

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2022, 7 – 9 PM pm

Minutes taker: Allen

Board Members Present: Matt Tucker, Joanne Knowles, Ann Sandvig, Claire Cofsky, Allen Field, Richard Bruno (arrived late 7:30), Brian Hochhalter (arrived late 7:30), Heather Flint Chatto, Debby Hochhalter

Absent Board Members: Kamal Belkhatay, Simon Kipersztok, Madeline Anderson-Clark, Hope Townsell

Others Present: Kevin Fitts, Anthony Nguyen, Leslie Crehan, Aurelia Moran, Brian Squillace, Isaac Adams, Jim Snyder, Erica Dunn, Rick Nunni, Lisa Masterson, Keith ??, Pamela Kambur, April Berg, Maggie Skenderian

Police Report: No officer present

Ground Rules/Purpose: Debby read Ground rules

Land Acknowledgement: Debby read the Land acknowledgment from [website richmondpx.org](http://richmondpx.org).

Adoption of June Minutes: Claire moved; Allen seconded: Adopted (unanimous with Ann abstaining)

Announcements: Debby announced

- 8/30 TriMet Zoom meeting re proposed mural
- Powell Blvd jurisdiction still at issue with upcoming meeting
- 8/28 Hawthorne St Fair

Allen announced 8/27 Sewallcrest movie [Raya and the Last Dragon](#).

AGENDA

1. Peaceful Villa Redevelopment Team update on project: Isaac Adams, Brian Squillace, Anthony Nguyn from Bora Architects; April Berg, Leslie Crehan, Pamela Kambur from Home Forward. Leslie gave overview of project and outreach efforts on the redevelopment of the 4 acre affordable housing complex on SE Clinton between at 46th and 47th Aves owned by Home Forward. There are currently 70 units. Plans are to develop 180 units, mostly studios and 1 bedroom apartments in 3 and 4 story buildings; though density rules allows up to 500 units at the site. .25 parking will be provided. Settlement is occurring and some of the existing buildings are sinking. The complex needs major redevelopment. They are in the schematic design phase.

Isaac described measures to mitigate increased density with street trees, sidewalks, curbs and storm management; he presented schematics and discussed design strategies. Overall goal: create welcoming environment that fosters sense of well being.

Brian described site plans and textures and materials of buildings with emphasis on matching neighborhood characteristics. He showed light and privacy analyses.

Isaac described landscape design drawings

2. **Comment on Richmond Neighborhood Profile:** Civic Life requested feedback on neighborhood profiles it and PSU created on population and race data. Comments were:
 - would be good to see the ranking of all 94 neighborhoods for each variable
 - hard to decipher what the top 5 and bottom 5 variables are for Richmond
 - for Race data, would be good to see 2010 data, as in the Housing data, to see how things are trending
 - Age variables need to be added
 - Would be very helpful if city collected contact info for all apartment buildings, which would help with out outreach

Debby will fill out survey questions about data

3. **May 21 Richmond Spring Cleanup Report:** Allen showed summary data for 2013 – 2022. 2022 was best year in terms of people using the Cleanup and revenue. We had about \$1,300 left over from Metro funds which they said we can apply next year. July 1 was the new fiscal year for Metro so we can apply for next year's cleanup. We can expand the type of services we provide. Debby mentioned we need to buy more signs since many were stolen
4. **Adopt a Block offer of supplies:** No one volunteered to store supplies if donated by Adopt a Block group. So, we won't apply to get supplies.

Committee Reports

- **RNA Newsletter-** Matt asked the Board about raising ad rates to cover expense of newsletter: last issue \$578, approximately \$2,312 annual cost. Debby asked that the issue be set for next meeting. Allen requested current rates and proposed rates be presented in memo/chart form to make it easier for the Board to assess. Allen provided historical info that newsletter was always run at a loss but \$1,500 communication funds helped to defray the costs. When SEUL staff cut it to \$500 (without SEUL Board vote or OK) it really hurt our ability to pay for newsletter. Traditionally, the funds from Cleanup helped to cover costs of newsletter.
- **Community Spaces** –Allen reiterated announcement of 8/27 movie in Sewallcrest. Early July (but after last meeting) there was stabbing in Sewallcrest Park. There has been some increased police monitoring of park since then. A tent that was next to garden for months was cleared out last week.

- **SEUL Rep:** No report: SEUL does not meet in August and we are taking a break from having a SEUL Rep.
- **Annual Tree planting:** Allen had nothing to report. No word yet if there will be another tree planting
- **Richmond Ready:** Position Vacant
- **Sustainability and Climate Change:** Heather had to leave meeting so no report.
- **Land Use and Transportation:** Vacant
- **PDX Main Nancie Street Design Initiative Rep.:** Heather had to leave meeting so no report.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs:** Allen reported that parties still working in amending Hawthorne GNA and will likely put it to vote for RNA to sign it in coming months.
- **DEIA:** Vacant
- **Houselessness:** Claire had nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned 8:45