efficiencies
- determine budget implications
- submit recommendations for improvements and efficiencies at the [May 2016] RNA board meeting

Kari will chair the committee and will call the meetings as necessary

The committee will keep meeting notes and make them publicly available via the RNA website.

The board discussed the proposal. Kari clarified that this committee is not intended to replace the existing practice of having designated people do the newsletter, contact SE Examiner, etc. The board discussed concerns about timing with elections, which are likely to happen in May, and our ability to engage neighbors in advance of the elections.

VOTE: Brendon moved to form the committee with the charge as proposed, Tom seconded. Passed unanimously.

Neighborhood policy regarding homeless camps

Cyd shared that there was an email that went to all NA chairs about how the city is trying to situate homeless populations in neighborhoods. There are a couple of camps, for example, Hazelnut Grove. In the past they have done sweeps where they remove belongings. The Overlook Neighborhood and the Mount Scott Arleta neighborhood created separate sets of guidelines that were sent around. Our purpose tonight is just to discuss.

Cyd read a letter from Mayor Hales that lists criteria for sleeping on city-controlled property, including 4 options:

1. New sleep-safe guidelines
 - a. no structures, only tents or sleeping bags
 - b. no groups bigger than 6 people
2. Organized, city-sanctioned camping
 - a. permitted, hosted
 - b. code of conduct
 - c. restrooms and sanitation provided
3. organized, city-sanctioned car or RV camping
 - a. permitted, hosted
 - b. code of conduct
 - c. restrooms and sanitation
 - d. church parking lots are ok in partnership with the city
4. shelter

(See letter for additional details)

The board discussed proposals that each neighborhood identify a location. Cyd noted that we will likely revisit this discussion as things continue to develop.

Committee Reports

Newsletter

Cyd will take the helm as newsletter editor in the short term as we lead up to the elections, and will then work with Kari to find someone to take over that role.

SEUL

Denise shared that SEUL has been talking about the homelessness issues. They're trying to organize with other coalitions and we should stay informed. There's a move afoot to turn Washington-Monroe HS into a community center. PDC had money raised to buy the property. We wrote a letter to PPR asking them to buy the last parcel, their option to buy it will expire in March 2017, so timing is an issue. Amanda Fritz didn't say no, we just don't have funds. SEUL has formed a committee to raise money privately fund the acquisition. Jeff Cole is heading this up at SEUL. Email Denise if you're interested, she'll connect you with Jeff Cole.

Executive committee

Cyd requested that anyone who has headed a project under our fiscal sponsorship submit materials so that we can get SEUL fiscal sponsorship renewed for next year. Expect an email very soon.

Land Use

Doug shared the following updates:

1-18 SEUL Land Use meeting

Stark-Thorburn

Powell Division Rapid Transit. Transition on 82nd, or 50th/52nd

20's Bikeway Engineering. Did NOT endorse.

Homelessness issues.

1-25-16 Land Use Meeting

Speaker Kristin Eberhard, What YOU can do about Climate Change!

1515 SE 44th 10-unit apt.

Residential Infill project

Charette and meeting. Rowhouse instead of skinny. Alternate, rewrite zones or rezone land.

1-20 and 2-2

2-4-16 Land Use meeting

4405 SE Division. 3 units 5 dwellings

Mixed Use Zones: 1-20-16

Bonuses seem not to be taken advantage of. Will tweak them. Proposal for 3-story version of CM-2 in historic storefront areas, only full blocks. Example 35-37 on Division, 35 to 38 on Hawthorne. Next meeting 2-17. Proposed draft published in March. First PSC hearing 5-10 and then 5-17, Council 9-28-16

Comp Plan

There's a new schedule for the entire Comp Plan, now to be effective Jan. 2018. Testimony was submitted, including from RNA. Council work sessions 1-26 & 2-2. Next 2-9 Council members' amendments. A draft is officially out March 9, but a preliminary one is out now. Testimony on amendments opens April 14, then Apr. 20, Apr. 27, and final votes May 25 and June 1.

Residential and Open space

Draft March 2016, Hearing PSC April 12.

Transportation

The Transportation System Plan will be before the Planning Commission Feb. 9 12:30 PM, along with speaker on Missing Middle. TSP Bicycle designations: City Bikeway on Division, Hawthorne, Powell, Major City Bikeway on Clinton, Lincoln, 52nd.

Land Use meeting for Feb. 22, 2016

Speaker, Jason Miner of 1000 Friends of Oregon, who will talk about Affordability, land use policy, transportation, investment, and national trends in urban land use.

Meeting feedback

Alan Kessler: I request that stating how long you've lived in the neighborhood be discouraged; it's exclusionary

Guest: I've lived in the neighborhood my whole life and I think that's important.

Cyd: I'm glad Denise helped us rearrange the agenda

Kari: I liked that we had visuals

Callie: I liked how many topics we touched on

Alan Kessler: The agenda item of developing a goal was important, let's not lose sight of it

Erik: Suggest that we try the layout that we had at the LU committee meeting recently

Doug: I have trouble with text/abstract concepts on slides

Heather: I'm really appreciative that we got to committee reports, but disappointed that DDI fell off. We had something in November that I had hoped was coming in Feb, and I can't be here in March. How can we make sure that our committee stays on the agenda? I'm feeling cut off, and I think others are too. It made me not want to be on the board.

Alan Kessler: I think Cyd is a protector of my time and looks out for the agenda; I really appreciate your process.

Cyd: I appreciate that I can see everybody's face.

Heather: I really appreciated Doug's report on land use issues. I think it's really important to have those committee reports at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21