

## Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 9, 2023, 7 – 9 PM

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

Minutes taker: Allen Field

Audio link:

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### 7:01 pm start, Quorum present

**Board Members Present:** Debby Hochhalter, Simon Kipersztok, Allen Field, Brian Hochhalter, Heather Flint Chatto, JoAnne Knowles

**Absent Board Members:** Richard Bruno, Ann Sandvig, Claire Cofsky

**Others Present:** Claude Sakr, Nancy Chapin, Eric Swehla, Robin Denburg, Officer Nicole Miller, Edith Gillis, Judah Gold-Markel, Nathan Vasquez, Ryan Gore, Ashley Nilson, Paul Leistner, Jessica Burke, Robin Denburg

**Ground Rules/Purpose:** Debby read Ground Rules and Purpose

**Land Acknowledgement:** Heather read the Land acknowledgment from website [richmondpx.org](http://richmondpx.org) and added more background and content than usual statement.

**Adoption of September Minutes:** Brian motion, Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Adopted unanimously.

### **Announcements:**

- Judah explained idea of doing a Porchfest modeled after West Philly Porchfest where bands play on people's porches and people walk from house to house listening to bands. He inquired if the RNA could help advertise such an event if he gets it off the ground. Very positive response from people; Debby stated the RNA could help advertise the event.
- Heather announced (1) S2C2 Green Building Tour 10/14, 12-4pm, summarizing the schedule, and (2) the regulatory relief project that proposes concerning changes to Land Use code.
- Debby announced the 10/21, 9am to noon, Household Hazardous Waste Collection, C3 Food Panty bottle drive and CNB-Seen taillight repair event to take place at Central Christian Church.

**Old Business:** Nothing reported

**Crime/Safety Report:** Capt. Nicole Miller described the open prostitution mission East Precinct is doing along 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Connectivity issues w/ Zoom prevented her from giving some of her report.

### **AGENDA**

1. **Nathan Vasquez, Multnomah Co Candidate for DA:** He summarized what he sees as problems with current DA, highlighting stats, and explained how his approach would be different. Q&A followed.
2. **Revise and rename Meeting Groundrules:** Debby explained her proposal to change "Groundrules" to "Group Agreements." She polled the Board and everyone agreed with the change. Erik suggested "Neighborhood Agreement" but Allen and Heather didn't like the idea. Heather wasn't too keen on saying "Neighborhood" Agreements, but she seemed ok with going with "Group Agreements."  
Debby asked if any board members had additions or changes to the Group Agreements. Allen proposed adding "Respect people's time, time limits and deadlines," explaining that he had

proposed the addition in the September meeting, but the issue was set over to the October meeting to see if anyone else had other additions or revisions to the Groundrules. No one proposed other changes or revisions.

**Allen Motioned to add the Group Agreements: “Respect people’s time, time limits and deadlines,” Simon 2<sup>nd</sup>.** In Board discussion, Heather explained she wanted to set over the issue to a later meeting since 3 board members were absent, she felt there was not enough notice of the proposed change, she wanted the community to weigh in on changes, and wanted the Board to work on revisions via a GoogleDocs editing process. Simon wanted to go forward with voting on the proposed addition.

**Vote: Yes: Allen, Brian, Simon, JoAnne. No: Debby. Abstain: Heather**

3. **Time Management Discussion:** Debby and Paul explained the “stoplight” red, green yellow cards to use during meetings.

**Simon motion, Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Board to use the stoplight cards. Vote: Unanimous in favor.**

4. **Vote to approve letter to Home Forward and Comm. Rubio re Peaceful Villa, policy gaps and management concerns:** Claude gave brief intro, saying that the letter was sent out to the listserv and to the Board and asked if anyone had any questions. Heather gave additional comment. Simon asked if there will be any follow-up to the letter. Heather said there would be.

**Allen motion, Simon 2<sup>nd</sup> to send letter. Passed unanimously.**

5. **Vote to Authorize SEUL Grant Applications:** Allen summarized the grants, the 10/31 deadline, and the ideas presented last meeting: Richard re-applying for the \$5,000 Small Grant for the Telehealth Booth since no funds have yet been expended on it; and Allen applying for two \$1,000 I.D.E.A. grants: \$1,000 for the newsletter and \$1,000 to pay someone to collect data and contact info on all the apartment buildings in Richmond to allow for better outreach to and engagement with people living in apartments. He said he wasn’t sure if we could apply for two IDEA grants. Heather suggested that if we can’t do 2 grants, then we submit a grant that incorporates both ideas and seek \$500 for each idea.

**Heather motion, Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> to authorize grant applications as discussed. Vote: Unanimously passed.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Debby asked if anyone wanted to give a Committee Report)

- **Treasurer:** Simon explained change to Treasurer Report he had sent out re re-allocation an expense to General Fund and not the Garden Restricted Fund. Allen pointed out the \$300 contribution from Sunnyside needs to be marked as a Credit to the Movie in Park Restricted Fund.
- **RNA Newsletter:** No report given.
- **Community Spaces:** No report given.
- **SEUL Rep:** No report given.
- **Cleanup:** No report given.
- **Land Use, Sustainability and Transportation:** Claude and Heather gave a short summary of the Land Use meeting. Heather reported on grant received by HBBA for a solar kiosk.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative Rep.:** No report given.
- **HBBA:** No report given.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs:** No report given.
- **DEIA:** Position vacant.
- **Houselessness:** No report given.
- **S2C2:** Debby reported on the 9/21 International Day of Peace event

- **Richmond NET:** Eric reported on the Great ShakeOut, worldwide earthquake preparedness drills

**Meeting adjourned 9pm.**