

RNA Board Meeting

November 13, 2017

Minutes taken by Jessica Gillard

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Erik Matthews, chair

Board Members present: Susan Beal, Jessica Gillard, Rob Mumford, Adam Meltzer, Brian Hochhalter, Lauren Sher (after the break), Jonathan King, Erik Matthews, Matt Otis, Heather Flint Chatto, Allen Field, Brendon Haggerty, Jan Carlisle (on speaker phone)

Board Members absent: Chris Flint Chatto

Others present: Denise Hare, Doug Klotz, Marsha Hanchrow, Brad Smith, Kevin Passert, Jordan Lanz, Grant Day, Colin Staub, Kent Burl, Ken Wainer, Muz Afzal, Roberta Schlechter, David Silberstein, Nina Silberstein, Liz Potter, Debby Hochhalter, James Carberry, Ann Smith, Kyle LeMire, Paul Staub, and a community member whose name was crossed out from the sign-in sheet.

Introductions

- Board members, then others present, were introduced

Community Announcements

- A community member brought petitions in opposition to the proposed traffic diverter at SE Lincoln and SE 30th Ave
- Southeast Neighborhood Conversation about crime and safety with Portland Police and the Mayor's Office, Nov. 16th, 6:30-8:30pm, at Taborspace Dining Hall
- Meeting about proposed transit changes on division at PCC Community Annex on Nov. 16th
- Friends of Trees planting at Central Christian Church at SE 40th and Harrison on Dec. 2nd

AGENDA ITEMS

01. Crime/Safety Report:

- No officer present in spite of requests from the Board Chair

Discussion:

- Announcement of speakers to be present at Nov. 16th crime and safety meeting at Taborspace
- Since Richmond Tag Busters have been cleaning graffiti for a year, neighborhood signs have been staying clean, not getting retagged
- Frequent notices on NextDoor of packages stolen off porches – send letter to postal service about hiding packages?

- People coming to doors with packages pretending to be making deliveries
- Suggestion that people post signs indicating where to place packages

02. PPB Request Letter: Enhanced Patrol

- Erik Matthews drafted a letter, ready for review and approval this evening. The letter and an alternate version describing a specific incident that was discussed on NextDoor were read aloud.

Discussion of which letter to send

- A letter mentioning a specific incident with the woman in the park might get more attention, or it might distract from the rest of the letter. We might need the woman's permission.
- Request that police start doing a foot patrol and engage some of the individuals that have been causing problems, build community, get police out of their cars
- Suggestion of scheduling a single-issue meeting to talk about crime and safety concerns, after the Nov. 16th meeting at Taborspace
- cc the commissioners on the letter?
- There used to be a Hawthorne foot patrol. If that was stopped, can we ask them to restart it
- **Matt made a motion to send the letter, opened up for friendly amendments, and Jan seconded**
- **Allen moved to add a request for reinstating Hawthorne foot patrols**
- **Matt moved to send the letter that Erik drafted with the friendly amendments about Hawthorne foot patrols, Sewallcrest foot patrols, increased city wide park patrols, and to increase the audience to include the mayor and the city commissioners and Chief Outlaw**
- **The board voted with unanimous approval of all members present (Lauren Sher not present); the motion passed**

03. Website Update

- Rob presented the new and improved RNA website.
- General positive comments from several people.
- Question about how to get an item on the calendar.
 - Rob says he will review the announcements in our meeting minutes and add items to the calendar.
 - Discussion of how/where to have a link to email the board to add an event
- Question about adding a search function
 - Rob will look into it
- Question about allowing people to upload photos
- Request for descriptive popups when hovering over links
- Request to include SEUL updates
- Request to include a neighborhood map
- Suggestion of adding the police non-emergency number
- People can email questions and suggestions
- Moving from WordPress to Squarespace. Full transfer of domain over to Squarespace to house everything with one company. Same domain/URL.

- Question about having an archived copy of the old website
- Suggestion of a link to request an agenda item in the Meetings drop down menu
- Changes and updates to happen ongoing as editing is instant. Rob needs a week to review transfer process and meet with Jonathan over costs.
- **Matt made a motion to adopt Rob's new website, Rob seconded**
- **The board voted with unanimous approval of all members present (Lauren Sher not present); the motion passed**

04. Addendum to 2017-2018 Fiscal Sponsorship: Graffiti Removal

- Allen explained that graffiti removal needs to be added as a sponsored project in order to receive contributions
- Brief discussion
- **Allen made a motion to extend the fiscal sponsorship application to include graffiti removal, Adam seconded**
- **Board members voting in favor: Susan Beal, Jessica Gillard, Rob Mumford, Adam Meltzer, Brian Hochhalter, Jonathan King, Erik Matthews, Matt Otis, Heather Flint Chatto, Allen Field, Brendon Haggerty**
- **Opposed: none**
- **Abstentions: Jan Carlisle**
- **The motion passed**

10-minute break

05. Residential Infill Project: Letter of Support

- Matt Otis presenting
- Go to land use news on Richmond website for proposed developments
- Discussion of 3-step process
- **No action was taken by the board. Moved on to other Land Use and Transportation Committee topics, planning to discuss RIP later in the meeting.**

06. Division Transit Project

- Matt Otis presenting
- Show of hands of who attended the Division Transit Project open house. Flyers on the table.
- Review of the Division Transit Project website/online open house
- Please go to an open house (or website) for comments on bus stop locations and design.
- Richmond NA has already supported/recommended electric buses, other neighborhoods have too.
- **No action was taken by the board.**

07. Ladd-Harrison-Lincoln Greenway: Letter of Support

- Matt Otis presented on the development of the Ladd-Harrison-Lincoln Greenway Project.

- The presentation included an overview of what greenways are (goal of vehicles traveling 20mph or less, daily average approximately 1,000 cars per day with an upper limit of 2,000, and ample opportunities for crossing busy streets), a review of data indicating that traffic counts and speeds are far exceeding the established goals, the purpose of diverters vs. speed bumps, and a list of ideas proposed at the LUTC meeting.
- Community members commented both in support of and in opposition to the diverters.
- During the commenting period, David and Nina Silberstein handed out a letter to the board and presented a petition with 184 signatures opposing traffic diversion at SE Lincoln and SE 30th. David read the letter aloud and requested a letter from the board in support of the petition.
- During the conversation that followed, people voiced concerns about the request for support not following the procedure for requesting space on the agenda, and board members discussed options of extending the meeting or scheduling a special meeting to discuss RIP.
- It was also mentioned that many community members had spoken in favor of diverters during a presentation by PBOT at a previous meeting of the neighborhood association. David questioned whether those supporters actually lived in the neighborhood and requested to see the sign-in sheets. When another community member commented in favor of diverters, David asked twice whether she was signed in. Some people noted that they felt the request was threatening.
- Jan left the call at 9.
- **No action was taken by the board.**

08. Residential Infill Project, continued

- Brief overview of RIP by Matt
- Heather pointed out a change from R5 to R2.5 and asked about the number of units that will be permitted in R2.5 zoning.
- Discussion between Doug and Heather about the number of units permitted on a lot under the proposed new zoning
- **No action was taken by the board.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.