

RNA General Meeting Minutes / Monday March 14, 2022

By Brian Hochhalter

Meeting called to order by Chair. Quorum present

Board Members Present: Allen, Brian, Debby, Simon, Claire, Ann, Heather, Hope, Joanne

Board Members Absent: Albert, Kamal, Madeleine,

Public in Attendance: Richard Bruno, Matt Tucker, Michelle Marx, David Binnig, Reed Dow, April Rohman, Viv Libson, Lea Schneider, Astrid Lacitis, Amber Basting, Josh Roll, Michele Pinkham

April Minutes : Claire made motion to approve/Brian seconded. Unanimous (Ann abstained).

Announcements:

- Reed Dow informed us about the installation of “Farmhouse Carts” in the lot at SE 35th/SE Division, behind Cibo Restaurant. Reed is the property owner working with the tenants.
- Heather: Informed us about the new affordable housing project on the site of Peaceful Village
- Claire: Every Monday @ 11:00AM a cleanup group meets in front of Dairy Hill Ice Cream @ 36th/Hawthorne

AGENDA ITEMS:

NARA NW: Michele Pinkham, with NARA NW, introduced the many social services, events and programs that the organization provides. The mission of NARA is to provide education, physical and mental health services and substance abuse treatment that is culturally appropriate to American Indians, Alaska Natives and anyone in need.

Neighborhood Initiated Safe Streets Program: Josh Roll (member of PBOT Pedestrian Advisory Committee), advocated for the concept and described methods that can be implemented to slow down neighborhood traffic. Mr. Roll requested a letter of support from the RNA. PBOT representative, Michelle Marx, provided information on the state of current “slow streets” programs and funding.

Allen made a motion to draft a letter of support to PBOT, utilizing much of Josh’s letter encouraging more neighborhood traffic calming measured/Simon Seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Joanne abstained)

May 21st Richmond Cleanup: Hope updated the status of the cleanup preparations and recruiting of volunteers (we need more commitments from board as well as neighbors) and grant proposal. Brian talked about the dumpster costs and logistics. Allen filled us in on many aspects including the U-Price-It-Sale, Plant Sale, etc. Ann offered her descriptions of volunteer position and responsibilities from her past experience.

Volunteers needed for: Greeters as people pull in, Dumpster Loaders, Metal Recycling Bin management, Clean-up, Styrofoam Truck manager and driver, Floaters, etc. Volunteers can contact Hope. Volunteers can sign up for shifts (1pm to 3pm with a cleanup crew at 3pm, or stay the whole day.

Approval of Fiscal Sponsorship Projects: Brian motions to approve the list of projects presented by Allen (Spring Cleanup, Movie in Park, PDX Main Street Design, Community Garden Work Parties,

Houseless Committee Projects) for fiscal sponsor application to SEUL. **Motion by _____/Heather** seconded. Approved by unanimous board vote.

Proposed Amendment to Election Standing Rules: Proposal to clarify 7.b. appointment process for committee chairs, community liaisons and Coalition Representatives to reflect how appointments have been made for years under the ESR, with all appointments of positions listed under ***Committee/Liaison Reports*** on the monthly agenda occurring the meeting after the Board Election. The SEUL Rep. was included under the general listing of “standing committees” in the ESR, but might as well provide better specificity regarding the SEUL Representative (including possible Alternates):

b. Chairs of standing committees, the RNA representative to SE Uplift chairs, and other RNA Liaisons/Representatives are appointed by the RNA board of directors at the ~~subsequent~~ meeting following the Board Election membership meeting.

Brian made a motion to approve the amendment/Allen seconded. Approved by unanimous board vote.

May 10, 2022 Board Election Announcement: 5 board positions are open for election. Those that informed us that they will run are Simon, Allen, Matt. Others are weighing their options and will forward their decisions later. Nominations are due by the April meeting.

Letter of Support-ODOT Great Streets Program; PBOT jurisdiction over SE Powell: David Binnig presented a letter advocating for the transfer of jurisdiction of Inner SE Powell Corridor and the allocation of funds from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to improving safety along this corridor.

Heather made a motion to write a letter of support/Ann seconded. Vote: Yes: Heather and Ann
Abstained: Brian, Joanne, Allen, Hope, Debby, Claire, Simon

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

Treasurer: Balance sheet distributed to the board prior to meeting. Financial state stable.

Newsletter Editor: Matt Tucker working on next issue.

SEUL Rep: Allen (SEUL Rep.) explained that for unstated reasons, even after filling out all requested paperwork and documentation, SEUL leadership has refused seating him. SEUL is requesting mediation, but they have not responded to our letter requesting clarification of the specifics of the issues and the proposed facilitator has not returned our call about the mediation.

Because of the absence of clear communication and timely response to the RNA letter, we were not able to draft up a proposal for the board to consider which would include authorization of funds to co-pay for the mediation costs

Annual Tree Planting: Nothing to report.

Richmond Cleanup: Hope previously announced May 21 Cleanup date.

Richmond Ready: No report given.

Sustainability Committee: No report given.

Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use (Vacant): No Report given.

PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative: Heather reported that _____

Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative: Heather reported that _____

Division/Clinton Business Association Representative: DCBA is defunct.

SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer: Minutes-taker is Brian.

Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces: Nothing to report.

Liquor Licenses: Nothing to report.

DEIA: No report given.

Houselessness: Claire has not received much for the Hygiene Kits project, except \$150 in donated funds.

Meeting Adjourned