

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2014, 7pm

Board Members Present: Allen Field, Cyd Manro, Sean Barnett, Jonathan King, Heather Flint Chatto, Elisabeth Varga, Bonnie Bray, Judah Gold-Merkel, Sean Barnett

Board Members Absent: Karin Maczko, Doug Klotz, Callie Jones, Deidre DeMerrit

Others Present: Tara Goddard, Jeff Milkes, Bryan Tierney, Joyce Chow, Jeanne Carpenter, Tim Abradles, Jeff Cropp, Megan Light, Denise Hare, Paul Papas, Jodi Goldblatt, Ryan Durocher, Jan Moore, Peter Forrest, Eva Hosseinian, Melody Haraldsen, Nancy Ellen Andre, Jan Moore, Shahran Hosseinian, Philip Manley, Liz Potter

Announcements:

Ryan Durocher announced that the neighborhood tree plan is finished and will be published in June. Friends of Trees will lead a tree pruning on June 14 and June 28 in the Richmond neighborhood.

Heather announced that the Division Design Committee will meet every fourth Thursdays at 6:30pm and will include a walking tour.

Cyd announced that City Repairs is sponsoring a City Building Convergence Festival at Sunnyside Methodist Church May 23 to June 1.

Megan Light announced a meeting to focus on parking issues will meet Monday, May 19 at 7:00 pm.

Jonathan announced the RNA Cleanup will be May 17, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. There was no police report.

Agenda:

Board Elections: Annual RNA Board elections took place with the following board members being re-elected: Sean Barnett, Heather Flint Chatto and Chris Flint Chatto (shared board seat), Jonathan King, Doug Klotz, Cyd Manro, Judah Gold-Markel, Callie Jones, and Elisabeth Varga. Denise Hare and Megan Light were elected to the Board and will share a board seat.

Sewallcrest Off-Leash Area: RNA presented a forum regarding potential changes to off-leash hours at Sewalcrest Park. Tara Goddard of Sewallcrest Park Stewardship group presented a PowerPoint presentation of the new off-leash hours proposal. In attendance for the city were Jeff Milkes, PP&R's Southeast and East Zone Manager, and Brian Tierney, Off-Leash Program Director and Head Ranger. All of the sports leagues using the park, as well as other stakeholder groups, were invited but none attended. A statement by Ricky Aker, the Program Director for Laurelhurst Soccer, opposing the proposal was read to the audience.

After audience comments and board discussion, the city representatives expressed support for changes to the hours of operation and the addition of new signage. The board passed a motion unanimously to support the changes to the hours. Jordan made the motion and Elizabeth seconded. Heather then offered a motion to support the addition of new signage and other best practices to further delineate the off leash areas. Elizabeth seconded that motion as well. The board voted unanimously for the 2nd motion. Allen abstained from voting on both motions.

Sewallcrest Community Garden Donation Request: There was a donation request made by Michael Wade to the RNA for \$150.00 for the Sewallcrest Community Garden to help fund food purchases for Spring and Fall work parties; garden upkeep; and plant purchases for Produce for People Program. Cyd made a motion to fund the request which Jordan seconded. The board passed the motion unanimously with Allen abstaining. Liz Potter, New Seasons, offered \$50 gift cards for the Spring and Fall work parties.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Jonathan: Grand total of accounts = \$19,313.

Land Use: In late April, at least 4 property owners on SE 33rd Pl were all offered cash contract offers to purchase their homes. Two homes on 34th across from Hedge House were sold to a developer.

Division Design Committee: Heather Flint Chatto described the Division Design Initiative and the inter-neighborhood Division Design Committee which is working to make recommendations for how to address design issues and concerns associated with recent development on Division. The committee has been partnering with PSU and Architecture for Humanity (AFH) on specific projects. The Committee will be helping engage the community to give input on Division design issues through events, outreach, fundraising, design tools, AFH artistic idea boxes, and through a PSU survey on Division perceptions. They are also getting support from a PSU urban design class to create a toolkit for community outreach. Heather noted that they did not receive the SE Uplift Creative Community Engagement grant and will be looking for additional grant and neighborhood association funding help. Heather also announced a May design walking tour with the Division neighborhood and that the group will be having a booth at the Division Clinton Street Fair.

Sustainability: Allen reported that Callie is stepping down as Chair of this committee.

Southeast Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer: Jordan will cover it.

Richmond Newsletter: Articles deadline is June 16, email to RNAnewsletter.com

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 Thing is a documentary about getting kids outside.

SE Uplift Coalition Representative/ Land Use Representative: Cliff reported on the parking utilization study the city will be doing, and SEUL's position votes on changes regarding garages converted to other uses, rules regarding driveway use, and rentals of less than 30 days.

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 street fair is July 26, with the largest booth area to be centered at SE 26 and SE Clinton.

Liquor Licenses: Allen Field: pending Ranger Station PDX, 4620 SE Hawthorne.

Tree Committee/Tree Richmond: Ryan Durocher announced earlier a new neighborhood tree plan will be published in June

The board meeting adjourned a 9:00pm.