

RNA General Meeting Minutes/ Monday April 11, 2022
By Ann Sandvig

Meeting called to order by chair - quorum present

Board members present: Debby, Brian, Allen, Simon, Claire, Ann, Heather, Albert, Denise, Kamal

Board members not present: Hope, Joanne

Public in Attendance: Kathryn Doherty-Chaplin, Kristin Alldrin, Stanly Ong, Sharon Wynde, Tina Kimmey, Nanci Champlin, Ash Hester, Matt Tucker, Richard Bruno, Kyle Brittingham, Sandro Paolini, Robin Denberg, Kyle B, David Roberts

March Minutes: Heather made a motion to approve/ Ann seconded. Unanimous (Denise abstained).

Announcements:

- Claire: She and Ann prepared or purchased over 100 hygiene kits plus numerous feminine hygiene kits which will be given to Beacon PDX and HygieneForAll.
- Debby: Hawthorne Street Fair is scheduled for August 28. Next month the board can vote as to whether or not we want to host a booth and/or sponsor a table. We support them every year with a check for \$100.
- Debby: Tri-Met has proposed removing the Hawthorne bus stop on SE 37th in both directions. Comment period ended April 8.
- Heather: Residential Infill Project Part 2 is going to city council April 21. Register ahead if you would like to comment.
- Allen: Richmond Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. Bulky waste, electronics, metal and styrofoam will be accepted for disposal. There will be a plant sale and U-Price-It sale. U-Price-It items will be free after 12:30. CNB-Seen will be onsite to replace taillight bulbs for no charge. There will be a dumpster available at Peaceful Villa on Friday, May 20th for the residents between noon and 4 pm.

Crime/Safety Report: No officer in attendance for a crime and safety report.

Agenda Items:

Division Street Parking Permit Program: Kathryn Doherty-Chaplin, project manager, presented. In 2018 the city started a pilot program; Richmond & Sunnyside joined for a potential permit area on Hawthorne. It was put to vote in the affected area and did not pass. In 2020 PBOT focused on Division Street and it was then paused because of the pandemic. It

was re-initiated last year and the decision was made to keep waiting. She was now checking in on RNA's current interest. The process would re-start with getting new Stakeholder Advisory Committee members, gathering data, the SAC coming up with a proposal, then balloting the affected areas. The previous study area was SE 29th to Cesar Chevez and Clinton to Caruthers. It would take at least 12 months to start the program and it will need approval from city council.

Allen asked if the voting threshold is still 50% ballot return needed with 60% being Yes votes. Kathryn said no, PBOT can create a new voting threshold. Brian asked about what the message was when it was presented in 2020. Kathryn said the question was - do we start now or wait? There wasn't a consensus. Albert asked if there was anyone in the neighborhood driving the program. Kathryn said that RNA was the initiator. Albert stated that he would rather see the potholes fixed between Cesar Chavez & 50th than a permit parking program. Denise stated that the study needed to be done in the summer when parking issues were the worst. She also mentioned all of the competing issues and interests. Sandro Paolini stated that he lives in the neighborhood and also has a business here and has lots of comments about the project. Heather noted that Sandro could send comments in advance of next month's meeting. RNA will need to vote whether to go forward on this project. Kristin from PBOT said that the RNA needs to decide by June 1 if we want to go forward with a permit parking project or the funds will be reassigned. Kathryn can be reached at 503.823-4761 or KathrynDoherty-Chaplin@PortlandOregon.org with questions.

Board Elections:

RNA board elections will be held Tuesday, May 10 at Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd between 6:30-8:30 pm in the parking lot. You must deliver your own ballot and all COVID-19 protocols will be followed. All candidate nominations must be submitted by midnight tonight (April 11).

There are 7 open seats - it's a two-year commitment. Those running are: Simon Kipersztok, Heather Flint-Chatto, Allen Field, Matt Tucker, Richard Bruno. Optional Candidate Statement must be submitted by April 19 - 300 words or less. It will be posted on the ListServ and RNA website. Candidate statements need to be a separate document attached to an email to the Chair, not as the body of an email. Ballots will be sent to the RNA ListServ, available on the RNA website and will be available on site.

Mediation with SEUL

[20 Minute Executive Session - board members only]

Debby stated that RNA does want to mediate with SEUL and cost share.

Allen made a motion that RNA would spend up to \$1,500 for its half of the cost of mediation. Heather seconded the motion. Albert stated that he felt that it was outlandish to spend that much on this issue. Heather noted that RNA is frugal but it shows how important the issue is. Motion is approved unanimously (Albert abstained).

Ash Hester from SEUL stated that members of SEUL had come to the meeting to show their support and were meeting with the mediators that RNA had suggested and would get back to Debby by the end of this week or early next week. She also stated that SEUL would also like to repair this relationship.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Treasure: Simon stated the finances are sound.

Newsletter Editor: Matt stated that the next newsletter would be out before the next meeting. Items need to be submitted in the next 7-10 days. The newsletter will be printed for delivery and electronic on the website

Sewallcrest & Community Space: Allen stated that the Movie in the Park will be August 27th - Hidden Figures was the movie choice in 2019, with PP&R using our 2019 application.

SEUL Rep.: SEUL voted to drastically change the bylaws at the last SEUL board meeting. Had to vote on all or no changes. Voted to increase the board from 30 to 36 board members.

RNA Spring Cleanup: See Allen's comments under announcements.

Richmond Ready: Nothing to report.

Land Use & Planning: See Heather's comments under Announcements.

PDX Main Street: Heather said that they are trying to figure out next steps in forming non-profit entity.

Hawthorne Blvd Bus Association Rep: No report

Liquor Licenses: No report

DEIA: Debby and Heather have been attending the meetings.

Houseless Committee: See Claire's comments under Announcements.

Division/Clinton Business Association Rep: Heather said that they are hoping to reboot and need people on their board. They still have their core people. Could use help paying for their trash cans.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm