

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting June 2019 Minutes

June 10, 2019 Held at Waverly Heights Church, 3300 SE Woodward St.
Minutes by: Kamal Belkhatay

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Brian Hochhalter.

Board Members Present: Allen Field, Debby Hochhalter, Jonathan King, Kamal Belkhatay, Claire Cofsky, Brian Hochhalter, JoAnne Knowles, Madeleine Anderson-Clark, Peter Forrest (left after 1st hour), Debby Holchhalter.

Board Members Absent: Robert Reincke

Others Present: Dennis Hopkins, Karen Peinl, Viv Libson, Heather Flint Chatto, Callie Jones, Denise Hare, Frank DiMarco.

January Meeting Minutes: None were taken. The audio recording will be uploaded to the RNA website

February Meeting Minutes: Former Chair cancelled the meeting.

March Meeting Minutes: Allen moved to adopt the January meeting Minutes, Jonathan second. The motion passed unanimously.

April Meeting Minutes: Jonathan moved to approve the minutes, Allen second. Motion passed unanimously

May Meeting Minutes: Debby Moved to add the list of attendees from the sign-in sheet. Brian second. Passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Heather announced that the Hawthorne Business association is making a presentation to city council on June 26 for design issues and concerns regarding the importance of main street and business districts. There will be a second workshop on July 25 and a possible walking tour. Presentation to Woodstock on July 3 for their consideration to adopt Mainstreet Design guidelines. Presentation at the Inner Powell Alliance June 27.
- Joanne announced that Sunnyside Community Soup Kitchen has been evicted after 16 years of operation. Please contact Joanne with potential spaces for the Kitchen. Please contact Joanne with locale leads for the soup kitchen.
- Allen and Denise will be meeting with Anthologie and Salt & Straw at the end of June about revising the GNA with the RNA from 2015. Anthology is the property manager for the 3 apartment buildings at 33rd Pl and

Division formerly owned by UD+P. See Denise and/or Allen regarding the revising the GNA.

Crime report: Allen contacted Officer Shaun Sahli. No officers were available this month due to busy schedule surrounding Rose Festival. An officer may available for an update next month.

Agenda Items:

1. Board Member Orientation

Allen explained board member fiduciary duties and governing documents: RNA Bylaws, Code Of Ethics, ONI Standards and Open Meeting rules in the Standards, and Letters of Support and Donations Guidelines. Also discussed was Best Practices for handling matters if possible Bylaws violation raised (set over issue ot next meeting to allow Board to review rlevant documents) board member communications (avoid emailing the Board on topics that will or might be voted on), drafting Minutes procedure and substance (Members take turns and Minority positions must be noted in minutes), and copy card procedure. Handouts were passed around.

2. Elect Officers

Brian moved to nominate Debby as RNA Board Chair. Allensecond. Unanimous. Brian moved to nominate Allen as Secretary. Jonathan seconds. Unanimous, Brian moved to nominate Jonathan as Treasurer. Allen seconds. Unanimous.

3. Elect/Confirm Committee Chairs Liaisons

Jonathan confirmed he will continue to chair the Richmond Cleanup. Debby stepped down as Land Use/ Planning Transportation.

Allen moved to elect Heather and Karen as co-Chairs for Land Use/ Planning Transportation. Brian second and the vote was unanimous. L/U Planning/ Transportation co-Chairs will attend the SEUL L/U meetings. Brian moved to empower the L/U Chairs as SEUL L/U representatives. Allen second. The vote was unanimous.

Callie Jones will continue to chair the Richmond Ready.

Brian moved to elect Kamal as Chair of Sustainability Committee, Allen second. vote was unanimous.

Heather explained that Division Design Committee was renamed to PDX Mainstreet Initiative; she will be the Representative to that group. Debby moved to rename it as such, Brian second; the vote was unanimous.

Richmond Newsletter Editor remains vacant.

Allen remains the Liaison on Community Spaces and Sewallcrest Park issues.

Debby moved elect Allen and Brian as co-representatives SEUL Coalition Representative. Jonathan second, unanimous.

Heather suggested contacting Sidney Mead to potentially represent RNA to the Division/ Clinton Business Association.

Allen will remain the Liquor License RNA representative and will continue as Liaison to the Tree Committee.

4. Whether to rescind the 11/18 vote enacting new grievance rules

Allen gave background about Nov. 2018 board vote that created new grievance that whoever requests mediation under Bylaws grievance procedure must always pay for it. ONI Standards VII.3 states that "Neighborhood Associations shall have internal grievance procedures outlined in their bylaws." 11/18 vote creating new rule wasn't a bylaws amendment vote and violates ONI Standards. New rule has inequitable effect by disadvantaging people with limited financial means and it restricts Board's flexibility in deciding on case-by-case basis if it wants to cover some or all of cost of mediation. Board discussion followed. Brian moved to rescind vote, Joanne seconded. Vote was unanimous.

5. Website and Chair Gmail account issues

Allen summarized the status of previous Chair's refusal failure to turn over Chair gmail password and using the gmail account to reset the password on the Squarespace website acct. All meeting attendees discussed different approaches to get the passwords and options if Board can't get website password. Debby to meet with Molly from SEUL to revisit this issue. The Board will address the issue during the July meeting

6. Reimburse \$250 to HAND for Movie In The Park sponsorship

Allen moved to refund the \$250 grant to HAND, Debby seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Richmond Ready: Callie reported they sold 100 5-Gal barrels and made about \$400 during the RNA Spring Cleanup.

Heather suggested that the next L/U meeting be 6-7pm just prior to the RNA meeting.

Next meeting: July 8, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.