

## Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 14, 2023, 7 – 9 PM

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

Minutes taker: Allen Field

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Due to heat, meeting was held only via Zoom

### 7:02 pm start, Quorum present

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

**Absent Board Members:** Ann Sandvig

**Others Present:** Claude Sakr, Rene Hendricks, Nancy Chapin, Jen Maffei, Heidi Barth, Eric Swehla, Dennis Hopkins, Craig Mosbaek, Fran Davidson, Rob Galanakis, Mae Holsapple, Paul Leistner, Ann Clark, Ray Clark, Robin Denburg

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

**Land Acknowledgement:** Heather read the Land acknowledgment from website [richmondpxd.org/landacknowledgement.org](http://richmondpxd.org/landacknowledgement.org).

**Adoption of July Minutes:** Brian motion, Allen 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt. Heather wanted to add substantive material under committee reports but hadn't presented them to the board. Minutes put off to next month to allow her to send in her additions so Board could review

### Announcements:

- Heather announced variety of events in Director Park downtown and 9/21 International Peace Day with Hawthorne at SE 50<sup>th</sup>-51<sup>st</sup> street closure
- Nancy Chapin announced 8/27 Hawthorne St Fair, asked for volunteers
- Allen announced Aug 19 movie in Sewallcrest Park

**Old Business:** Debby added agenda item re voting on extra costs for Retreat food. She spoke with developer of property next to Central Christian Church: they got final demo permit from city, demo by end of week.

**Police Report:** East Precinct Commander Crooker was on Agenda.

### AGENDA

1. **Commander James Crooker, East Precinct, Portland Police Bureau:** CMDR Crooker presented on becoming new East Precinct Commander. He stated he will try to get officers to more regularly attend meetings to give crime and safety updates.
2. **Request to sign onto Letter of Support re Cesar Chavez Rose Lane** - Rob Galanakis gave background on accident in Sunnyside with drunk driver killing woman waiting at bus stop. He asked RNA to sign onto draft letter requesting extension of Cesar Chavez Rose Lane project from I-84 to Stark to 84 to Division or Powell. Several Board Members expressed desire for more information on existing Rose Lane project, community input on issues, and alternative safety mitigation methods for Chavez.

Richard motion to sign onto letter, Heather 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yes: Richard, No: Debby, Brian, Claire, Allen.  
Abstain: Heather, Simon.

Heather motion send letter to PBOT requesting info on traffic calming, increasing safety and alternative traffic calming approaches, and invite PBOYT to attend RNA meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Yes - Richard, Debby, Allen, Claire, Simon, Heather; No – 0; Abstain: Brian

3. **Van Veen Heritage Garden** - Heidi Barth and Ann Clack described history and current programs of garden and desire to spread word about the garden. They expressed interest in submitting an article for the Newsletter.
4. **Authorize \$200 payment movie in park band:** Allen summarized sponsorship by SNA and HAND at \$300 each for \$1,000 movie costs, so RNA will pay \$400. Band will be additional \$400. He asked for additional \$200 to pay band, making RNA total cost at \$600.  
Heather motion, Simon 2<sup>nd</sup> to authorize \$200 for band. Yes – unanimous, no abstentions
5. **Authorize additional funds for Board Retreat food costs:** Debby requested reimbursement for additional \$24 spent on dinner. Simon motion, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup> to authorize reimbursement.  
Yes – unanimous, no abstentions.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Treasurer:** Simon had emailed bank balances to Board prior to the meeting and summarized acct balances
- **RNA Newsletter:** Editor Christina was not at the meeting. Debby said that newsletters being distributed now.
- **Community Spaces:** Allen said nothing to report.
- **SEUL Rep:** Allen said he would email the board SEUL upcoming events and seminars and pointed out that Sept 1 – Oct 31 is the application period for Small Grants, so board should discuss next meeting if we want to do a small grant application.
- **Cleanup:** Allen – Nothing to report.
- **Land Use, Sustainability and Transportation:** Heather reported on status of permits on project next to Central Christian Church. There will be a presentation next month on an affordable housing recommendation. Claude said he sent a request form to add a 15-minute presentation agenda item next month by Metro Climate Action Team. Debby said October is better month for that.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative Rep.:** Heather reported on projects PDX Main Streets is working on.
- **HBBA:** Debby explained that Prosper Portland is excluded this area from applying for grants for small businesses. Hawthorne St Fair is Aug 27.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs:** Allen - Nothing to report.
- **DEIA:** Position vacant.
- **Houselessness:** Claire - No report given.
- **S2C2:** No report given.
- **Richmond NET:** This report will be added to the monthly Committee reports even though it's not a Richmond Committee.

**Meeting adjourned 9:12.**