

Meeting Minutes Monday, August 9, 2021
Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting

Minutes Taker: Allen Field

Board Members Present: Heather Flint Chatto, Kamal Belkhatay, Allen Field, Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Denise Hare, Claire Cofsky, Simon Kipersztok, Leslie Poston, Ann Sandvig, Hope Townsell

Board Members Absent: Joanne Knowles, Madeleine Anderson-Clark, Albert Kaufman

Guests and Neighbors Present: Dennis Hopkins, Gareth James, Ty Engstrom, Tiffany Orford, Barb Rainish, Erica Kester, Don Merrill, Viviane Libson, D.A Wiley

Land Acknowledgement: Heather read the acknowledgement.

Adoption of July Minutes: Brian motioned, Allen second to adopt. All voted Yes but Kamal abstained.

Announcements: None made.

Old Business: No reports.

Crime/Safety Report: Sgt Ty Engstrom, Traffic Division, reported on the proposed Street Takeover Ordinance and code that Council will address later in month. It's to address problem of street racing and drifting/sliding. Police Bureau has lost 25-30% of its officers and Traffic Division disbanded except for him to redirect resources around the city. Police did a mission August 8 at a N. Portland drifting site which led to several arrests and citations.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CNB-Seen (<http://www.cnb-seen.org/>) – Don Merrill

Don established CNB-Seen in 2016 to help people get taillights fixed to prevent police pretext stops for broken taillights. It is a 501(c)(3) organization. They put on events to fix taillights and is seeking NAs to support and put on these events. Woodlawn is doing one on August 25. The NA finds the location to stage it, promotes it, and solicits a business to donate the labor to replace the taillights. He provides about 30 types of "popular" bulbs that fit most cars and the solicited store brings bulbs as well

No one stepped forward to take on coordinating this kind of event. It was tabled to next month to see if someone wants to manage such an event.

2. 1810/1820 SE Cesar Chavez – Steven Fang follow-up

Steven did not attend. He had not heard back from the city on his plans or application and indicated to the Chair he had nothing to report. People posed questions for the Chair to put to Steven when he comes back to the RNA.

3. Discuss Forming DEIA Committee

Debby described the Laurelhurst NA's desire to form a DEIA committee, led by Janet McManus, and read its proposed charter. Their first meeting is August 17. No one volunteered to be Chair of an RNA Committee. It was proposed that we invite Janet to our next meeting to describe their committee.

4. Sustainable SE Community Coalition

The presenter could not attend due to illness. Debby summarized the organization: people from the HBBA want to form a new 501(c)(3) to better fundraise for Hawthorne Blvd projects, they want to involve Hawthorne abutting NA, their geographic scope would be Burnside to Powell, 76th to the river. She will set the item to next month so that the presenter can attend.

5. Letters or Support Request guidelines

Allen went over the RNA's Guidelines for Donation Requests and Letters of Support and provided background why they were established and how. It was stressed that materials for letters of Support need to be presented to the Chair at least 7 days before the meeting so Board can be prepared and proposed letters can be sent to the listserv. He also referred to the RNA's Best Practices for Writing Letters which are a guide for writing Board-drafted RNA letters.

6. Fred Meyer South Entrance Doors

Allen spoke with the BDS person handling the pending application with the city. FM opened the Design Review application process early March but has never completed its application, which expires 8/30/21. City staff told FM it won't likely approve the application so FM has purposely not completed the application. The staff person anticipates that FM might file an adjustment request after 8/30 seeking an adjustment to other code requirements and seek to close the south doors at 5 pm. Until FM files such an application, there is nothing for the RNA to discuss or vote on concerning such application. The RNA already sent FM a letter saying it is against closing the south doors.

7. Hawthorne St. Fair 8/22, 11am to 5pm

Debby sought volunteers to table. We can table for free.

8. Hawthorne Farmer's Market

Denise will be out of town for end-of-August tabling. Debby asked people to let her know by 8/15 who can table for 8/24 or 31.

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	\$13,754.64	.58	\$18	\$13,737.22

12 mo. CD (1%/yr)	\$6,406.18	1.36	\$0	\$6,407.54
TOTAL	\$19,056.86			\$20,149.76

- **Newsletter** (Simon): Summer issue being distributed.
- **Annual Tree Planting** (Allen): Nothing to report. Long ways off: 1st Saturday in December.
- **Richmond Cleanup**: (Hope had left meeting due to computer issues.) She is hoping to do a Fall SOLVE event and Spring Cleanup.
- **Richmond Ready**: Kamal talked about NET issues and trying to get hold of Callie.
- **Sustainability Committee** (Kamal): Kamal referred to recent UN report on climate crisis.
- **Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use**: Heather showed development notice for Hawthorne Hostel site: 5 stories, 62 units, no parking CM2.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative** (Heather): Trying to obtain grant funding.
- **Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative** (Heather): Described HBBA issues and dates in her other reports.
- **Division/Clinton Business Association Representative** (Leslie): Nothing to report.
- **SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer** - Minutes-taker is Allen.
- **SEUL Rep.**: Ann: nothing to report, SEUL does not meet in August.
- **Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces** (Allen): Nothing to report.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs** (Allen): Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned 8:32, next RNA Meeting September 13, 2021