

Meeting Minutes Monday, March 8, 2021
Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting

Minutes Taker: Allen Field

Board Members Present: Heather Flint Chatto, Kamal Belkhatat, Allen Field, Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Denise Hare, Joanne Knowles, Albert Kaufman, Claire Cofsky, Simon Kipersztok.

Board Members Absent: Leslie Poston, Madeleine Anderson-Clark, Peter Forrest

Guests and Neighbors Present: Dennis Hopkins, Doug Klotz, Sam Cole, Hope Townsell, Beth Kent, Michael Hurst, Benjamin Sternthal, Sgt Matthew Jacobsen

Land Acknowledgement: Heather

Adoption of December Minutes: Albert motioned to adopt; Brian seconded. Vote unanimous (Heather & Kamal abstained).

Announcements:

- Doug Klotz: Fred Meyer Hawthorne seeking code adjustment to remove south-side door on Hawthorne. If RNA wants to give input, have 22 days after notice sent to RNA, notice not sent yet. Design review staff said very unlikely will ok. Hasn't spoken w/ SNA yet, where Fred Meyer located.
 - Simon motion, Denise 2nd, to send letter to DA: to express our concern with level of vandalism in city and in particularly with the vandalism on Hawthorne and to Fred Meyer that has greatly inconvenienced Richmond residents trying to shop on Hawthorne and have access to Fred Meyer
 - **Vote: Yes** – Simon, Heather, Brian, Denise, Albert, Kamal. **Oppose** – none. **Abstain** – Allen, Debby, Claire, Joanne. Vote passes. Simon to write letter.

Crime/Safety Report: Sgt Matthew Jacobsen reported. Overall, crime lower than this time last year, but rise in gun violence, homicides and fatal car crashes. Catalytic converter theft all over city. Property crimes taking back seat to gun violence. DA assigned to Hawthorne Thanksgiving vandalism. HBBA very vocal about it to DA and very involved in issue.

- Heather **Motion**, Denise second: write letter to Fred Meyer opposing request to remove south-side entrance and put on Land Use mtg next week to discuss formal opposition to BDS application

Vote: Yes: Simon, Heather, Joanne, Albert, Claire. **Oppose** – Allen, Debby, Kamal. Abstain – Brian, Denise. Vote passes.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Multnomah Co. Commissioner Vega Pederson – cancelled, to be rescheduled**
2. **My 2021 Board Elections**

Allen gave general overview of deadlines: May 11 election in church parking lot w/ people bringing in ballots downloaded or vote onsite. May 10 RNA mtg will have candidates give short presentations. Must announce candidacy by April meeting and 300 word candidate statements due 21 days before election.

8 Board seats (2-year terms) up for election: 7 up for re-election (Kamal, Debby, Brian, Joanne, Claire, Peter, Madeleine) and 1 vacant seat open. (Can only elect 7 or 8 board members in any year.) Following Board members gave they will run again: Kamal, Debby, Brian, Joanne, Claire. Audience member Hope Townsell gave notice she will run.

Heather wanted to add more questions to Candidate Statement which requires 2/3 vote to amend Election Standing Rules (ESR): 1. What issues are of concern to you, and 2. Do you have any real or perceived conflicts of interests. Allen pulled up the current Election Standing Rules as amended last year. It was amended to add question “what issues interest you.” Allen stressed that asking about real or perceived conflict of interests is too confusing to have people address in a Candidate Statement. Audience member Hope said a conflicts of interest question would be too off-putting to people and could discourage people from running. Allen also pointed out that issue of amending ESR was not on agenda, better we address amending ESR earlier next year with an Elections Committee and set on agenda

COMMITTEES

- **Treasurer Report (Simon):**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Ending balance</u>
CU Share	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Business Checking	\$14,195.75		\$0	\$14,956.31
		\$.56		
		\$380		
		\$380		
12 mo. CD (1%/yr)	\$6,399.59		\$0	\$6,400.82
		\$1.23		
TOTAL	\$19,056.86			\$20,600.34

- **Newsletter (Simon):** Need articles last week of March.
- **Annual Tree Planting (Allen):** Long ways off: 1st Saturday in December
- **Richmond Cleanup:** Hope expressed interest in being coordinator
- **Richmond Ready:** No coordinator
- **Sustainability Committee (Kamal):** Gave update.
- **Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use (Heather):** Announced Shelter to Housing Continuum at City Council 3/17, RNA Land Use Meeting 3/16, Design Standards and Guidelines (DOZA) at City Council on May 12
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative (Heather):** Announced Design Guidelines Meetings with NA’s to consider Adoption: 3/11 Sunnyside, 3/17 Concordia, Early April Rose City Park. Kiosk Project /HBBA: Grant to Travel Oregon for a kiosk on Hawthorne was not awarded, HBBA Annual Meeting on 3/18 via zoom, St. Johns Boosters upcoming 3/17 Presentation – for

possible kiosk installation at St. Johns Plaza. 3/16 PDX Main Streets Presentation to Urban Design Panel (advisory to City) on Community-Led Planning & Visioning for Resilient Communities

- **Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative** (Heather): Described HBBA issues and dates in her other reports
- **Division/Clinton Business Association Representative** (Leslie): Not present
- **SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer** - Minutes-taker is Allen
- **SEUL Rep.** (Allen): Submitted Communication Funds and Grants application, don't know who our new liaison is, SEUL very understaffed with only 1 fulltime staff under Leah, Interim ED. Matchu on 3 or 6 mo. maternity leave
- **Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces** (Allen): Asked city but no response if will have summer movie program
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs** (Allen): nothing to report
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Meeting adjourned 8:40, next RNA Meeting April 12, 2021