

RNA Meeting July 8, 2019 Minutes 7-9 pm

Minutes taken by Claire Cofsky

Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Jonathan King, Allen Field, Brian Hochhalter, Kamal Belkhat, JoAnne Knowles, Peter Forrest, Madeline Anderson-Clark, Robert Reincke, Claire Cofsky

Others Present: Viv Libson, Dennis Hopkins, Thomas Scharff from Tri-Met, Heather Flint, Denise Hare, Frank DiMarco, David Bennig, Midge Pierce

Adoption of June Minutes: With minor typos corrected, Brian moved to adopt, Kamal seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Heather announced that the Division Design has been adopted by Sellwood Moreland. Meeting July 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Pdxmainstreet.org for more info.

Crime/Safety Report:

Allen reported that the supervisor in charge of the Neighborhood Response Officer is on vacation. He will contact him for August meeting.

Tri-Met Division Transit Project presentation:

Thomas Scharff, Tri-Met Community Affairs/Division Transit Project, presented a power point on the Division Transit Project - the goal of the project is to have faster, more reliable service. New, articulated, diesel-fueled buses will hold more passengers. He showed the route for Division, 1/3 mile spacing between stops. There will be a reduction in the number of stops in our boundary, but he showed, based upon ridership demand, that most people will only walk a few blocks at most to their stop.

The final design is based upon continued community engagement, but as of August, will be 90% complete. Construction will begin November 2019. Therefore, the level of design at this point allows for minimal input for tweaking the design.

Code Committee 3.96 draft proposal to Council for re-write of Civic Life Code:

Allen distributed the current Code 3.96 where NAs are defined and recognized in its functions, duties and responsibilities.

The June 9, 2019 draft was to be presented at the June 26th meeting, but there was no quorum. Allen found out about this meeting and contacted the other NAs as nobody had received notice that this meeting was to happen. At least 50 people showed, and 27 people testified. 25 in favor of retaining NAs. This new draft document has eliminated mention of NAs from the Code governing Civic Life, which would mean the city is not mandated to support us financially and functionally.

They plan to meet in August or September.

Next Steps? We had much discussion. Brian explained that SEUL voted to request Council to set over their consideration of 3.96 code rewrite until after 45 days after a final 3.96 proposal is issued by the Code Committee.

Motion: That the RNA request Council to set-over consideration of 3.96 until at least 45 days after the Committee votes on its 3.96 proposal so NAs have time to consider and make recommendations on the final proposal to be presented to the Council.

Allen made the motion, Brian seconded, passed unanimously (Kamal had left the room).

Proposed Bylaws amendment re Board Appointments:

Allen proposed three amendments to the bylaws that the Board vote to give to the Members at next meeting. Included is: (1) Board Members must SIGN the Code of Ethics, not just verbally agree; (2) board members can only be elected to the board, not appointed – which is a package of changes to 4 sections in the bylaws; and (3) Roberts Rules procedure for successive elections does not apply to board elections.

Motion: Allen moved that the Board vote to present the proposed amendments to Members at our next meeting. JoAnne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Website and Chair Gmail account issues update:

Debby reported that since our June meeting, she has made six efforts to contact the former chair and eight outreaches to SEUL, to no avail. At issue is that the former chair, who resigned in February, has made changes to the Squarespace website login; the password was reset on us. The chair gmail is the username and “owner” of the website account; only that email can do a password reset. Only Matt has control, so the only conclusion is that Matt did a password reset.

Even if we create a new site, the old site stays up.

We are paying for the site; Matt also still has RNA property: screen, projector and supplies. The Board is prepared to take next steps.

Motion by Allen, second by JoAnne: Send a demand letter to Matt that he turn over login credentials for Chair gmail and Squarespace website account and RNA property that is in his possession within three days of date of letter or RNA will do any of the following:

- a) File IC3 Internet Crime Complaint
- b) File FTC Complaint for identity theft
- c) File police report for ORS 165.800 Identity Theft and/or ORS 164.377 Computer Crime

Authorize Executive Committee to file, at their discretion and as to timing, the above actions.

Motion passed unanimously (but Kamal had left room)

Division/Clinton Street Fair July 27th:

Allen moved that we provide a \$300 donation/sponsorship to DCBA for two tables at street fair. Madeline seconded, passed unanimously.

June 1 Paint the Town Green litter and graffiti event report and \$ request:

Allen gave a quick summary of the event and how the city paid Pepinos \$350 for food for this event. Allen moved to give the 2 Pepinos staff who made all the food a \$70 tip (\$35 each) to thank them. Madeline seconded, passed unanimously.

Proposed RNA Meeting Guidelines:

Our chair, Debby, created a draft proposal of agreements and ground rules of how to conduct ourselves so all are heard and respected. Due to lack of time, we will revisit this proposal next meeting.