

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd and via Zoom
Monday, February 12, 2024, 7 – 9 pm

Minutes taker: Allen Field

Audio: drive.google.com/file/d/1MytNt3MNVzpoR57IARE4p__TA0IXp63T/view?usp=drive_link

7:06 start, Quorum present

Board Members Present: In person: Allen Field, Ann Sandvig, Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter / via Zoom: Claire Cofsky, Heather Flint-Chatto, Simon Kipersztok

Absent Board Members: JoAnne Knowles,

Others Present: Claude Sakr, Eric Swehla, Brett Baylor, Rene Hendricks, Nanci Champlin, Paul Leistner

Ground Rules/Purpose: Debby read Group Agreement

Land Acknowledgement: Debby read the Land acknowledgment, also on RNA website richmondpx.org.

Adoption of December Minutes: Set over to next month

Announcements:

- Allen announced Mason Bee houses for sale by Friends of Portland Community Gardens

Old Business: Nothing reported.

Police Report: No Officer present

AGENDA

- 1. Changes to District Coalition Offices and SEUL's Budget:** Nanci Chaplin, SE Uplift Executive Director. Explained how in January 21 District 2 meeting proposed budgets for the 4 nonprofit coalitions was announced, with a 31% reduction to SEUL's budget and increase to other coalition budgets. The services of the seven coalitions that currently oversee the city's 95 NAs will be consolidated into the four existing nonprofit coalitions, which will have boundaries that will match the four geographic council districts. The new form of government will start on Jan. 1, 2025. But the new coalition maps and proposed budget cuts will start July 1, 2024.

The four new council districts were drawn to equalize the population count amongst the districts. The coalition budgets were calculated also by a population-based formula, with \$2.65 allocated per person in each district. Nanci complained about the lack of transparency in Civic's Life's budget process.

In Q&A: Largest and most direct impact to NAs is the possible elimination of insurance funding – if that disappears, NAs can no longer put on community events and many will fold. SEUL paid \$12,000 for insurance for all the NAs in 2023-24 budget. Nanci encouraged people are encouraged to email the Mayor to speak up for NA System ask for additional funding for coalitions.

2. **Vote to authorize payment for use of church** - \$825 for 11 meetings at church at \$75 per meeting.
Brian motioned/Ann 2nd to pay church. Unanimously passed.
3. **Vote to authorize payment of Board Retreat dinner** – January board retreat dinner of \$326.70.
Ann motioned/Brian 2nd to authorize payment. Unanimously passed.
4. **Board processes: review and next steps discussion:** Paul Leistner summarized the red, yellow, green cards the board will be using. Allen brought up that Executive Committee will discuss making changes to the Donation and Letters of Support Guidelines to recommend to the Board, which will try to address issues that arose inboard meeting last Spring that prompted the need for board discussion on processes.

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer:** Simon had sent out Treasurer's Rept to Board before meeting. He pointed out there is \$900 disposable funds, beyond restricted funds and money market. He needs to correct the \$ amount in the Sewallcrest Garden restricted fund. It's about \$20 off.
- **Richmond Cleanup:** Allen reported that Cleanup is May 18, Metro \$5,000 grant awarded, Green Century Recycling will take all the electronics and Styrofoam.
- **RNA Newsletter:** Report not given
- **Community Spaces and Sewallcrest Park:** Allen reported that the city accepted the application to have a movie in Sewallcrest Park on August 30 but movie title not announced.
- **Houselessness:** Nothing reported.
- **SEUL Rep:** Allen pointed out that Nanci gave a similar presentation to SEUL that she gave tonight.
- **Land Use, Sustainability and Transportation:** March 9 will be the next Land Use meeting. Portland Neighbors Welcome will present their proposal Inner Eastside for All to rezone all of SE to 4 story buildings with stores on every corner. Discussion whether to have them present to Land Use Comm or to Board. Preference state to have them present at Land Use mtg. Cleveland High School wants to give presentation on remodel project. Claude gave an update on the Peaceful Villa EIS proceedings.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative Representative:** Heather updated the Board on Kiosk PCEF grant
- **Hawthorne Blvd. Business Association Rep.:** Nancy Chapin mentioned Mother's Day event the day before. Father's Day event being planned
- **Sustainable SE Community Coalition:** Nothing reported.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNA:** Nothing reported.
- **Richmond NET:** Eric Swehla gave some emergency preparedness tips, shared that the NET team cleared storm drains during recent storm and that city used NETs to do storm damage walk-thru neighborhoods.
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs:** Nothing reported.
- **DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility):** Nothing reported.

Meeting adjourned 8:50