

RNA Minutes May 8, 2017

Prepared by Brendon Haggerty

Board members present: Brendon Haggerty, Alan Kessler, Allen Field, Erik Matthews, Jonathan King, Matt Otis

Board members absent: Jan Carlisle, Greg Petras, Tom McTighe, Heather Flint Chatto

Others present: Jordan Lanz, Pat Kessler, Earl Kessler, Margaret Spurlock, Robert Spurlock, Rob Mumford, Marsha Hanchrow, Craig Mosbaek, Fran Davison, Debra Hochalter, Brian Hochalter, Donna Meyer, Steven Lesky, Denise Hare, Adam Meltzer, Marley Cullorss, Doug Klotz, Soren Impey, Susan Beal, John Hellermahn, Cornelia Wagner, Denise Brock, Michael Brock

Announcements

Annual Richmond Clean Up is coming up Memorial Day weekend: a rummage sale, a plant sale, and a junk dump. New Seasons and Fred Meyer donating discard plants and New Seasons donation \$__ gift card.

Graffiti removal task force is meeting every month including weekend efforts to remove graffiti. Next meeting is May 16th at D Street Village 2nd floor conference room at 7pm. Supported by the city. Use PDX reporter to report graffiti to the city.

ACLU People Power is meeting on Saturday from 1:30-3:30 at Waverly Heights Church, featuring a talk from NAACP President Jo Ann Hardesty.

Thursday May 11, Butterfly Boxes is having a charity potluck dinner welcoming refugees to Oregon 5:30-7:30 at Catholic Community Services, repeated every 2nd Thursday. See butterflyboxespdx.org for details.

There is an election this month on healthy schools. Neighbors are encouraged to vote. Ballots are due May 16th.

The Division Transit Project is proceeding with planning. Bus stop design is underway.

Crime report

No officer attended.

SEUL representative report

Molly Mayo is replacing Anne Dufay as Executive Director at SEUL

The Vibe of Portland is the new tenant at Tabor Commons - arts camps open June 12th

Denise will be stepping down at the next election, board members and neighbors are invited to consider stepping into that role. SEUL meets monthly on first Mondays.

Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association is coordinating neighborhoods regarding incidents with the houseless population

The SEUL board is working to appeal to the city to exercise its option to purchase a piece of land next to the former Washington High School. About half of the money is reportedly already set aside. Denise presented a letter from SEUL to Commissioner Fritz requesting action and the board considered whether to sign onto the letter (to be attached by Erik Matthews).

VOTE: Erik moves to send the letter Allen F seconds. Alan K abstains, all others vote in favor. PASSED.

Presentation from Portland Tenants United

Soren Impey from PTU shared a draft resolution in support of tenants rights and requested that the board pass the resolution and forward the it to legislative representatives. The board drafted the following resolution in response:

To Whom It May Concern:

The Richmond Neighborhood Association agrees with Portland Tenants United that housing justice is an essential aspect of the fight for human rights and quality of life.

We support a repeal of the current statewide ban on local rent stabilization. We believe that local communities are in the best position to determine what rent stabilization measures are appropriate.

We support legislation that would ban no-cause evictions or provide relocation expenses where no-cause evictions are allowed.

Faithfully yours

VOTE: Allen F moved to adopt the above resolution. Erik seconded. Unanimous in favor. PASSED.

Coalition for Healthy Kids and Education

Anne Marie Hestand, Political Director for CHKE shared a presentation about a proposed tax on sugary drinks. Anne Marie encouraged neighbors to commit to voting and took questions. CHKE

is backed by American Heart Association and Oregon Nurses Association and is specific to Multnomah County.

Richmond Graffiti Removal Task Force

Adam Meltzer requested that the RNA create a graffiti removal task force as an official committee. Adam is willing to serve as chair, he can be contacted at Meltzer17@gmail.com. Report hate graffiti to graffiti@portlandoregon.gov.

VOTE: Alan K moved to create the task force as an RNA committee, Brendon seconded. Unanimous in favor. PASSED.

Donation request

Denise Brock shared information about an unimproved right of way at 45th & Brooklyn, which has deteriorated over the past few years. Stairs are breaking down, etc. Some board members were concerned about liability. Doug Klotz shared that SW Trails has developed a permit system with the city and a training workshop. Requesting \$295. Board members are generally supportive, but would like a more specific proposal with additional information about permitting. Alan Kessler suggested we vote on the request after they have received a permit for the improvements or condition it on getting a permit.

Elections committee report

Elections on June 12th, 2017 will fill 8 open seats, 5 of which are currently vacant. 9 candidates have declared:

Adam Meltzer
Rob Mumford
Alan Kessler
Erik Mumford
Brendon Haggerty
Lauren Scher
Susan Beal
Jessica Gillard
Brian Hochalter

We'll vote from 6 to 8 upstairs at Waverly Heights Church.

Bylaws amendment

Erik proposed a change to bylaws that would allow RNA to make further changes to the bylaws at meetings other than the annual meeting. Allen F requested that "Members" be consistently capitalized.

New Language is:

[insert new language]

VOTE: Matt moved to present the amendment at the annual meeting. Erik seconded. Unanimous in favor. PASSED.

Approval of March and April Minutes

VOTE: Allen F moved to approve March minutes, Jonathan seconded. Alan K abstained. PASSED

VOTE: Matt, moved to approve April minutes, Erik seconded. Brendon and Alan K abstained. PASSED.

One-way share

Multiple neighbors appreciate Erik's leadership