

# RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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## RNA Meeting Monday, July 10, 2017, 7-9:00 PM

Waverly Heights Church (basement), 3300 SE

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**Board Attendees:** Allen Field, Rob Mumford, Susan Beal, Brendan Haggerty, Heather Flint Chatto, Erik Matthews, Jessica Gillard, Matt Otis, Brian Hochhalter, Jan Carlisle, Johnathon King, Lauren Sher, Adam Meltzer. **Others Present:** Teri Poppino, Ellie Harmon, Mark Bloom, Garth Foust (SP?), Marianna Lomanto, Liz Potter, Debby Hochhalter, John Mellermann, Cornelia Wagner, Matt Williams, Denice Hare, Marsha Hanchrow, Doug Klotz

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## AGENDA

**Introductions – Board and audience** – 14 community members in audience, 12 Board members

### Community Announcements

- August 26<sup>th</sup> Movie in the Park – Movie starts at dusk. FREE!
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – community graffiti clean up
- Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>, Hawthorne Street Fair
- Butterfly Boxes – hosting a monthly potluck at 5:30, 6:30 bike around the neighborhood. Meeting at Catholic Charities Building on Powell and 28th. More details at [www.butterflyboxespdx.org](http://www.butterflyboxespdx.org)

### Crime/Safety Report

- Reminder with hot weather to be mindful of heatstroke so check in with neighbors, also to be cautious about closing windows.
- Hotline to call for nuisance/transient issues is 823-4000.
- Community members commented on recent break-ins of two local businesses on Division
- CEPTL – one page list of public safety resources visit: [www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/safetyresources](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/safetyresources)
- If you report online – you get a copy of the report, but if you report via an officer, you may have a 6-week wait for a copy at a cost of \$10.

**Division-Clinton Street Fair + Parade**, Saturday, July 22, 2017 – 10 AM-5 PM - Sydney Mead (5 mins)

- Call for Volunteers: 7-10 am setup, 5-8 pm takedown. All ages welcome
- Past sponsorship from RNA \$100-\$300,

- 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Erik Mathews made a motion for donation of \$300, Heather Flint Chatto seconded the vote– all in favor – motion unanimously passed.
- Discussion- RNA to have a table at the Fair? Board 5 mins Board Vote
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: vote to support having a booth at the DCBA Street. Erik made motion, Heather seconded. Matt and Rob abstained, all others in favor. Motion Passed. Allen field submitted application already for one booth. Need volunteers for the day.

**Electric Buses on SE Division - Doug Allen (5 mins):**

- Request to have RNA formally support purchasing electric buses to minimize environmental impact as part of the Division Transit Project.
- Discussion- member comments +questions Everyone (5 mins)
- Denise Hare (recent RNA SEUL rep noted the importance of having more neighborhoods that support it will be necessary to make it happen. Audience was very supportive.
- BOARD MOTION: Matt made motion that RNA write a letter of support for electric buses, Allen Field seconded. Adam and Erik Metzler will work together on the draft letter and circulate draft to the board.

**Proposed SE Lincoln/Harrison/Ladd Neighborhood Greenway Improvements – Sheila Parrott, PBOT 15 mins / REQUEST- Letter of support**

- Postponed, speaker not present.

**Transient Behavior on SE Hawthorne and in Richmond - Sarah Balzer, HBBA Member (5 mins)**

- If you community members call to report an issue, it was noted to be mindful of language and make sure to focus on the behavior not the person (e.g. Do they see garbage, fighting, bicycle chop shop, etc vs. I see a homeless person). This behavior would be a 911 call. For homeless camp, that is a different – 823-4000.
- Homeless Toolkit online – can see reports and campsites by week.
- Project Respond can send people out to check on people to see what they need.
- Garbage services are also available.
- Guidelines for when to call 911 – immediate threat of life or injury, crime in progress of just happened.

Discussion – Matt commented on serious concern about long wait times when calling 911. Presenters noted staffing is down and they are working on it.

RNA Newsletter- Editor Needed. Discussion-pay for an editor? Board Vote – do we want to pay to have someone to help secure, edit and manage the content and get it published? Susan and Rob will coordinate with Jonathon to assist. Every 3 months it's due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will aim for a fall issue.

Adoption of June 2017 Minutes Board (5 mins) Board Vote – minutes approved. All in favor with the following abstaining: Matt, Heather, Brian,

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Treasurer Jonathan King** (4 mins) - [jonathan.king@bus.oregonstate.edu](mailto:jonathan.king@bus.oregonstate.edu) - total funding level, set a record this year, \$22,000 in the bank. In 2016 it was just over \$17,000

**Richmond Cleanup** - Jonathan King - [jonathan.king@bus.oregonstate.edu](mailto:jonathan.king@bus.oregonstate.edu) - – record year for cleanup, second highest year for plants.

**RNA Land Use+Transportation Committee** - Matt Otis (4 mins) [matt.otis@gmail.com](mailto:matt.otis@gmail.com) –

- Next RNA Land use meeting is July 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm.
- New Building Development: We have multiple new developments on Division pending including one at Serenity Shop which will be presenting their new design at the meeting. Tidbit Farms is also in progress to redevelop the food carts pod at 29<sup>th</sup>. Another large 200 unit development is proposed at 50<sup>th</sup> & Hawthorne. More developments proposed can be seen on [nextportland.com](http://nextportland.com)
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Open House & Survey, – links available for more information on the location and design of stations here: <https://trimet.org/division/openhouse/index.htm> Detailed maps of the proposed station locations [https://trimet.org/division/pdf/6\\_29\\_17\\_DTP\\_Draft\\_Roll\\_Plots.pdf](https://trimet.org/division/pdf/6_29_17_DTP_Draft_Roll_Plots.pdf)
- New Better Housing by Design project at the city – new Concept Report is out and available for comments due by August 7<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/73945>

**Liquor Licenses Allen Field** (4 mins) - [allen\\_field@yahoo.com](mailto:allen_field@yahoo.com)

- Cats Paw small bar just opened up to Alzheimer home on Division, new license.
- New bar on S. side of Hawthorne and 44<sup>th</sup>, have had some complaints, Allen is planning to meet with the owners.

**Community Spaces and Sewallcrest Park** Allen Field (4 mins) [allen\\_field@yahoo.com](mailto:allen_field@yahoo.com)

- Movie in the Park – O’ Brother Where Art Thou, August
- Ivon Park had a group of transients with a few incidents of concern. They were asked to leave by neighbors and refused but did depart after a few days.
- Community Garden plots???

**Graffiti Committee** Adam Meltzer (4 mins) [meltzer17@gmail.com](mailto:meltzer17@gmail.com)

- Zombie Houses are a frequent target for graffiti. Zombie houses/buildings are commercial or residential properties left vacant due to bank foreclosures or other issues.
- Forming an official committee with rep positions to manage projects - July 24<sup>th</sup>, next meeting 7 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Board members noted this conflicts with standing Land Use meeting so Adam

will discuss with his committee whether to change this standing date for future meetings after July.

- Meet at Clinton St Coffee at 9:00 for Next Cleanup on July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Request made by Adam for \$127.98 to buy two ladders. Motion by Erik M. for the \$127.98 to purchase two ladders for Graffiti removal. Jan seconded. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

**Division Design Committee** Heather Flint Chatto (4 mins) [flintheather@yahoo.com](mailto:flintheather@yahoo.com)

- Aiming to have updated draft at the Division street fair booth
- Will likely reinvigorate inter-neighborhood Design Committee/subcommittees for final review in Sept/Oct, then will return to neighborhood associations for final approval

**RNA rep to the Hawthorne Blvd. Business Association (HBBA)** Liz Potter 4 mins

[lizp@newseasonsmarket.com](mailto:lizp@newseasonsmarket.com) Liz announced earlier – reminder about the Hawthorne Street Fair August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**SE Uplift Representative** - Alan Kessler [alankessler@gmail.com](mailto:alankessler@gmail.com): No report, not present

**SE Uplift Land Use + Transportation Committee Representative** - Matt Otis/Heather FC 4 mins

[matt.otis@gmail.com](mailto:matt.otis@gmail.com)

**Secretary** – Code of Ethics was affirmed by Jessica Gillard previously and Jan Carlisle verbally affirmed at the meeting.

**One-way feedback** - opinion of the meeting - Excellent facilitation!