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RNA Chair's Report

By Debby Hochhalter

Greetings Friends and Neighbors. The Richmond Neighborhood Association had a productive year in 2022. The Richmond Cleanup in May was a great success with a record number of people turning out. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

In November we hosted a Community Safety Forum with folks from the city's Community Safety Program, the Portland Police Bureau's Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) and the city's recently formed Public Environmental Management Office (PEMO). All of our guests were helpful in sharing valuable resources to aid and assist our community. Here are some of those resources you may find helpful:

- To report a crime in progress involving immediate danger to person or property, call 911. For non-emergencies call Portland Police at (503) 823-3333. Police reports can be made online at www.portland.gov/police/police-report-online-submission.
- PEMO coordinates with all agencies involved in trash and graffiti removal to expedite services and help create a safer, more livable Portland. PEMO@portlandoregon.gov.
- To report garbage dumped on public property: <https://ridpatrol.oregonmetro.gov>.
- To report graffiti: www.Portland.gov/bps/graffiti/graffiti-report.
- For issues with public trash cans: www.Portland.gov/bps/public-trash-cans/public-trash-can-report.
- The city's Community Safety Division provides a variety of trainings under its Safe Blocks Program:
 - (1) Neighbors Together (formerly known as Neighborhood Watch) provides a 1-hour training where neighbors get to know one another and learn about public safety resources and programs.
 - (2) A 2-hour Personal Safety workshop covering assertiveness, de-escalation, escape options, and how to support others who may be targeted.
 - (3) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) provides security assessments of your home and yard to increase safety.
 - (4) Community Building Activities promote safe spaces through community-led "placemaking" projects.

To request trainings or for more information please contact Sarah.Berkemeier@portlandoregon.gov if you live west of Cesar Chavez Blvd., or Jacob.Brostoff@portlandoregon.gov or Mary.Tompkins@portlandoregon.gov if you live east of Cesar Chavez.

Please join us at our monthly meetings or reach out to me with any feedback. Wishing you all a safe and healthy 2023!

Telehealth Booth Seeks to Aid Houseless Neighbors

By Dr. Richard Bruno

Imagine you've been walking around on a sore ankle all week and just realized that you have a wound on your foot that's starting to look concerning. You've been sleeping on the streets because you lost your place, and the emergency rooms sound warm, but they're completely full.

You hear about the telehealth booth that just opened up in Southeast Portland and head over to see if there's a way you can see someone about your foot.

The person before you slides open the door and leaves, so you peek inside. There is a computer screen on the wall and a place to stand. You close the door behind you and a face appears on the screen—"How can we help today?" You mention your foot and within a few minutes a physician appears on screen and asks you some questions.

Afterwards, you've got an antibiotic waiting at the pharmacy down the block, and a new medical home to help you with other resources for housing, healthcare, and jobs.

This telehealth booth is a new project by the RNA's Houselessness



Action Committee, supported by a Community Small Grant from SE Uplift and funded by the Office of Community & Civic Life. Coordinated by Dr Richard Bruno and a team of volunteers, the booth will be available for people experiencing houselessness to access primary care, mental health, and substance use services with telehealth providers.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this new telehealth booth, or if you know any people experiencing houselessness (we will pay them \$29.95 per hour for their opinions) please reach out to Dr. Bruno: rbruno@gmail.com

Peaceful Villa Development Update

by Heather Flint Chatto

Peaceful Villa is a two-block multi-family housing site with existing garden-style affordable housing situated between SE 46th and 47th, Clinton and Woodward. Home Forward is proposing to redevelop the property due to aging structures, challenging site conditions, and an opportunity to add much needed affordable housing. The current 70-unit development will be replaced with higher density housing units (approximately -170 units), new landscaping, amenities and supportive services.

Current residents of Peaceful Villa have been offered a first right of return. According to the Home Forward website: “The redevelopment process includes several phases and will take four years to complete. Residents currently living at the property will have many opportunities to make choices about the future before the construction begins in 2024 and completes in 2026. Current residents will continue to receive a housing subsidy to help with rental costs now and in the future. Plus, current residents will have the ability to return to the new redeveloped Peaceful Villa.”

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Home Forward is facilitating a series of Community Advisory Committee Workshops to help include the larger community in the discussion. These meetings are open to the public. Home Forward is centering the voices of people with lived experience in affordable housing, in particular the residents within Peaceful Villa now. The design team (BORA Architects & PLACE Landscape Architects) held four Focus Group meetings with this group prior to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) process.

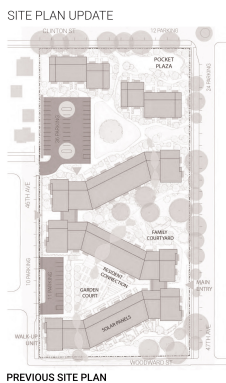
The RNA has had Home Forward and BORA Architects attend the monthly meeting on two occasions. At the meeting last Spring, the RNA Board Member Heather Flint Chatto to serve as the RNA representative on the Peaceful Villa CAC.

PROJECT DESIGN

The plan shows extensive rooftop solar proposed on the buildings and landscaping that maintains the majority of trees on the property and works to address stormwater through natural drainage and bioswales.

There is a common area featuring meeting spaces, laundry and mail rooms, spaces for special services to serve

residents, and the option to have RNA meetings on site in order to be able to engage residents living there.



- Reduced unit count from 180 to 166
- Increased on-site parking from 45-65
- Reduced 4-story portions of building to 3-stories
- Reduced paving to increase softscape
- Resident entry added at senior-focused wing.
- All trash and recycling located within building.



PLANTING PLAN



The site plan shows some smaller buildings fronting Clinton with larger buildings in the interior adjacent to common spaces and gardens.

The BORA design team has drawn from design strategies in the PDX Main Streets Design Guidelines, including green building features (e.g. solar), community spaces; using roof forms that relate to the adjacent neighborhood (“v”-shaped, gable roofs in this case); working with the site’s topography changes to reduce the height above street grade without losing stories; and stepping back the upper story on the ends that face 47th and 46th to help relate to the surrounding context. Peaceful Villa residents and others have advocated to keep as much green space as possible and this is largely being maintained. There will be a traffic and parking study to include Transportation Demand Management (TDM) common strategies like (bus passes, and on-site car sharing vehicles, etc) to help minimize impact.

By engaging with current Peaceful Villa and surrounding residents on this project about past challenges surrounding management, safety, etc. we've identified opportunities for improvements in the future in order to create positive outcomes, foster inclusivity for all our community, and work to welcome new residents together.

The RNA has offered to co-host an open house with Home Forward. The community is welcome to attend both any open house (TBD) and the public CAC meetings. In the meantime, if you’d like to contact Home Forward about the project and the CAC meetings, you can reach their community liaison Pamela Kambur, Community Relations Manager, at pamela.kambur@homeforward.org.



CLINTON STREET



47TH AVENUE

Volunteers Needed for May 20 Richmond Spring Cleanup

By Allen Field

The RNA will be holding its Spring Cleanup and U-Price-It Rummage/Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd. This is a volunteer-led event except for drivers picking up or delivering recyclable items who are reimbursed for their service and use of vehicles.

If you are interested in volunteering for the cleanup or want to help out with your truck, please contact richmondcleanup@gmail.com (please specify if you can provide a truck). If you helped with the 2022 Cleanup, you are already on the volunteer list and will be contacted in February or March about this year's cleanup. If you have a passion for recycling or getting involved in fun community events, this is the event for you!

As with past cleanups, we will take mixed, bulky waste and will accept the following for recycling: scrap metal, appliances (not air conditioners), block Styrofoam, and electronics. The U-Price-It Rummage sale is a great way to recycle reusable items and our Plant Sale can be huge. Do you have ideas for other items we can recycle? Let us know your ideas.

Master Kong Opens Second Location in Richmond Neighborhood

By Allen Field

In November 2022 Master Kong restaurant opened a second location off of Hawthorne Blvd at 1522 SE 32nd Ave. The original location, at 8435 SE Division, was named Willamette Week's Newcomer of the Year in 2018, and was nominated for Restaurant of the Year by Eater Portland's Eater Awards. It was also included in the Oregonian's 2018 list of Portland's 10 best new restaurants, as well as one of the city's 40 best inexpensive restaurants in 2019 and 2020.

Master Kong's specialities include handmade dumplings, congee (a savory rice porridge that is a traditional Cantonese breakfast food), Jian Bing (Chinese crepes also commonly eaten for breakfast), Xiao Long Bao (soup dumplings), and a variety of noodle soups and dishes. Their hours are: Monday to Friday 10:30 am - 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am - 9 pm.

SE Welcomes Inaugural 12u Baseball Tournament Team

When summer ends and baseball season comes to a close, it's sadly apparent that some players aren't ready to hang up their gloves and cleats.

SE residents have come together in a grassroots effort to support this love of baseball by organizing a tournament travel team, The Gashouse Gang, for the 12u boys category.

Through a network of volunteer coaches and parents, with their devoted ballplayers, the common goal is to build community, skill, and youth development, all while fostering a passion to play baseball year round.

There are various fundraising efforts to help cover expenses for tournament fees, uniforms, and practice facilities including Super Bowl Squares (see above) and bake sales on most Sundays featuring all kinds of treats at Sammich, 2137 E Burnside. Let's Play Ball!



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Christina Wolfe Nochisaki eagerly took on the role of Editor here at Richmond News this past winter. Christina is a third generation Oregonian who has resided within the Richmond neighborhood since 2005. She lives with her mustachioed husband, two fun-loving little boys, a rescue GSD with more baggage than a long weekend getaway, and a former

Mexican street cat who likes to shout at the furniture. Christina has held a soft spot for community newsletters ever since her mom was the Editor of their local newspaper growing up in Boring, Oregon. She welcomes all of your comments, ideas, and virtual high-5's. Feel free to reach out to Christina anytime at: RNAnewsletter@gmail.com.



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