

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Waverly Heights Church  
Minutes Taker: Brian Hochhalter

Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Clair Cofsky, Allen Field, Peter Forrest, Madeleine Anderson-Clark, Brian Hochhalter and Kamal Belkhatay (arrived at 6:45)

Board Members Absent: Jonathan King, Joanne Knowles

in attendance: Jerry Lanz, Dennis Hopkins, Denise Hare, Ahna Eaton, Margot Ouinette, Collin Roberts, Sarah Berkemeier, Steve Wytcherley.

**Adoption of December and February Minutes:** Brian made a motion to adopt, Peter seconded, passed by unanimous vote

**Announcements**

- Debby: Invitation to 37<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of HBBA. Starlight Room, 5:30pm March 19
- Dennis: March 11, Renaissance Concert 8:0pm Community Music Center
- Claire: Tomorrow night PBOT Hawthorne Paint & Repave 5:30-8:30pm

**Crime/Safety Report** – no officer

**Agenda Items**

Community Safety Program: Sarah Berkemeier & Steve Wytcherley, Community Safety Coordinators

- Formerly crime prevention program under OCCL.
- Community training and education around safety. Welcome requests about crime prevention related to bike theft, which they can provide educational information
- Crime prevention through environmental design. (landscaping, land use, lighting, etc). Will review the property of concern and provide ways to mitigate crime.
- Personal Safety Workshops based on the Womens Strength Model open to anyone in the community (need groups of at least 6-8 people).
- One major change is the dissolution of Neighborhood Watch and rebranding to a program Neighbors Together. No longer keeping track of Neighborhood Watch Groups.
- Also can assist with Crisis Preparedness
- Assist with public nuisance and safety issues withing the community

3275 SE Grant project: Safe + Sustainable certification process and standards

Erica Dunn with Green Hammer, Designs highly sustainable architectural projects.

Jordan Jordan with Earth Advantage, Provides Safe & Sustainable Green Framework of pre-construction which includes De-Construction

- Existing house on the site will be de-constructed and made ready for new construction.
- Every NA received demolition permit notification and engage in discussions with demolition teams to mitigate issue.

- How are enhanced standards of S&S program enforced?

Neighbors for Clean Air: Petition to regulate Diesel Particulate Emissions - Mary Peveto

- Portland has an air quality problem.
- 65% come from non off-road sources such as construction sites, marine vessel and rail yards, distribution centers, parking lots. Indirect Source Rule Initiative seeks to mitigate these issues.

May Board Election, revising Election Standing Rules

- Allen brought up the possibility of postponing the May elections. May is month set by default in bylaws, but Board can vote to postpone it to June or July. After much discussion it was decided to stay with May election.
- Bylaws allow up to 8 two-year seats to be elected and then 7 seats the next year. Board can also vote to add two one-year seats to the May election. Allen made motion/Peter second to add two 1-year seats if needed to fill out the Board's 15 seats. Passed by unanimous vote.
- Amendments to ESR:
  - Remove requirement that "Affirmation must be made in person at a meeting" since self-nomination by email is allowed. Denise suggested it specify that emailed nominations be sent to Chair. Allen made a motion/Peter seconded to make these amendments: remove "Affirmation must be made in person at a meeting" and specify that self nomination emails be sent to the RNA Chair. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - Add to Candidate statements.
    - "Why do you want to run for the board and what issues interest you?" Allen motion/Peter second unanimous vote
    - "Have you ever attended a neighborhood association meeting? If no, you are encouraged to attend an RNA meeting prior to the election." Allen motion/peter second unanimous vote
  - Specify that officers can be elected at election meeting or the next meeting. Current ESR requires officers to be elected at the election meeting, but in practice it's often been postponed to the next meeting. Allen moves/Brian seconds to specify that officers can be elected at election meeting or the next meeting. Vote was unanimous.

Draft Community flyer

With Covid19 the logistics are difficult. Discussion regarding using newsletter distribution network to distribute a 1-page, 2-sided newsletter. Of the two versions presented, in a straw poll people preferred the version with a larger Richmond boundary map on the front.