

RNA June 8, 2020 Minutes

By: Claire Cofsky

Meeting via Zoom was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Debby Hochhalter.

Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Allen Field, JoAnne Knowles, Claire Cofsky and Kamal Belkhaty

Others Present: Lisa Pickert, Simon Kipersztok, Albert Kaufman, Dennis Hopkins, Denise Hare, Jessica Vega Pederson, M. Andre, Amanda Westervelt, Robin Denburg, Heather Flint Chatto, Marshall Johnson

Adoption of May Minutes: Allen made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Claire, to approve. Approved by unanimous vote

**Richmond Net Update:** Amanda Westervelt is our Net Rep. Recently, she has been helping to deploy team members to emergency coordination, making masks (a lot!), cleaning up downtown and ham radio training. Their Zoom Meetings are at 7 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. Contact her if you'd like to participate. [Richmond.pdx.net@gmail.com](mailto:Richmond.pdx.net@gmail.com)  
Wants to coordinate more with Richmond Ready team.

**Mult. Co. District 3 Rep, Jessica Vega Pederson:**

Jessica was just elected to another four-year term. Multnomah County is responsible for health issues and is pleased to say that it was preparing their Covid response early in the year. We coordinated with other regions and agencies. Opened up new shelters and hotels in response to Covid and allowing them sheltering distance.

There are child care services in need for essential workers.

There is a dashboard on the Mult Co website to update us on confirmed cases.

On Friday, Mult Co should be ready for Phase 1 which allows more openings with required safety measures.

Talked about systemic racism and how Mult Co has advanced hiring and equity policies. There have been more investments in diversion programs.

Perhaps on the ballot in November is the 2020 transportation investments over the tri-counties.

Jessica is committed to early education and access Pre-K, which has been an ongoing project. Wants it to be a publicly funded project. [Preschoolforall.org](http://Preschoolforall.org)

**Annual Board Election Details:** Discussion about holding the election on Tuesday, July 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the church parking lot since need to hold at another time besides Zoom meeting time. Any Richmond resident, or business or property owner, can vote. We currently have 8 open seats and any candidate will need a majority of the votes cast to be elected. There will be downloadable ballots that you can bring to the church to turn in. You can also pick up a blank ballot at the church. We will apply physical safety measures for safe distancing.

The regular RNA meeting will be held on Monday, July 13 and candidates will have the opportunity to give a statement at that time; statements will also be published on website and list serve.

Allen moved to have the election on July 14; Kamal Seconded. Passes unanimously

**Notice of Candidacy:** The following people gave notice at the meeting or before: Albert Kaufman, Allen Field, Denise Hare, Heather Flint Chatto, Simon Kipersztok. Midnight on June 8 is the deadline for people to announce candidacy.

June 23 is deadline for Candidate statements.

**Statement of Solidarity with Black Lives Matter:** To be sent to our mayor and commissioners. There were a few suggestions to Debby's letter and she will incorporate suggestions but still keep it broad-based. Debby will make changes and get the letter out sooner than later.

**Residential Infill Project—Heather (Land Use and Transportation Chair)**

This project has been four years in the planning about adjusting housing options.

Getting late to submit testimony but do it by June 10 for July 11 City Council meeting.

She showed us amendments and Policy Updates.

She wants to include incentives for adaptive reuse. Not to incentivize demolition, as well as other considerations.

Does RNA want to write a letter? This is a complicated issue and there is so much to unpack so we can weigh in individually.

**Richmond Newsletter Editor:** Still Looking!