

RNA August 12, 2019 Minutes

Minutes by: Allen Field

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Chair Debby Hochhalter.

Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Allen Field, Jonathan King, Kamal Belkhatay, Peter Forrest, JoAnne Knowles (left after Code 3.96 discussion), Madeleine Anderson-Clark (left after Bylaws vote and Q&A), Claire Cofsky.

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Vivian Libson, Denise Hare, Missy Ryan, Richard Boak, Bonnie Bray, Heather Flint-Chatto, Vivian Libson, Ann Sandvig, Jerry Lanz, Dennis Hopkins, Lucinda Anderson, Bridgette Barron, Gordon Hillsdale, Frank DiMarco, Bob Martin, Lisa Pickert, Karen Peinl, Cynthia Eckersley, Sue Martin, Robin Denburg, Kevin Demer.

July 2019 Meeting Minutes: Debby motioned, Jonathan 2nd to approve: Passed unanimously.

Announcements: 8/25 Hawthorne Street Fair was announced

Crime/Safety Report: Officer Shaun Sahli reported that a very prolific car prowler was caught. He explained the staffing shortages on Police Bureau and well as shortage of County DA prosecutors. He encourages people to attend Mult Co. Council mtgs to raise issue.

He was asked about elimination of OCCL's Crime Prevention program. He said it's rebranding as "Community Safety," crime prevention services will no longer be available to neighborhoods, Neighborhood Watch program being eliminated for new Neighbor to Neighbor program, but he doesn't know what that is. He suggested asking Mark Wells or Teri Popino to come to Sept. meeting.

Traffic safety issues on Clinton and Woodward were raised; he'll see if they can do 2-day enforcement missions on those streets

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Bylaws Amendment Vote:** Allen explained the 3 sets of bylaws amendments and Q&A followed: I. changes to 4 sections to remove power of Board to appoint people to board and require that only Members can vote people to board, II. amend Art XVII to remove Roberts Rules from Elections since RNA has Election Standing Rules and RR elections procedure is in itself confusing whether it applies to RNA elections; III. amend Art. IX, Sect. 1 to require signing RNA Code of Ethics, and no longer allow just agreeing orally to follow them. Ballot attached.

Results: I. 27-Yes, 0-No; II. 26-Yes, 1-No; III. 27-Yes, 0-No.

2. **Meeting ground rules:** Debby passed around proposed meeting ground rules, attached. Minor changes made re word-choice. Discussion about keeping it as living document and not vote on it so Board or Chair can tweak it periodically.
3. **Passwords:** Debby explained that she received the Chair email and website passwords received; so all resolved. But, there is still an unresolved issue of not having received the RNA Newsletter password, despite requests.
4. **Vote RNA Reps to Inner Powell Alliance (IPA):** Powell transferred from state (ODOT) to city control (PBOT). IPA formed to organize SE neighborhoods to give input on Powell. Denise Hare and Claire expressed interest in being reps. Allen moved and Brian 2nd to appoint Denise and Claire as the RNA's reps to the IPA. Passes unanimously.
5. **Code 3.96 Proposal:** Allen explained background of Code 3.96 proposal. 3.96 creates the Neighborhood Association System. Proposal would dismantle it and remove: definition and formal recognition of NAs and Coalitions, ONI Standards and Open Meetings rules and requirement that NAs and coalitions must follow them, Code-mandate that city and Coalitions support NAs. 2016 Auditor Report, following 2008 Community Connect Rept, recommended adding formal recognition of other groups to give them seat at table. This proposal takes away the NAs' seat at the table and gives no one a code-protected seat at the table.

Much discussion, with most if it against the proposal. Allen motion with 2nd by Kamal, to oppose proposal and send letter to city urging they not adopt it, outlining reasons discussed at meeting and listed on flyer Allen had handed out and that he read from. Passes unanimously.

6. **Open Meetings Discussion:** Claire asked for issue to be on agenda to discuss open meetings rules and confusion on what board members can share with other board members. Discussion on reason for and spirit of Open Meetings rules so public can see in person the deliberations underlying a vote; once someone shares an article, it can open the door to others sharing articles to express their opinions on the issue.
7. **Ice Cream Social:** With Rob Nosse coming for Sept. meeting, ice cream social would be good way to get large crowd to a meeting. Discussion on whether to have event outdoors or different time of year. Decided, without vote, that we'll have ice cream at Sept meeting and will consider doing other events later in the year.

8. **RNA listserv**: Discussion whether should be announcements only or discussion forum. With NextDoor, no need to have it for discussion. Debby moves, Claire 2nd to keep it as announcements only. Passes unanimously.
9. **Hawthorne St Fair and HBBA Membership**: Discussed how RNA is part of Division St Fair every year but not Hawthorne ST. Fair. Mentioned that only south side of Hawthorne is in Richmond. RNA gives \$300 to Division-Clinton Bus. Assoc. every year. Allen moves, Debby 2nd, to give \$150 to HBBA for membership and for booth at street fair. Passes unanimously.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Jonathan said balance similar to past month.

Land Use-Transportation: gave short update on .

Richmond Ready: No report.

Sustainability Committee: Kamal reported on ideas to have gathering at bars and invite speakers, and get donations from businesses.

SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer: Allen will do the report.

Richmond Newsletter Editor: Vacant. Cynthia mentioned she might be interested in doing it.

Community Spaces and Sewallcrest Park: No report given.

SE Uplift Coalition Representative/ Land Use Representative: Brian summarized July SEUL vote to seek 45 days set over by Council its consideration of 3.96 issue.

Division/Clinton Business Association Representative: Vacant. Heather said Sydney Mead might be willing to be the RNA's rep.

Hawthorne Blvd. Bus. Assoc: will consider being rep.

Liquor Licenses: Nothing to report.

Tree Committee/Tree Richmond: Nothing to report

Richmond Cleanup: Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 9:05