

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2023, 7 – 9 PM

Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd and via Zoom

Minutes taker: Allen Field

Audio link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/17bwHljkjma0YckLAUGwB7IQE26V_Rp3V/view?usp=sharing

7:03 pm start, Quorum present

Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Richard Bruno, Simon Kipersztok, Allen Field, Brian Hochhalter, Heather Flint Chatto, Ann Sandvig, Claire Cofsky

Absent Board Members: JoAnne Knowles,

Others Present: Claude Sakr, Rene Hendricks, Nancy Chapin, Jill Fenrich, Kathy Birch, Mary Lane Stevens, Chris Lenox, Eric Swehla, Robin Denburg, Lt. Hill

Ground Rules/Purpose: Debby read Ground Rules and Purpose

Land Acknowledgement: Heather read the Land acknowledgment from website richmondpx.org.

Adoption of July Minutes: Allen motion, Ann 2nd. Adopted unanimously.

Adoption of August Minutes: Allen motion, Ann 2nd. Adopted unanimously with Ann abstaining.

Announcements:

- Heather announced World Parking Day 9/15 at SE 37th & Hawthorne; HBBA awarded grant for Kiosk, community input will be sought where to site it; International Peace Day, 9/21 at SE 50-51 & Hawthorne; 10/14 S2C2 Green Building Tour; 10/16 Sustainable Building Tour and Design Awards
- Allen put out request for newsletter delivery people

Old Business: Debby added agenda items to vote on table purchased for Hawthorne St Fair and for donation for International Peace Day

Police Report: Lt Hill, East Precinct, reported on missions they are doing: Stolen Vehicle, Human Trafficking and retail Theft

AGENDA

1. **Rob Nosse, Oregon House Representative District 42:** Rob summarized: key spending bills that passed in session that just ended and big topics for next session (Measure 110 and ballot measure 113 re legislators being absent for more than 10 days. Q&A followed with much of discussion on Measure 100 and his upcoming trip to Portugal to research their drug decriminalization program
2. **SE 37th & Hawthorne Plaza – HBBA Chair William Levesque:** Topic was incorrect on agenda – donation request was really for \$ for tables and chairs for HBBA to use anywhere on Hawthorne. November 2020 Board voted to donate \$500 to HBBA for 37th & Hawthorne Plaza in Richmond: “Roger Jones (HBBA) explained that HBBA looking to 37th and (south side) Hawthorne to develop plaza to create a more viable sense of place. 37th & south side of Hawthorne was blocked off to traffic for 3 months and now reopened. Will close street for weekends in November and December. Venture Portland awarded grant for project and urged HBBA to get matching funds from community.” 11/2020 Minutes. Discussion about what \$ will be used for and whether or not it will be Richmond focused. Allen pointed out this is why

Agenda Request forms are necessary, especially with 3rd party topics, unless the Chair or Exec. Comm. has spoken at length with the presenter to nail down the topic and the ask.

Allen motioned to donate \$500 to HBBA for tables and chairs, Brian 2nd: all in favor except Simon abstained.

3. **SEUL Small Grants:** Allen summarized the SEUL Small Grants: \$5,000 Small Grants; \$400 Micro Grants; \$1,000 IDEA Communication Grants. Application deadline is 10/31, so next month we need to vote on applications Board will authorize. Richard gave update on status of telehealth booth project and he might put in new grant application for additional funding. Allen mentioned possible IDEA grant application: to pay someone to collect info and contacts for Richmond apartment buildings to improve outreach to apartment buildings and tenants, and for newsletter.
4. **Board Retreat Follow-up:** Debby and Paul Leistner summarized idea of using red, green and yellow cards for board members to express whether need more information, opposed to an idea, or want to vote. **Brian motion, Simon 2nd to try out cards.** Passed unanimously.
5. **Authorizing purchase of \$109 folding table for Hawthorne St Fair:** Allen motion, Brian 2nd to authorize purchase. Passed unanimously.
6. **Donation to S2C2 for International Peace Day:** Debby put out request for donation for event which RNA donated to last year. Allen Motion to donate \$100, Brian 2nd. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Treasurer:** Simon had emailed bank balances to Board prior to the meeting.
- **RNA Newsletter:** Editor Christina was not at the meeting. Allen said notice of articles deadline is Sept 15 and articles due October 1.
- **Community Spaces:** Allen said nothing to report.
- **SEUL Rep:** Allen said officer elections occurred and most of meeting was taken up by presentation and vote on letter re tank farm on Hwy 30.
- **Cleanup:** Allen – Nothing to report.
- **Land Use, Sustainability and Transportation:** Heather announced 9/26 land use meeting re Chavez Blvd safety and getting input where Hawthorne kiosk could go.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative Rep.:** Heather mentioned the various TV news stories on her kiosk projects.
- **HBBA:** Debby explained that Prosper Portland reversed their position on excluding much of SE area from applying for grants for small businesses.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs:** Allen - Nothing to report.
- **DEIA:** Position vacant.
- **Houselessness:** Richard already gave update on telehealth project.
- **S2C2:** Debby had nothing to add other than what she already reported re the Prosper Portland issue.
- **Richmond NET:** Eric reported that it's National Preparedness month. He also urged people to have a contact outside of Portland who can check on you in event of emergency, and he gave out website links for people to get more info.

Meeting adjourned 9:12.