

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2014

Board Members Present: Allen Field, Doug Klotz, Sean Barnett, Karin Maczko, Jonathan King, Heather Flint-Chatto, Elizabeth Varga, Callie Jones

Others Present: Frank Saladonis, Matt McGrath, Stuart Farmer, Lori Trend-Landgraver, Paul Pappas, Liz Potter, Mary Brandt, Lucy Keating, Linda Corisdeo, Mike Schwarzenberger, Rober Renicke, Jean Carpenter, Carol Basch, jenny Tilson, Gina Deleo, Megan Light, Sarah Wright, Debar Hockhalter, Manhiner Ruple, laura Wood, Mubasher Ali, Sandra Blake, Mark Zahner, Justin Grow

Discussion on minutes from December 2013 through March 2014. Changes to February Minutes to reflect that there was a petition with about 20 signatures presented in opposition to the zone change of the property at the SW corner 52nd & Division. Amend January minutes to show Jonathan was present not absent.

Doug made a motion to adopt minutes, Karin seconded - 6 in favor, Sean & Callie abstained.

Announcements:

-- The Division Design Committee will hold monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30 at SEUL.

-- Movie called Growing Cities will play at Clinton Theatre on May 7, 2014

-- Sunday April 27, 2014 there will be a gathering at Ivon Park in regards to tree inventory
RNA Cleanup is scheduled for May 18, 2014

Agenda:

Jay Rogers from the City of Portland Transportation Dept. presented on a mini parking permit pilot program for neighborhoods surrounding Division St. The current permit plan intends to deter commuters from parking in neighborhoods and biking or bussing to downtown. Employers get permits for 50% of their employees, there are no income variables. There would be a 2 hour limit to park on streets in the permitted area between 7am and 6pm (or whatever was agreed upon). Any resident can buy a permit to park on the street, even residents who live in apartments. Neighbors agreed that this program didn't address their issues with parking and are going to get together to work on an alternative solution. Next Monday 4/21/14, Grant Morehead, a City of Portland Transportation Planner will present at the SEUL Land Use Meeting for further discussion on the topic.

David Currie was to present on WHIPS VBC but was not present.

Land Use discussion to adopt a motion put in place by the land use committee in October 2013 addressing required permits for people who choose to convert garage space to living space and are charged approximately \$1800 in permit fees from the city to continue to park in their parking spaces. The wording approved in October read as such: The RNA encourages the City to revise parking regulations for single dwelling houses to allow garages to be converted to

other uses without triggering parking changes. Allen made a motion to send the city this recommendation, there was no second and the motion died. After discussion on the language, Allen made a second motion to send a letter with the following verbage: The RNA encourages the City to revise parking regulations for single dwelling houses to allow garages to be converted to other uses without triggering parking changes to existing parking spaces on the property. Jonathan seconded, 7 in favor, Doug opposed.

Doug made a motion to remove the requirement for parking at homes more than 500' from a main street, there was no 2nd.

The Good Neighbor agreement with 7-11 was reviewed. There have been no complaints thus far. Elizabeth brought up possible issues with drunk and homeless - owner and manager of 7-11 stated they do not sell the high alcohol content beverages that these patrons usually seek. Doug made a motion to adopt the 7-11 GNA, Liz seconded, unanimously passed.

There were 2 special executive meetings in between regular meetings for two issues: Adding Community Gardens to our Fiscal Sponsorship Application and authorizing Heather to submit a grant to SEUL for DDC. Karin made a motion to ratify the actions of the special committees, Liz seconded, passed unanimously.

May 2014 we will hold board elections for those whose 2 year terms are up: Sean, Heather/Chris, Callie, Julie/Liz, Jeff, Jonathan & Judah. All seek reelection except for Jeff. We have 15 seats available and 14 current members (not including Jeff). Elections will be more formal this year with ballots instead of raised hands.

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Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Jonathan: Grand total of accounts = \$19,423.19.

Land Use: Doug: The Division Streetscape is in progress and slowly making its way up Division.

Division Design Committee: Heather: Committee now includes S. Tabor, Hosford-Abernathy, Richmond, Mt. Tabor, DCBA, Central Eastside Industrial Council and has City participation. The introductory meeting was held March 29, 2014. They will discuss design issues and development and move on to creating design guidelines and early planning involvement. PSU students are working on developing a toolkit for neighborhood involvement in design. They have submitted a grant application to fund community events, a design open house and a survey of residents. Architecture for Humanity has donated services and plans for suggestion boxes along Division are in the works. The Division Design Committee process is working in tandem with the City's mixed use zoning study. Items in the works are: A walking tour and other outreach events. They have a website: www.divisiondesigninitiative.wordpress.com Their email address is: ilovedivision@gmail.com

Allen mentioned that they could use the RNA website: richmondpx.org. An audience member stated that it's hard to find the RNA website, it was noted we are in desperate need of a webmaster to optimize google searches for our website.

Sustainability: Callie may step down. Needs more member involvement and brainstorming.

Southeast Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer: Karin will cover it.

Richmond Newsletter: Sara was present but nothing to report. The deadline for the RNA Newsletter is June 16th - articles are needed.

Community Spaces and Sewallcrest Park: Allen: Movie in the Park will be August 16, 2014 and we will be showing Raising Arizona. Another movie in Sewallcrest park will held on September 13, 2014 – Project Wild is a documentary about getting kids outside. There will be an RNA fundraiser at Bagdad pub in September - 50% of pub proceeds will go to us. The May RNA meeting will have a discussion on the Sewallcrest off leash dog park area times of operation.

SE Uplift Coalition Representative/ Land Use Representative: Cliff Hutchinson wasn't present to report.

Outreach and Board Recruitment: Allen suggested we eliminate this committee

Richmond Cleanup: May 17, 2014

Division/Clinton Streets Business Association Representative: Liz Potter announced the Division/Clinton Street Fair will be on July 26, 2014. Since improvements on Division will not be done until October, the nexus of the street fair will be at 26th & Clinton. Many of the vacant lots used in the past are now buildings so it will be a different experience this year.

Liquor Licenses: Allen Field: LB Pizza has applied for a liquor license at 3570 SE Division, former home of Roadrunner Café.

Tree Committee/Tree Richmond: Allen Field: nothing to report

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm