

Richmond Neighborhood Association April 9, 2017 Minutes

Minutes by: Allen Field

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Erik Matthews

Board Members Present: Allen Field, Alan Kessler, Jonathan King, Erik Matthews, Tom McTighe, Matt Otis, Jan Carlisle

Board Members Absen: Chris Flint Chatto, Heather Flint Chatto, Brendon Haggerty
Greg Petras

Others Present: Doug Klotz, Liz Potter, Debbie Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Susan Beal, _____

Agenda Consent: Matt moved, Alan second, to consent to agenda. Passed unanimously.

Crime/Safety Report given: No Officer present

March Meeting Minutes: March Minutes were not put to vote.

Announcements:

Liz Potter announced: May 17 Raphael House Dine Out evening

Susan Beal announced: April 13 Butterfly Boxes catholic church community potluck, <http://www.butterflyboxespdx.org/>. Group holds monthly potlucks

Agenda Items:

1. **Portland Tenants United Resolution:** SEUL Rep., Denise Hare, presented draft resolution by Portland Tenants United, explaining she wasn't necessarily looking to Board for a vote but guidance on what to report back to SEUL Board. Several Board Members said more information needed to understand resolution, and that rent freeze (mentioned in resolution) could have unintended consequences. Idea was mentioned for having PTU present at a later RNA meeting.
2. **Land Use Presentation - Quantifying Portland's Growth:** Land Use Chair Matt Otis gave a presentation of his work-in-progress mapping project of demolitions, additions, new construction from 2010-13 gleaned from Portland Maps and Portland Permits websites.

Break: 8pm

3. **Election Committee Update:** Erik summarized Elections Committee discussion of having election in June instead of May; Allen explained that

Election Rules require announcing open seats 2 meetings before election, so opportunity was missed to have May meeting.

Motion: by Alan, 2nd by Jan, to move elections to June. Passed unanimously.

Erik announced 8 open seats:

- 5 board members' terms are up: Erik, Alan, Brendon, Tom, and Greg. Erik and Alan are running for re-election. Greg not running, and no word/decision yet by Brendon and Tom.
- Board members lost through attrition: Kari, Jordan, Alexandra, Cyd, Elizabeth
- can announce candidacy at meeting or by email, up to meeting (May 8) prior to election -- 2 people have already announced candidacy: Adam Meltzer, Rob Mumford

Leah asked who can help night of election (Denise Hare volunteered) and summarized discussion at Elections Committee to keep election to one round of voting, Bylaws requires winners by majority vote, and having ballot drop-off times before election meeting. Alan raised concern that Roberts Rules requires that elections go successive rounds until majority vote reached for all seats. Leah will look into this.

Matt proposed:

- have pre-election meeting ballot drop-off sites: 2 morning times and 2 evening times. By next meeting Matt will give ballot drop-off date/time & locations. Allen suggested we have 2 people handle each ballot drop-off time
- add to Candidate Statement: 1. Describe what you love about Richmond, and 2. What would you like to help change in neighborhood?

Erik read aloud his proposed elections notice to listserv (attached).

4. Amending Bylaws

Leah started discussion by explaining that RNA is only NA that limits amending Bylaws to one time a year at Annual Meeting. She drafted a proposed amendment to bylaws, based on ONI's Bylaws template, that allows RNA to amend bylaws other times of year. Allen handed out alternative proposed amendment to change process to amend bylaws, explaining that ONI's process requires 3 month process, and his alternative is 2 month process, it requires members to sign in and consent before voting, and specifies how notice sent. There was discussion that we limit amendment opportunities to Annual Meeting and no more than 2 other times during year, require more than 7 days notice to members (ONI has 30, Allen's proposal has 21 days), require 2/3 vote to amend bylaws, and members can ask board

member to sponsor an amendment. Erik and Allen will work on Allen's proposal to present to Board at next meeting.

5. DOZA Letter

Heather's and Alan's draft letters were discussed, the difference and similarities. Doug Klotz explained that a more recent draft of DOZA had come out which was not reflected in Heather's letter. Several Board Members noted that issues were very complex and there will be later opportunities to comment on them.

Motion by Alan to adopt his letter: no second.

Motion by Allen to adopt Heather's letter: no second

SE Examiner Notes writer: Allen

Meeting adjourned: 9:05