

2018-07 RNA General Meeting Minutes

Minute Taker: Matt Otis

July 9, 2018 7:00pm

In Attendance:

9 residents + 3 kids, Misty Monroe, Jonathan Newman, Debby Hochhalter, Doug Klotz, Marsha Hanchrow, John Carter, Kate Olsen, M. Pierce, Gordon Hilleshand

1 reporter - Midge Pierce

2 OCCL Staff - Muz Afzal, Molly Mayo

Board Members:

Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Jett Black, Sharon Hatch, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Erik Matthews, Allen Field, Matt Otis, Brendon Haggerty, Brian Hochhalter, Kat West, Jessica Gillard

Announcements

Liz Potter from HBBA

Hawthorne Street Fair

Street closed between 32nd-38th

Sunday Aug 26th from 10-6

<http://hawthornepdx.com/event/hawthorne-street-fair/>

Parking Permits on Hawthorne

Antonina Perez - Wed 8:35am at the HBBA meeting

Molly Mayo from Southeast Uplift

SEUL Turns 50!

Seeking to find some legacy people

August 23rd 4:30-6:30

New Board Member Orientation

July 24th 6:30-8:30p at SEUL offices

Allen Field from RNA

Movie in the Park - Sewallcrest

August 10th

Kubo & the 2 Strings

Chata Ari - AfroPop Fusion Dance band - 6:30

Movie - 8:30ish (dusk)

Intro to the New Board Members

Each new member to the board was given a few minutes to talk about themselves:

- Kat West
- Chrystal Brim
- Sharon Hatch
- Jett Black

Vote New Board Officers

Vote for new Officers

The key officer positions were put up to whoever on the board wanted to run for the position.

Chair

Position Description:

The Chair or Co-Chair shall preside at all Board of Directors meetings and all membership meetings and shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors and the membership from time to time authorizes. The Chair shall represent the position of the Board of Directors and interests of the RNA.

Volunteer(s) for the position:

- Matt Otis

Those in favor of Matt Otis as Chair

In Favor: Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Jett Black, Sharon Hatch, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Erik Matthews, Brendon Haggerty, Brian Hochhalter, Kat West

Abstaining: Allen Field & Matt Otis

Vice Chair

Position Description:

The Vice Chair will perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence and as authorized by the bylaws or regulations of the Board of Directors. The Board may elect a Co-Chair instead of a Vice Chair, who will share the responsibilities of the Chair.

Volunteer(s) for the position:

- Kat West

Those in favor of Kat West as Vice Chair

In Favor: Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Jett Black, Sharon Hatch, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Erik Matthews, Allen Field, Matt Otis, Brendon Haggerty, Brian Hochhalter

Abstaining: Kat

Secretary

Position Description:

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and maintaining the minutes of Membership and Board of Directors meetings, assist the Chair with correspondence and maintain the non-financial files of the RNA. The Secretary may delegate the duties for recording the minutes to other Board Members and will maintain a list of Directors and their terms.

Volunteer(s) for the position:

- Rob Mumford
- Allen Field

The key issue of discussion was related around having a co-secretary or singular person in the secretary position.

Board poll - do you want singular person or a co-chair of the seat?

Singular: 9

Co: 3

Board determined to keep the seats as single-seats not shared-seats. Therefore the vote is Approval Voting for which of the two people (Rob and/or Allen) people want, and the person with the most votes will get the seat.

Those in favor of Rob Mumford as Secretary

In Favor: Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Jett Black, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Erik Matthews, Matt Otis, Brendon Haggerty, Jessica Gillard

Abstaining: Kat

Those in favor of Allen Field as Secretary

In Favor: Allen Field, Brian Hochhalter

Abstaining: Kat

Rob Mumford had more votes in favor of him as Secretary; therefore, Rob Mumford is seated as Secretary.

Treasurer

Position Description:

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to the RNA and shall keep and deposit the same for the RNA in a bank or banks in such manner as designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make monthly financial reports to the Board of Directors.

Volunteer(s) for the position:

- None

Nomination(s) for the position:

- Jonathan King*
(*Nominated by Allen Field)

Due to Jonathan King not being present; and the desire to allow all members to self-nominate the board is holding off on the vote for Treasurer until next month when Jonathan King is present

Other Positions

Non-Officer Positions that are usually held to keep things running smoothly

Position Description

Land Use & Transportation Committee Chair

Position Description:

Coordinates and organizes all activities related to Land Use and Transportation projects in or affecting the Richmond Neighborhood.

Volunteer(s) for the position:

- Jett Black

Those in favor of Jett Black as LUTC Chair

In Favor: Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Sharon Hatch, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Erik Matthews, Allen Field, Matt Otis, Brendon Haggerty, Brian Hochhalter, Kat West, Jessica Gillard
Abstaining: Jett Black

Southeast Uplift Representative

Position Description:

*Represent the opinions and direction reflective of the Richmond Neighborhood Association to the Southeast Uplift.
Works to bring forward issues relevant to our neighborhood to our RNA Meetings.*

Volunteer(s) for the position:

- Brian Hochhalter

Those in favor of Brian Hochhalter as SEUL Rep

In Favor: Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Jett Black, Sharon Hatch, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Erik Matthews, Allen Field, Brendon Haggerty, Kat West, Jessica Gillard
Abstaining: Brian Hochhalter

Southeast Uplift - Land Use & Transportation Committee Representative

Position Description:

*Represent the opinions and direction reflective of the Richmond Neighborhood Association to the Southeast Uplift's Land Use & Transportation Committee.
Works to bring forward issues relevant to our neighborhood to our RNA LUTC Meetings.*

Volunteer(s) for the position:

- Erik Matthews

Those in favor of Erik Matthews as SEUL LUTC Rep

In Favor: Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Jett Black, Sharon Hatch, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Allen Field, Matt Otis, Brendon Haggerty, Brian Hochhalter, Kat West, Jessica Gillard

Abstain: Erik Matthews

Representative to the HBBA and Division/Clinton BA

Position Description:

*Represent the opinions and direction reflective of the Richmond Neighborhood Association to our local business associations
Works to bring forward issues relevant to our neighborhood to our RNA Meetings.*

Volunteer(s) for the position:

- Chrystal Brim

Those in favor of Chrystal Brim as Business Association Rep

In Favor: Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Jett Black, Sharon Hatch, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Erik Matthews, Allen Field, Matt Otis, Brendon Haggerty, Brian Hochhalter, Kat West, Jessica Gillard

Abstain: Chrystal Brim

Meeting times & Locations

DCBA - D Street Village - 3rd Tuesday at Noon

HBBA - Western Seminary - 2nd Wednesday at 8am

Holding until a later meeting:

Sustainability Committee: Kat West

Richmond Ready: Susan Beal

Debbie Hochhalter Addresses the Board

Been coming to the board for years, finds that the tenor on the board isn't stellar.

Heartened to hear the new board member statements of positivity

Full text of Debbie's prepared statement:

I have requested some time to address the Board this evening. As many of you know, I have regularly attended RNA meetings over the years and I would like to share my observations and suggestions for the Board going forward.

1. *I have observed a lack of respect towards one another, especially if there are multiple perspectives. Please do not make assumptions about where the other person is coming from! Recognize diverse perspectives!*
 - a. *—Include the minority positions in all communications going forward*
2. *There appears to be a great deal of distrust between members of the Board.*
 - a. *—Training for Board members should be attended by all. Refresher courses can't hurt for Board members that are not new.*
 - b. *—Have social bonding activities to build Board cohesion, perhaps with professional mediators soon after elections. Have fun! Laugh a little!*
3. *Less and less community members are attending meetings. What can you do to foster engagement with the community at large?*
4. *Construct as a group a community agreements poster, with rules to abide by during meetings and keep it posted throughout the meeting.*
5. *Going forward, the Board should work together in interpreting or making any changes to the by-laws or standing rules.*
 - a. *—Recognize institutional memory by members*
6. *Allot 5-10 minutes each month for non-Board member feedback, but not only at the end of meetings. At the very least, inquire if there is anything the community wishes to weigh in on.*
7. *Perhaps set aside a minute or so for self-reflection. What needs improvement? How can the Board work together toward common goals? How can you increase transparency and communication? How can you improve trust and morale?*

Board Feedback:

Susan Beal Proposes some sort of social club so we can meet people outside the meetings

Crystal Brim ...wants to get community feedback on the agenda

Interest in Open 15th Board Position

After the election and nomination of board positions at the June 2018 meeting there is still 1 seat open on the board.

Current resident—John Carter—came with and read a written statement and wanted to express interest for nomination to the board.

Board Discussion of the nomination process for vacant board positions

General Takeaway: Should make the process to get nominated public and consistent if we're choosing to aim for a full board.

Next Steps

Board Chair will announce position opening, and solicit more interested parties along with information about the individuals to help the board make a more-informed decision.

Paint the Town Green

Graffiti & Litter CleanUp

Presentation by Allen Field (see attached)

Over 100 people came out to help and collected 99 bags of litter in our neighborhood.

8 sharps, 15-20 lbs of (recycleable!) cigarette butts

8 teams

Pictures of teams cleaning

Metro picked up the trash at the end of the day

Had food from Aprisa & Pepinos

Raffle and Prizes brought people (and supplies) back.

Liz Potter - Congrats to Allen for all the work and coordination he did.

People had a great sense of pride when they were done...people in the neighborhood were really appreciative.

Gordon - State Rep Rob Nosse participated too

Muz - These sorts of activities are great to get more involvement...do them multiple times per year.

Susan - Maybe you should create an official position for being an event coordinator

Eastside Village

Cary Hixton

Membership based non-profit

<http://www.eastsidevillage.org/>

Help keep your neighbors in their homes for as long as they can.

Boundaries are quite large

3 Keys with this Program:

1. Volunteer Services
Driving, getting things from high places, anything they need help with.
2. Vetted Vendors
Need a new roof, plumber, painter, etc.
Volunteer makes sure that it's a legit company.
3. Get you out
Book clubs, potlucks, hikes, backyard concerts

Membership based and fees depend on your needs \$300-780/year

Might sound like a lot, but it's really cheap compared to the services received.

If you know people in the neighborhood reach out to them and let them know that Eastside Village is a thing. It usually takes 3 or more touches for people to get involved, and it's quite beneficial to them.

Age range?

Open to seniors or really anybody that needs help 60s to 90s

Who gets involved?

A lot of members are also volunteers for some things. Maybe can't drive, but can vet vendors.

Left brochures with us.

Sponsorship for Division-Clinton Street Fair

Sponsor the DCSF for \$300 to get 2 tables

Motion - Allen

Second: Brian

Vote: Rob Mumford, Lauren Scherr, Jett Black, Sharon Hatch, Susan Beal, Chrystal Brim, Erik Matthews, Allen Field, Matt Otis, Brendon Haggerty, Brian Hochhalter, Kat West, Jessica Gillard

Meeting Minutes

Nobody had really read or reviewed the meeting minutes. Therefore most board members were uncomfortable voting on them.

Rob will send out all minutes with overviews and proposed changes before the next meeting.

Closing Comments

Congrats to Erik as outgoing chair for all the hard work that he's done in 18 months.