

RNA May 11, 2020 Minutes

by: Allen Field

Meeting via Zoom was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Debby Hochhalter.

Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Brian Hochhalter, Allen Field, Kamal Belkhaty, Peter Forrest, Claire Cofsky, Madeleine Anderson-Clark, JoAnne Knowles (but couldn't hear or see her). Debby announced that Jonathan is stepping down from Board and will be moving out of Portland

Others Present: Steve Polansky, Chris Armes, Marsha Hanchow, Karla Kingsley, Vivian Libson, Doug Klotz, Denise Hare, Leslie Poston, Kenny Asklar, Jessica Black, Sam Cole, Christina Estime, Frank DiMarco, Heather Flint Chatto, Kevin Cavanaugh

March Meeting Minutes: Brian moved Claire 2nd, passes unanimously w/ Peter abstaining, but could not hear or see Joanne for her vote.

Announcements: Christina announced SE Uplift Community Safety Month with online public safety trainings.

Crime & Safety: No officer present.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Division Parking Permit Project Update:** Chris Armes, PBOT, explained that project on pause but Stakeholder Advisory Committee has been selected. PBOT waiting to see how Coronavirus and budget issues play out before deciding next steps.
2. **Hawthorne Paint & Pave:** Karla Kingsley, PBOT, presented. A lot of work happening on Hawthorne by BES on sewer project. PBOT Maintenance staff at ½ capacity. Her team working on preparing summary of 1st round of outreach and public workshops; will post results to website. Project focuses on 24th to 50th. Looking at 3 alternatives:
 1. Keep street the same
 2. Remove lane in each direction and have center turn-lane, like Hawthorne is east of C. Chavez.
 3. Remove lane in each direction and add bike lane in each direction, no center turn laneQ&A followed. Audience member comment: there's a need to educate pedestrians, pedestrian responsibility is important
3. **Oregon Theater:** Kevin Cavanaugh presented. Besides theater, there are 2 apartments and 2 rentals, that layout will remain. Hollywood Theater will be the tenant, but that is several years away. Building needs a deep scrub and storefronts will be restored. 4 bids were higher than his. Can't afford to do full seismic upgrade.

Debbie introduced letter of support for Diamond in Rough grant which was sent to board to review to restore historical facade of theater: **Debby moved, Peter 2nd to send letter of support for grant. Passed unanimously**, but could not hear or see Joanne for her vote.

4. **Annual Board Election**: Allen explained that Bylaws set election for May but Board can vote to move it to June or July, plus Election Standing Rules require 2 months notice of election. Board can move election to July and comply with ESR 2-month notice requirement.

Motion by Debby, 2nd by Kamal to hold election at July meeting. Passes unanimously, but could not hear or see Joanne for her vote.

5. **Election Standing Rules**: Allen put on the screen the ESR as revised from March meeting, with new additions underlined: that self-nominations to be emailed to Chair, addition of 2 questions on candidate statement, and allowing for election of Officers to mtg.

Allen explained that one of the new questions (encouraging candidates who have never been to a meeting to attend one before the election) doesn't work since there isn't time for a candidate to attend an RNA meeting **before** the election meeting since the election follows one month after the candidate deadline.

Motion by Allen, Brian 2nd to delete sentence "If no, you are encouraged to attend a RNA meeting before the election." Passes unanimously, but could not hear or see Joanne for her vote.

Allen suggested increasing candidate statement to 300 words, from 250 word. **Debby moved, Brian 2nd to increase word limit to 300. Passes unanimously**, but could not hear or see Joanne for her vote.

Allen explained proposed underlined addition to 5.c:

"A ballot will be handed out only after election volunteer confirms that the registration form has been correctly completed. Or, if ballots are emailed out or are downloaded from the RNA website, then the ballot will not be accepted unless the voter is registered, either on a sign-in sheet or on the ballot itself if the ballot lists the name, email and address of the person." This allows the Board the option to add in an online ballot, either a google form type of ballot or print-at-home ballot. **Allen moved, Brian 2nd to revise as noted. Passes unanimously**, but could not hear or see Joanne for her vote.

General discussion of election format: Christina outlined different options: (1) online google form, (2) online Zoom meeting voting, (3) printable ballot at home with ballot drop-off site, (4) in-person voting. Discussion of Laurelhurst format of google forms + printable ballots w/ drop off site. Christina mentioned online problems RNA already having with Zoom meeting hijack attempt; doesn't recommend using google forms. Christina

suggested holding a special Zoom meeting the week before for candidates to give short statements.

Discussion of March discussion of distributing 2-page RNA Election flyer via Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM). Allen could not get cost estimate before meeting.

Debby motion to authorize \$1,500 for sending EDDM info to postal routes in Richmond; Peter 2nd. Passes unanimously, but could not hear or see Joanne for her vote.

Will discuss details of election in June meeting.

6. **Return \$250 to HAND for Summer Movie sponsorship** – Since summer movie program cancelled, HAND request donation back. **Peter motion to return \$, Brian 2nd. Passes unanimously**, but could not hear or see Joanne for her vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Treasurer Rept:** Allen showed balances on screen: \$20,162.13 total
- **Tree Planting:**
- **Richmond Cleanup:** Explained that Cleanup cancelled and BPS no longer supports Cleanup.
- **Richmond Ready:** Debby read NET coordinator's NET Statement sent to Debby
- **SEUL Rep:**
- **Sustainability:**
- **Land Use/Transportation:**
- **PDX Mainstreet Design Initiative:**
- **SE Examiner Blurb:**
- **Newsletter Editor:** Still vacant
- **Community Spaces & Sewallcrest Park:** Allen – summer movie and concert program cancelled this summer
- **HBBA:**
- **DCBA:**
- **Liquor Licenses:**

Meeting adjourned: 8 pm