

Richmond Neighborhood Association

May 14, 2018 Minutes

Minutes by: Allen Field

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Erik Matthews

Board Members Present: Rob Mumford, Allen Field, Jonathan King, Erik Matthews, Jessica Gillard, Susan Beal, Brian Hochhalter, Matt Otis, Heather Flint Chatto, Brendon Haggerty, Lauren Scher

Board Members Absent: Chris Flint Chatto, Jan Carlisle

Others Present: Doug Klotz, Debbie Hochhalter, Denise Hare, Katie Hill, Scott Shurtleff, Gordon Hillesland, Frank DiMarco, Russel (?) Snurf (?), Dennis Hopkins, Marscha Hanchrow, Chrystal Brim, Jocelyn Miner, Viv Libson, Callie Jones, Luiz (?) Wycoe, Peter Forest

Crime/Safety Report given: No Officer present

Announcements:

- Allen announced: June 16 Hawthorne-Division-Clinton Graffiti & Litter CleanUp, described event, and passed around signup sheet
- Cally announced: Richmond Ready presentation on being water-ready for emergency preparedness at Tabor Space June 2
- Allen announced: May 19 Richmond Clean Up & Plant/U-Price-It Sale
- Heather announced:
 - May 15 is last day to testify on residential infill project
 - Division Design Guidelines are 90% complete
 - New concept report for DOZA (Design Overlay Zone Amendments)

Agenda Items:

1. **Bylaws Vote:** Proposed Bylaws amendments were:

Article IX - Election of Directors

Section 1 - Board of Directors

Directors are elected by the general membership of the neighborhood in accordance with the Standing Rules. ~~by a majority vote at the Annual General Membership meeting in May.~~ Vacancies may be filled at anytime during the year at a regularly scheduled meeting. All members are eligible to the Board and be considered by the general membership. No Director may be seated until they either sign the RNA's Code of Ethics or affirm in a regular monthly meeting that they will abide by them, which will be noted in the Minutes.

Article XVII - Parliamentary Authority

The Roberts Rule of Order Revised shall govern the procedure of the Association when procedure is not covered by the Bylaws, with the exception of Board of Director Elections.

Ballot presented by Matt was:

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| Do you support the 2018 Proposed Bylaw Amendment: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ballot ID _____ | Yes | No |

Many people objected to ballot since it prevented voting independently on the 2 proposed amendments. Erik polled the room and $\frac{3}{4}$ present objected to the ballot. Erik asked Matt is there was a way to fix this. Matt explained the proposed amendments were intended by the Election Committee to be a “package” change. Others on Election Committee (Allen, Brian) disagreed. Jessica stated she agreed with Matt.

Various suggestions from audience and Board were made how to proceed, which included

- continue with the vote by two hand-votes on the 2 proposals
- continue with vote with ballot as-is
- consult with SE Uplift how to proceed

Erik polled the Board on how to proceed. Not seeing a consensus, he tabled the matter to next meeting in order to consult with SE Uplift.

2. **Ratify Executive Committee Vote on recommending boundaries and hours for BPOT data collection for pilot Area Parking Permit Program**

Erik read the motions that were passed at April 21 Exec. Comm. meeting (attached) and showed map area proposed by PBOT for data collection around Division.

Audience questions taken. Allen, having served on the Centers & Corridors Parking Advisory Committee, explained how this fits within Area Parking Permit Program;

- PBOT 1st assess whether there is 75% parking for a 4 day period
- If yes, then ballots mailed to residents of proposed area
- If > 50% of ballots returned and > 60% of returned ballots vote YES for parking permits, then advisory committee formed to set details of permit program

Motion to ratify Exec. Comm's 4/21 vote: by Allen; 2nd by Brian: passed unanimously, no abstentions

3. Richmond Ready Donation Request \$598

Callie Jones, Richmond Ready Chair, explained Richmond Ready. Will put on 2 events/year. She passed out budget to support request and draft booklet, and described outreach efforts.

Motion to approve request for \$598: by Brendon; 2nd by Heather: passed unanimously, no abstentions.

4. Susan Beal Letter Request to Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Susan gave background concerning cancer illnesses in neighborhood and presented draft letter; letter requests OHA to do public health assessment and track multiple risk factors to determine if cancer cluster exists in SE Portland. Denise Hare stated that SE Uplift already has people working on this issue.

Susan Note: To clarify - only if appropriate: Denise stated that Robert McCollough had worked on air quality at SEUL so Denise provided her notes as reference from 2016, as well as the detail that PSU was then looking for funding for an important emissions project. She recommended I (Susan Beal) follow up with McCollough to connect; he isn't with SEUL any more so it's unclear if they are still focused on it, but he is active in Eastmoreland NA.

Motion to send letter: by Rob; 2nd by Jonathan: passed unanimously, no abstentions

5. Election Committee Update

Matt, Election Committee Chair, gave update describing past considerations for changes to Election Standing Rules (ESR), and summary of proposed changes to ESR but which failed 2/3 vote requirement to amend ESR at April meeting. In light of ONI's 24 hr rule, where voting can occur over a 24 hr period surrounding the June 11 Board election, the plan is to have voting beginning 8pm June 10 to 8pm June 11, with several blocks of voting opportunities at different places and times. Susan Beal and Erik Matthew will work on finding locations and times for voting.

An audience member complained about not hearing about elections until only recently. Allen listed outreach: notice provided in Richmond Newsletter, RNA website, RNA listserve, SE Uplift website, SE Examiner, and NextDoor. Erik stated that only 3 candidates have announced for the 8 seats up for election. Current deadline under ESR to announce candidacy is May 14 RNA meeting and Candidate Statements due May 21. Several board members were in favor of changing deadlines. Allen stated that ESR states that "The standing rules in place 2 meetings prior to elections will govern elections." ESR 3.c."

Motion to extend notice of candidacy and candidate statements to May 28: by Jessica; 2nd by Erik. Motion passed with YES votes by Rob, Jonathan, Erik, Jessica, Susan, Brian, Matt, Heather, Brendon, Lauren. NO vote by Allen. No abstentions

Committee Reports:

1. **Treasurer:** No report given.
2. **Cleanup:** No report given
3. **Land Use:** Matt mentioned unreinforced masonry building issue; will discuss at later meeting
4. **Liquor Licenses:** Allen described issues re new Chapel Hill bar on upper Hawthorne; GNA recommended for bar and neighbors, will meet with neighbors
5. **Community Spaces:** Allen described 2 recent incidents at Sewallcrest Park re attempted bike theft and transient harassing a woman weeding baseball field and confronting neighbor coming to woman's defense. Asked that agenda item be set for next month to discuss issue.
6. **Graffiti Removal:** Allen gave earlier announcement on June 16 Hawthorne-Division-Clinton Graffiti & Litter CleanUp
7. **SE Uplift Rep:** Co-rep Brian (Erik is other co-rep) gave update report earlier on SEUL straw poll on SEUL listserv issues
8. **Division Design:** Heather gave presentation on 90% draft of Division Guidelines and overview of history of project, and handed out draft. Requested Land Use mtg put it on agenda and that Board vote on it at June meeting. Asked for audience suggestions for outreach ideas. Send comments to ilovedivision@gmail.com.

Erik: moved on to Audience Feedback portion of meeting and following Committee Reports not covered, except as noted:

9. **Richmond Ready:** Callie already gave presentation earlier
10. **HBBA Rep:**
11. **SEUL Land Use Rep:**
12. **Tree Committee:**
13. **Richmond Newsletter:**
14. **DCBA Rep:** position vacant
15. **SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes:** Minutes-taker Allen to write

Audience Feedback:

Scott Shurtleff: Meeting started on bad foot, not very welcoming feeling

Sarah _____, Equal Vote Coalition, gave presentation on STAR voting

Meeting adjourned: 9:05