

February 14, 2022, RNA Board Meeting. Started by Chairwoman Hochhalter at 6:40 PM.
Minutes taken by Simon Kipersztok.

Board Members Present: Debbie Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Allen Field, Simon Kipersztok, Heather Flint-Chatto, Claire Cofsky, Denise Hare, Hope Townswell.

Board Members Absent: Albert Kaufman, Kamal Belkhatay, Ann Sandvig, JoAnne Knowles.

Public in attendance: Matt Tucker, Richard Bruno, Danny Bugnino, Peter Robinson, Linda Nettekoven, Don Merrill, Peter Robinson.

The Chairwoman read the RNA purpose and ground rules. Heather Flint-Chatto read the Land Acknowledgement declaration. Allen moved, Debby 2nd: The December Minutes were voted and adopted without discussion. Nobody opposed; there was one abstention (Kipersztok.)

Announcements-

Hope:

1. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.
2. Today is OR State Day.
3. Richmond Cleaning event – scheduled for Saturday May 21st from 9 AM to 1PM.

Heather happily announced that PDX Main Streets received a \$7000.- donation from a local architectural firm. The donation funds will be processed by SEUL.

Debbie- The monthly HBBA Hawthorne Beautification and cleanup took place on Saturday 2-12. The activity takes place every second Saturday of each month. She encouraged Richmond residents and RNA Board members to volunteer.

Old Business -

Heather indicated that two DEIA grant applications submitted to SEUL were turned down.

Crime and Safety – Not reported as no PPB officer was present.

Agenda Items –

1. **CNB Seen Taillight Repair** – Don Merrill, founder, and Director, reviewed the activities of his organization and thanked Denise Hare for her assistance and participation in an upcoming event. Denise indicated that All-Around Automotive has committed to provide two technicians for the upcoming event. Don indicated that his Facebook and Instagram accounts will provide information about the event and advertise supporters. Don and Denise will coordinate the event and target underserved communities. Allen Field suggested we try to encourage people getting taillight repair to use the cleanup services to help get a Metro grant. He agreed to help with Metro communication.

2. **Houselessness Committee** – Claire Cofsky, before the meeting, sent around an explanation of the project and donation request and a draft flyer – both were screen-shared. She requested a \$300 donation from the RNA Board to the Committee to purchase hygiene products to make hygiene kits for homeless neighbors. The kits will be distributed by two local non-profit organizations. She has already received \$150 in gift cards donated from two Fred Meyer stores. She indicated that the flyers she sent can be copied and revised by each Board member and shared to request donations. She also indicated that this is a pilot program and requested that donations requests be limited and not widespread yet.

Motion by Allen Field: The RNA Board should donate \$300.- to the Houselessness Committee. It was seconded by Debbie. There was no further discussion. The motion was voted and passed unanimously.

3. **Fiscal Sponsorship** – Allen Field indicated that at the March meeting the RNA Board will vote on the SEUL fiscal sponsorship application. He briefly explained the Fiscal Sponsorship program. Those interested in doing a project that needs the use of SEUL's 501(c)(3) # should contact Allen before the next meeting.
4. **Approval of Communications Fund Budget** – Allen indicated that the SEUL communications budget was last year cut from \$1500.- to \$500.-. RNA needs to submit a budget showing how \$500 will be spent. He read the items on the proposed budget: Zoom and website fees and newsletter costs.
Motion by Allen Field – Accept the very limited \$500 communication funds. Seconded by Kipersztok. Unanimously passed without discussion.
5. **RNA summer movie at Sewallcrest Park on August 27** – Allen discussed that PP&R plans to revive the summer movie program and will honor the application for 2020 but cancelled due to the pandemic. The movie to be screened is "Hidden Figures". There is a \$1,000 cost. In past, HAND and Sunnyside have helped by donating \$250 each, he'll ask for \$300 from each this year. Several organizations already agreed in 2020 to partner on event - organizations that promote social advancement and scientific education of young people, in general, and girls, in particular. He will check with Parks and Recreation about having a raffle. Simon asked about selling food, but Allen explained that PP&R is very strict now with permits, so selling food might not be possible. PP&R has not completely finalized whether program will happen and when firm decision by RNA needed. He asked for approval of RNA sponsoring event and he will seek donations from HAND and SNA.

Motion by Allen: RNA to sponsor screening of the movie "Hidden Figures" next summer. Seconded by Hope. Passed Unanimously without discussion.

6. **PDX Main Streets** – Heather Flint-Chatto presented several activities from last year and future planned endeavors of PDX Main Streets. Heather highlighted that the main

purpose of the organization is to empower communities to have a voice when it comes to building design and not restrict construction in any way. More information about activities that took place last year and the purpose of the endeavor can be found at is available at <https://www.pdxmainstreets.org>.

7. **January Board Retreat follow up** – was tabled for a future meeting due to lack of time.

Committee/Liaison reports – The following items were discussed:

- **Treasurer** – Simon discussed the December 2021 and January 2022 financial status. Written reports were previously distributed to the Board. Both reports reflect a sound financial status.
- **Richmond Newsletter Editor** – Simon introduced Matt Tucker who recently moved to Richmond. Matt has expressed an interest in taking over the vacant Newsletter Editor position. He has had experience publishing a newsletter in the past. Matt introduced himself, shared some ideas he plans to implement and answered questions.

Allen pointed out that printing of each newsletter costs around \$1600.- Funding the printing from RNA Board reserves is not sustainable. Several alternative options to decrease the printing cost were discussed and will need to be decided including limiting the newsletters to a digital-only publication. In the opinion of many a digital only edition will likely limit communications with a substantial segment of the readership that would not be able to access it electronically.

Motion by Simon – Nominate Matt Tucker as the new Newsletter Editor. Seconded by Claire. Passed unanimously without further discussion.

- **SEUL Representative**- With Ann’s resignation, Allen as Alternate, backup Rep. is now the RNA Rep. to SEUL. SEUL is now insisting that Board members sign the forms the RNA previously voted to not sign in order to be seated as a SEUL Board Members. Allen asked that RNA allow him to sign the forms it previously voted to not have signed.

Motion by Heather – The Board approved Allen signing the necessary SEUL documents to be seated. Seconded by Brian. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved unanimously with abstention by Denise Hare.

- **Annual Tree Planting** – Nothing to report.
- **Richmond Cleanup** – Hope previously announced May 21 Cleanup date.
- **Richmond Ready** – No report given.
- **Sustainability Committee** – No report given.
- **Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use (Vacant):** No Report given.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative** - Heather already reported on this earlier in meeting
- **Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative** - _____

- **Division/Clinton Business Association Representative** – DCBA is defunct.
- **SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer** - Minutes-taker is Simon.
- **Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces** (Allen): Nothing to report.
- **Liquor Licenses** (Allen/Hope): Nothing to report.
- **DEIA**: No report given.
- **Houselessness**: Claire already summarized Hygiene Kits project.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.