

Meeting Minutes Monday, October 11, 2021
Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting

Minutes Taker: Allen Field

Meeting started 6:32, quorum present

Board Members Present: Heather Flint Chatto, Kamal Belkhatay, Allen Field, Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Denise Hare, Claire Cofsky, Simon Kipersztok, Ann Sandvig, Hope Townsell, Joanne Knowles (arrived ½ way through mtg), Albert Kaufman

Board Members Absent: Madeleine Anderson-Clark.

Guests and Neighbors Present: Kim Nurmi, Jonathan Lewis, Dolores Morelli, Jean Bowers-Biasi, Richard Bruno, Karen Girard, M. Andre, Cynthia Carrell, Jim Meyer, Alexandra Boyd, Chris Eykamp, Marina Nims, Tina Kimmey, Rick Nunno

Land Acknowledgement: Heather read the acknowledgement, recognized Indigenous Peoples Day, and noted that the acknowledgement is on the website <https://richmondpx.org/landacknowledgement> with other resources for learning more, how to create a land acknowledgement, and how to take action to support indigenous communities. Mention was made of the idea of a native garden in front of Cascadia Behavioral Health at the S-curve on Division.

Kamal asked if time can be set aside to discuss DEIA issues during this time.

Adoption of September Minutes: Ann motioned, Brian second to adopt. All vote to adopt, except Albert and Kamal abstain (Joanne not in meeting yet)

Announcements:

- Debby: Re 1810/1820 SE Cesar Chavez - Steven Fang still waiting on permits from city. He will come back to update the board after permits issued.
- Heather announced Historic Resources Code Project council hearing November 3, . People can sign up to testify on zoning code changes for the city's historic landmarks and districts in writing via the Map App or at a virtual hearing on November 3 at 2 p.m. Register by November 2 at 4 p.m. to testify at City Council.
- Heather mentioned idea of native garden project at Division & 4th S-curve next to Cascadia

Old Business:

- Debby gave update on Laurelhurst DEIA efforts – although LNA did not form a DEIA committee, they are meeting as an interest group. They invited Heather to present on RNA's Land Acknowledgement and resources. Some board members inquired if DEIA issues can be a regular part of agenda – no vote on this.

Crime/Safety Report: No officer in attendance

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Representative Rob Nosse legislative update** – Nosse did not attend meeting.

2. Resources for the community - Jonny Lewis, Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program

Jonny (jonathan.lewis@portlandoregon.gov) summarized the program and what his office does, the 1-Point of Contact system, how the program acts on complaints, assesses and evaluates homeless camps, what happens when camp is posted for removal, and impact of Covid on addressing homeless camps.

His office isn't tasked to solve homelessness, it's to manage use of public space by the homeless. Two ways to report problems via 1-Point of Contact: PDX Reporter app or call 311. City then does objective assessment of camp, does outreach to connect them with services, and map out next steps. If significant complaints and problems to reach threshold to remove, notice will be posted for removal of camp.

With Covid, in March 2020 CDC guidance recommended no removal of camps. Pre-Covid, city removing 40-60 sites/week and 24-48 hours response time. Since 7/20 when removals resumed, 3-10 removals/week with 1-7 days response time. Clean Start is the contractor.

They are looking for more funds from the city, working on new data dashboard and strongly encouraged people to report problem sites: at least 1x/week.

Camp next to Sewallcrest Park has been posted for removal, city has visited 7 times.

Resources mentioned by Jonny and others:

- **Project Respond** Crisis Intervention program (Cascadia Behavioral Health Center), <https://cascadiabhc.org/services/crisis-intervention/>: Mobile mental health crisis response team. Contact via Multnomah County Call Center 503-988-4888.
- **Portland Park Rangers:** rangercallcenter@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-1637
- **Reporting problem sites:** <https://pdxreporter.org> or call 311
- [Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program Strategic Plan](#)
- [One Point of Contact Weekly Campsite Reports](#)- new reports posted weekly on Tuesday's
- [Link to Maps:](#) included are maps of where [hygiene units](#) are place, reports that were [filed last week](#), and reports filed in the [last 12 weeks](#).
- [Impact Reduction Program Performance Measures](#)
- [Link to a video on city we respond to reports received](#)
- **Harbor of Hope – [Shower and Hygiene services](#):** Lists resources for mobile shower and laundry service
- **Homelessness Toolkit – [How You Can Help](#):** List of ways people can help people living on the street or in cars

- **Home For Everyone**, <http://ahomeforeveryone.net/>: joint project of city of Portland, Multnomah County, Home Forward and the City of Gresham to help people keep homes and find housing.
- **Hygiene4All**: that has portable showers, provides clothing, etc. (Dolores Morelli)
- **Beacon Village PDX** provides lunches to campers in the neighborhood. You can sign up to provide 10 or more lunches on any given day. Their website provides the details you need to participate. (Ann Sandvig)
- **SE Uplift's Houselessness Resource Guide**, <https://www.seuplift.org/se-uplift-houselessness-resource-guide>. SEUL has monthly Houselessness Action Committee meets every 4th Monday, 5:30 pm, contact Matchu Williams matchu@seuplift.org for info or to attend (Tina Kimmey)
- **HAND** has subcommittee working on pulling resources together, they'd be happy to share and work with RNA, contact chair@handpdx.org (Karen Girard)
- **Sunnyside** has houselessness monthly meeting: Community Care (SNACC), meets 3rd Thurs of month. Contact Ash Hester <ash.ej.hester@gmail.com> (Allen)

Extensive Q&A discussion, which included:

- Something like the Central Eastside Together could be formed for Hawthorne ESD to help provide more houseless services. Heather shared a google doc in chat for notes and discussion on what types of services and amenities might be desired if we had more resources. People can add ideas:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KXJUB9NF7CoulwWr7ZPsHMsiBO8as3KqfjhTR0n_MY/edit?usp=sharing
- The need for hygiene kits, hygiene amenities (showers), and more sharp's disposal locations was stated, like the one at Belmont Library.

3. **Vote: nonprofit to get extra funds from small claims judgment**

Allen gave brief background: board previously voted to donate excess money judgment from small claims action net expenses to nonprofit: \$467.50. At September meeting board came up with list of potential nonprofits. Debby read off names, with votes as follows:

- Raphael House of Portland: 3
- **Native American Rehabilitation Association of the NW (NARA): 5**
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest: 0
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS): 1
- Taking Ownership PDX, <https://takingownershippdx.com/>
- National Alliance on Mental Illness: 1
- Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare: 0
- JOIN: 1
- CNBSeen: 1

Debby will write a card to go with the donation to NARA. It was suggested we invite them to our next meeting.

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	\$14,353.36	.58	1,023.76	13,330.18
12 mo. CD (1%/yr)	\$6,408.90	1.32		6,410.22
TOTAL	\$20,767.26			19,745.40

- **Newsletter (Simon):** Will be a Fall or Fall/Winter issue, need articles within next 2 weeks. A “Climate Corner” was suggested. Allen pointed out that the Fall issue will be the last for Simon, and unless someone steps in to be Editor, there won’t be another issue
- **SEUL Rep.:** Ann/Allen-Alternate: Ann: New Director is Nanci Champlin, Ann will meet with her soon in one-on-one meetings. She took a recent orientation. Allen described what happened in the June SEUL Board breakout session that is the subject of Mt Scott-Arleta letter. Debby will be meeting with new Director to discuss; she is not prepared until then to follow up on issue re June breakout session and Mt. Scott – Arleta letter. In the chat, Heather offered to share a background letter she wrote to SEUL last year on some of this if any board members were interested.
- **Annual Tree Planting (Allen/Hope):** Tree planting will happen but noo date or location set, they will combine many neighborhoods
- **Richmond Cleanup (Hope):** Nothing to report.
- **Richmond Ready (Kamal):** Nothing to report.
- **Sustainability Committee (Kamal/David Binnig??):** Nothing to report
- **Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use (Vacant):** Heather offered to reach out to City for a possible presentation on the Historic Resources Code at a special meeting and will follow up with Board.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative (Heather):** Obtained \$1000 donation, will put on next agenda to discuss how to spend it. Also interested in discussing next steps for PDX Main Street generally and possible nonprofit approach. Also working on new Story Windows for Richmond Clinic in case anyone has good images to share. Created a new webpage for PDX Main Streets’ indigenous land acknowledgement and resources here as well here: www.pdxmainstreets.org/landacknowledgement
- **Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative (Heather):** HBBA is working on a new Sustainable Southeast Community Coalition (S2C2) as a nonprofit and is researching whether an Enhanced Services District might have some interest to offer needed support services for the area.

- **Division/Clinton Business Association Representative** (Albert): In Announcements Albert explained he has not been able to get in touch with anyone from DCBA and they don't appear to be meeting. Nothing to report.
- **SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer** - Minutes-taker is Allen.
- **Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces** (Allen): Sewallcrest now has about 16 tents, it's gown in past 2 weeks.
- **Liquor Licenses** (Allen/Hope): Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned 8:30, next RNA Meeting November 8, 2021