

Meeting Minutes Monday, February 8, 2021
Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting

Minutes Taker: Brian Hochhalter

Board Members Present: Heather Flint-Chatto, Kamal Belkhatyat, Allen Field, Debby, Brian, Denise Hare, Madeleine Anderson-Clark, Peter Forrest, Albert Kaufman, Claire Cofsky, Simon.

Board Members Absent: Leslie Poston, Joanne Knowles

Guests and Neighbors Present: Brian Stewart, Amanda Gosner, Dennis Hopkins, Doug Klotz, Jules Barron, Sam Cole, Hope Townsell, Melisa Toldeo, M. Andre, Brian Botha, Rob Nosse, Denise Brock

Land Acknowledgement: Heather

Adoption of December Minutes: Albert motioned to adopt; Denise seconded. Vote unanimous (Peter abstained).

Announcements:

- Heather: SEUL land use committee meeting next Monday discussing critical design issues
- Debby: March 4th Commissioner Hardesty Meeting with several NAs
- Albert: Door Hangers for anti-gas-powered blowers are available for distribution

Crime/Safety Report: – no officer

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Electrify Now: (Brian Stewart – founder)

Group that helps people understand how we all fit into the energy systems. Where do emissions come from and what can we do about it? Provided data indicating burning of fossil fuels: electricity, transportation, heat.

Albert: Bills in legislature? Answer: Climate Bill include “100% clean energy for all”; “Healthy Homes” (insulation, weatherization for low income); “Energy Affordability”

Heather: Discussed reducing consumption prior to implementing your green energy system to scale it appropriately

Kamal: Referenced the electrification of school busses in Miami as a good step to take locally.

2. Fiscal Sponsorship 2021 application – projects for next year

Allen explained the SEUL fiscal sponsor program which allows sponsored entities to use SEUL’s 501(c)(3) number to solicit donations, apply for grants, and hold money for the entity when a 501(c)(3) no, is required. The proposed application was screen shared. It was noted that Richmond Ready is being dropped since no one is running it; it can be added back later if we want through an amendment. Allen moves to approve this application. Albert seconds. Passes unanimously.

A neighbor is Interested in neighborhood clean-up. Is there a way to get supplies to do it on her own?

Peter: maybe our group can partner with Solve

3. Annual Retreat follow-up

Debby: Board members met for the annual Retreat in January. We discussed our present and future goals using the SWOT framework (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats as an organization.

4. State Representative Rob Nosse Letter regarding sanctioned sites for the houseless

Rob Nosse produced a letter to Multnomah County Chair Debra Kafoury and Portland Commissioner Dan Ryan regarding the need for emergency sanctioned sites for houseless to camp. He is looking for support and input from SEUL and NAs.

Madeline: Awesome initiative. Parameters such as self-governing, limiting size need to be addressed.

Rob: it is too early for details but he felt that these issues will be addressed as the program gains traction.

Simon: Can you give rough estimate of what responsibility of state, county and city share. Rob: There is not much of a role for the state other than funding.

Denise: Was SEUL rep between 2014 and 2016 when a similar letter was drafted, but it didn't go anywhere. Is this affecting SE only or is this going to be citywide? Rob, I don't know how it will shake out but it should be city-wide and the State is only involved in funding.

Kamal: Commends the proposal. Homelessness is not fun and they want to return to working life. Will there be systems in place to transition people?

Peter: The Story with Dan Haggerty <https://www.kgw.com/the-story>. Did anyone see it? Seems that the city says that they say that they just don't have money. Rob says that he feels that the City does have the money (from State and Bond measures).

Allen: I think we are all in agreement that this is a good idea to discuss. Details are not fleshed out yet wants to present an additional sentence that the City which will keep NA's in the loop as sites are discussed.

Jules: Many of us have been working on this. We actually had a homicide at a camp nearby. Wants to know if the drug free zones will be enforced given that Oregon has decriminalized all drugs in small amounts. Rob says that he will address it with his colleagues.

Brian Bota: Wants to be sure that the neighborhoods are informed. Doesn't want current sites just to automatically become sanctioned sites.

Melissa: thankful that the issue is being explored as she has first-hand experience in the camps near Cleveland Field. The signs that were put on the median have been effective.

Allen makes motion to adopt the letter with the additional language that SEUL and the NAs will be kept informed along the way. Albert seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

5. 2021 Communications Budget and Communication Grant

Allen presented chart of Communications Budget with 4 pg vs 8 pg newsletter. Winter newsletter was 8 pages and cost was \$1,025. To keep it to 8 pages, next 3 issues will cost \$3,450, taking into account ad sales. 4 page issue will cost \$585, net of ad sales. 8 page newsletter more than doubles our Communication Budget:

	w/ 4 pg newsletter	w/ 8 pg newsletter
Zoom Annual Fee	150	150
Squarespace domain and web fees	236	236
Newsletter Winter (3,000 issues)	1,025	1025
Newsletter Spring/Summer/Fall (5,400 issues)	585 (4 pg issue net)	3450 (8 pg issue net)
	\$1,996	\$4,861

Discussion of ways to keep print edition to 4 pages and direct readers to further content on website.

Allen makes a motion to approve Communications Budget with a 4 page newsletter and submit Communications Grant for additional funds, Simon seconds. Passes unanimously

Allen further explains cut in Communications Budget: RNA has always received about \$1,500 in Communication Funds, based on a population formula. SEUL staff, without Board discussion, guidance or vote, on their own cut the overall NA Communication Funds from \$20, 000 to \$10,000 and eliminated the population-based formula for allocating funds to NAs, and changed it to straight \$500 to each NA. NAs can apply for additional communication funds through Communication Grants.

Denise suggested that we express our disapproval of this change to SEUL Communication Budget without consulting the SEUL board. Simon makes a motion to write a letter of disapproval, Peter seconded. Simon amended the motion to state that he will write the letter in consultation with Debby and Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES

Richmond NET: Debby reported that the NET lead, Amanda Westervelt. Working on new practice damage assessments

- **Newsletter (Simon):** Published winter newsletter and distributed. Now working on Spring edition and need more articles. Looking at a 4-page edition for spring. Allen: he is Newsletter Distribution Coordinator and he asked for volunteers. Hope, Amanda and Madeline volunteered. Kamal: what can we do to increase the pages?
- **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	\$13,513.98	\$681.77	\$0	\$14,195.75
		\$1.77		
		\$340		

		\$340		
			\$102.00	
12 mo. CD (1%/yr)	\$6,394.12	\$5.17	\$0	\$6,399.59
		\$5.08		
		\$.09		
TOTAL	\$19,056.86			\$20,600.34

Following Committee Reports not given:

- **Annual Tree Planting** (Allen):
- **Richmond Cleanup:**
- **Richmond Ready:** No coordinator
- **Sustainability Committee** (Kamal):
- **Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use** (Heather):
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative** (Heather):
- **Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative:**
- **Division/Clinton Business Association Representative** (Leslie):
- **SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer** - Minutes-taker writes is
- **Richmond Newsletter Editor** – Report given earlier.
- **SEUL Rep.** (Allen)
- **Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces** (Allen):
- **Liquor Licenses/GNAs** (Allen):

Meeting adjourned 8:40, next RNA Meeting March 8, 2021