

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes

Monday, March 14, 2016

Minutes taken by Elisabeth Varga

Board members present: Cyd Manro, Heather Flint Chatto, Megan Light, Denise Hare, Erik Matthews, Doug Klotz, Alan Kessler, Brendon Haggerty, Jonathan King, Jordan Lanz, and Elisabeth Varga

Board members absent: Greg Petras, Kari Schlosshauer, Tom McTighe, and Callie Jones.

INTRODUCTIONS:

No introductions were conducted due to the full agenda and time constraints.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion to adopt February minutes made by Denise Hare, seconded by Megan Light . All voted in favor except Jordan Lanz and Alan Kessler who abstained.

November Special Session: Cyd made a motion to adopt Heather's amendments to November minutes, Heather seconded. All voted in favor except Alan Kessler who abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Process for proposing agenda topics. Executive committee developed a form, available on the RNA website, to propose topics for RNA meetings. The "RNA Agenda Topic Request" is available at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16g7Bz48jjdoqxidzB86JzJ3gD1_jURX2R4wZiklh9Ik/viewform?c=0&w=1

2. RNA Vision: proposed vision from last meeting and subsequent committee discussion. "The 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."

Cyd is soliciting feedback and passed out cards for members to provide feedback. There will be a special session to refine the RNA vision statement. Cyd will send out a doodle poll for the date.

3. Heather announced the next Division Design Initiative (DDI) monthly meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30 – 8:30pm at SE Uplift (SEUL) 3534 SE Main Street, upstairs in the Fireside Room. . All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

4. Joe Tercy (?) from Bureau of Environmental Services will give full presentation on the Richmond-South Tabor Sewer Project at next RNA meeting, April 11th. The project is in early stages of design. BES is gathering feedback. Visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/68185> for more information.

Crime / Safety Report:

-Officer Brent Maxey spoke of the increase in homeless camping throughout the city and what resources are available to assist the community. A homelessness toolkit is available at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/toolkit/>. At the direction of the Mayor's office, police have been instructed to take a hands off approach unless there is a crime occurring. For camping only concerns please call 503-823-4000. The City is taking a look at those issues. For non-emergency issues, please call 503-823-3333. To report crime in progress, call 911. Concern was raised about camping in the right of way interfering with access for those with disabilities. Police will come out and ask campers to move out of right of way but will not instruct to take down camps. Also, if tents are not disassembled by 7am, patrol officers will not be the ones addressing this, rather the City will send someone to address situation which might include Neighborhood Response Officers.

Additional Announcements:

-Cyd talked about RCAN (Richmond Community Action Network) which is a committee formed by OHSU to develop guidelines for homeless camping. RNA will have two representatives. Cyd is one and he is looking for one additional volunteer. Please let Cyd know if you are interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-**Election Reform Committee** Executive Chair, Luisa Simone, presented the recommendations developed over the last 6 months by the Elections Committee. See attached Power Point and handout. During the Q&A session, questions/concerns/comments were raised about:

- How to vet homeless or others living in the neighborhood who may not be able to easily provide documentation of residency? This will need to be considered by the Board or the formalized Elections Committee.
- Non-mandatory candidate statements vs mandatory statements or required registration form with 2-3 open ended questions.
- Numbered ballots onerous on SEUL.
- Recommend clear and transparent list of acceptable documents for voter eligibility.

- Proactively recruiting candidates should not be disproportionately directed toward one audience or source. Recruitment should be handled by Elections or Outreach Committee.

Many of these concerns were considered at length in the Committee meetings. Luisa responded by sharing the background and reasoning behind the particular decisions of the Committee. Ultimately, the Board will be responsible to review, consider, and adopt or dismiss recommendations at the next RNA meeting.

-SE Uplift Coalition Representative, Denise Hare, reported on SEUL business (1) Homelessness, (2) Air Quality, (3) Washington Monroe High School Community Center. See attached report.

-Neighborhood Cleanup Coordinator, Jonathan King announced this year's cleanup will be on May 21st in the Central Christian parking lot at 1844 Cesar Chavez Blvd. Again this year will be the much anticipated You-Price-It Rummage and Plant sale. Helpers needed. Please contact Jonathan if you are interested in volunteering for this fun neighborhood event.

-Land Use Committee Chair, Doug Klotz brought Land Use Report. See attached. He announced next Land Use meeting March 28th 7-9 pm. On the agenda is the representative presenting the 4 story mixed use building at 50th Avenue and Division Street. Also, Marty Stockton, SE Liaison from Bureau of Planning and Sustainability will talk about the residential and open space mapping effort (upgrading zones), the mixed use zones project draft, as well as the inclusionary zoning proposal recently passed by legislature. Doug needs volunteers to distribute notices about zoning changes. Please contact him if you are interested in helping distribute in the neighborhood.

-Liquor Licenses / Good Neighbor Agreements Representative Allan Field talked about the Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) and process. RNA initiates GNAs when concerns arise with local businesses in the neighborhood over such issues as noise, parking, trash, rowdy patrons, music, etc. Neighbors get together with business representatives to come up with possible solutions for a safe, vibrant community. These are not binding agreements and can take months to develop / finalize. Some of the GNAs RNA currently has are with Hawthorne Theatre, Landmark Saloon, Pok Pok, Upper Hawthorne bars, New Seasons, Division 7/11, and Salt and Straw. There may be a potential GNA with bar called Loon across the street from the food carts at 28th and Division.

-Open Spaces Committee Allan Field covered what Open Spaces encompass: Sewallcrest Park including off leash area and Community Garden, Copper Beach Park at 47th and Ivon, and the Ivon Community Garden.

Sewallcrest Park: Giardia season at off leash park. Biggest concern raised by neighbors and dog owners is with transients and safety.

Richmond is again partnering with HAND for the Movie in the Park which will be held mid-August, either August 13th or 20th. 1st choice is Fantasia. 2nd is Best in Show. To be determined.

Ivon Community Garden: 23 plots, 37 people on the waitlist. Sewallcrest Community Garden: 76 plots, 58 people on the waitlist.

Produce for People is a program which donates food to the hungry. The last 3 years, Sewallcrest has either been highest or second highest in donations, giving over 6000 lbs. of food.

The City's plan to double garden plot fees at the Community Gardens has been nixed.

Sewallcrest work parties take place twice a year in May and October.

-Division Design Initiative (DDI), Heather Flint Chatto presented updates on the Design Guidelines and the top 10 policy recommendations. See attached presentation. See also the DDI Annual Report. DDI consultant developed comprehensive design report which serves as the source document. DDI is working to refine the report and narrow it down to be useful to a broad audience of neighborhoods, business associations, architects, developers etc. The goal is to develop a "cheat sheet" which feeds into a broader design document and then finally take the design guidelines and work them into city policy.

Heather also highlighted:

- Making sure the neighborhood has an opportunity to comment on Mixed Use Zoning – coming to the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Commission later in March;
- Division Plan District in the works which rolls over guidelines from the current Main Street overlay but this may give an opportunity to put the guidelines into code.
- Low rise commercial areas vintage map – Heather encourages the community to take a look at this at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Commission as it impacts Division and Hawthorne.

- Floor Area Ratio (FAR): important because it impacts the massing, form and function of buildings.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **RNA Notification and Community Engagement Policy** Heather Flint Chatto summarized the policy process. See "[Richmond Neighborhood 3-Step Notification and Community Engagement Process.](#)" Goal is for early, clear and transparent neighborhood notification. RNA already approved the broader version of this when they adopted the Top 10 Policy Recommendations put forth by DDI.

A vigorous discussion ensued about what is required by City vs requested by neighborhood.

Doug pointed out that currently the notification policy only applies to Division and not the rest of the neighborhood. Heather agreed and clarified that adopting this policy will expand the notification policy to the entire neighborhood.

Denise asked about the Privacy and View Impact Analysis and requested that be a part of the project materials developers should bring to the NA meeting.

Heather also requested that the policy include a developer "Statement of Alignment with Design Goals and Priorities" which means the developer has reviewed the design guidelines of the neighborhood, if any, and is trying to meet the guidelines and goals in place for the neighborhood.

Community comments included empowering the community to know what they can ask for and what language to use is important and the request to have clear and transparent communication of expectations. RNA's approach is important.

Doug brought his own version of the Notification and Community Engagement Guidelines. He made a motion to adopt his version of the notification proposal which was then to include Denise's request. Motion seconded by Alan.

Cyd noted that this is not the motion he expected, and proposed a "rewind", so the expected motion, by Heather, could be made. Heather then made a motion. Brendon objected, that Doug's motion was still on the table. Doug's motion was put back on the table to pass his "Notification and Community Engagement Guidelines" adding Denise's request to add the Privacy and View Impact Analysis. Alan Kessler seconded the motion. Doug, Alan Kessler and

Brendan voted in favor. Cyd, Megan, Denise, Jordan, and Elisabeth opposed. Heather, Jonathan, and Erik abstained. Motion failed.

Heather made a motion to adopt the “Richmond Neighborhood 3-Step Notification and Community Engagement Process” with the following adjustments:

- Clarify what is required vs what is requested;
- Under 1a) change “Projects under 10,000 sqft” to “Projects under 5,000 sqft”
- Add “Privacy and View Impact Analyses” to Part 2 under Requested Project Materials to bring.

Cyd seconded this motion. Heather, Cyd, Denise, Megan, Jordan, Jonathan, Brendan and Elisabeth voted in favor. Alan Kessler opposed. Doug and Erik abstained. Motion passed.

-Meeting feedback

- Request to keep to the timeframe of the meeting or plan to extend the meeting so attendees can plan to stay later.
- Requesting respect for committee members and not to impugn the honesty or integrity of others.
- Concern about board not sitting together and the omission of introductions; important to know who everyone is and where they are coming from – distinguish who are the board members.
- In favor of the round set up of the tables but board should sit together; name plates for board members.
- Thank you to Cyd for opening up feedback on vision statement.
- Doug apologized for getting his proposal out late; difficulty with track changes in documents.
- Intense meeting; appreciated all the work by the committees and the presentations; try to remain neutral.
- Observer- the passion displayed and hard work reflects the love of the community and the City.
- Respect for everyone. These are your neighbors working for common goal on behalf of the neighborhood.
- Jonathan “We should all get along, dammit!”