

RNA Minutes, June 14, 2021
By Denise Hare

Board members present: Madeleine Anderson-Clark, Kamal Belkhatay, Claire Cofsky, Heather Flint Chatto, Alle Field, Denise Hare, Brian Hochhalter, Debby Hochhalter, Albert Kaufman (left early), Simon Kipersztok, JoAnne Knowles (arrived late), Leslie Poston (arrived late), Anne Sandvig, Hope Townsell

Others present: Viviane Libson, Greg Bourget (Portland Clean Air), Cary Tusan, Jes Maran, Tina Kimmey, David Binnig, Kathryn Doherty-Chapman (PBOT)

Meeting started at 6:34 p.m. by Debby Hochhalter, who welcomed everyone, read the ground rules and RNA mission statement, and introduced board members

Heather Flint Chatto presented the Richmond Land Acknowledgement

May Minutes: Brian moved, Simon second for May meeting minutes to be approved. All in favor, except Denise and Kamal abstained.

Old Business:

Hawthorne Farmers' Market: Denise Hare reported that the RNA had a table at the season opening night of the Hawthorne Farmers Market on Tuesday, June 1. Due to the hot weather attendance was a little low, but many stopped by to say hi and show appreciation for the RNA's work. Several other board members were there, as well. Denise will next table there on Tuesday, June 29, please let her know if you would like to join her or if you are interested in tabling on another night.

48th & Division: Hope Townsell gave an update on 48th and Division: things have been going well since the last meeting, with no drifting or racing, people have been extremely respectful, keeping noise down, property management has been keeping area clean, communication at last meeting seems to have helped and neighbors appreciate the RNA effort.

Crime/Safety: There was no officer report.

AGENDA

1. Election of officers:

Field nominated Debby Hochhalter for RNA **Chair**, Kipersztok seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Flint Chatto nominated Belkhatay for **Vice Chair**, Kipersztok seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Brian Hochhalter nominated Field for **Secretary**, Belkhatyat seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Brian Hochhalter nominated Kipersztok for **Treasurer**, Flint Chatto seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

2. Committee Chairs/Liaisons

Brian Hochhalter nominated Flint Chatto for **HBBA liaison**, Belkhatyat seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Anderson-Clark nominated Flint Chatto for **PDX Main Streets Initiative rep**, Belkhatyat seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

The **RNA Land Use Chair** position remains open. The Board thanks Flint Chatto for filling it most recently, and she can provide information for anyone who might be interested in taking the position, the board will reconsider this at the July meeting.

Kipersztok cannot continue with the **Richmond newsletter**, and filling the position was tabled until the July meeting. Though he will complete the Spring issue.

Brian Hochhalter nominated Belkhatyat for **Sustainability chair**, Kiperzstok seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Belkhatyat nominated Townsell for **Richmond Clean Up Coordinator**, Brian Hochhalter seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Poston nominated Field and Townsell for **Tree Planting Committee**, Brian Hochhalter seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Flint Chatto nominated Townsell, Field and Belkhatyat for **Community Spaces Committee**, Cofsky seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Belkhatyat nominated Townsell, Poston, and Field for **Liquor licensing /GNA Committee**, Brian Hochhalter seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Belkhatyat nominated Kaufman for **DCBA liaison**, Poston seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Flint Chatto nominated Belkhatyat and David Binnig for **Richmond Ready co-chairs**, Kipersztok seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Brian Hochhalter nominated Sandvig for **SEUL rep** with Field as alternate, Flint Chatto seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Debby Hochhalter mentioned that in the future the board should consider adding a DEI committee.

3. **Letter of Support for Diesel Emissions:** Greg Bouget, Portland Clean Air, was introduced by Kamal, and explained his organization's process of asking polluters to mitigate pollution. He described specific concerns that are detailed in letters which the RNA is being asked to endorse. Brian Hochhalter asked if there is any attention to delivery trucks, answer—difficult to know who are the owners but focusing on biggest fleets. Townsell asks if they are able to provide peer-reviewed scientific research, answer—website and letters include citations, relying often on government data and reports. Kamal asks everyone to take a look at letters that Greg has supplied, and we will vote next month, also Multnomah Co. ranks high, nationally, in diesel emissions. Allen emphasized board will get letters and will vote next month. Joann asked about armored security trucks, answer—these are heavy polluters but the organization could use help in identifying trucks and owners.

4. **Appoint Rep. to Division Parking SAC:** Kathryn Doherty-Chapman reported on PBOT creation of the Stakeholders Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Division parking permit program. Hare nominated Field and Brian Hochhalter as RNA reps to the SAC, Flint Chatto seconds, and everyone approves except Townsell abstains.

5. **Division Parking Permit Program Timeline:** Doherty-Chapman went on to talk about timeline and process for doing a parking study. Field stated a preference for a delayed start in order to be more likely in normal times when study is done, and the committee can meet in person. Debby Hochhalter asks who the postcards were sent to and how many, answer--830 businesses/residents in area bounded by 28th Place and Cesar Chavez, Clinton and Caruthers. Belkhatay asked whether the permit program area is already defined—answer no; also asked about how tourism will affect parking, can study be taken across multiple seasons? Townsell asks what is goal of program? What will be funded? Chapman-Doherty responded that priority users are to be determined, and prices will be set to manage demand and cover enforcement and staffing. In other neighborhoods, SAC makes decisions about surcharges and how revenue is to be used—typically for transportation investments. The main goal is to make it easier for people to find parking. Flint Chatto asked if metered parking will be considered. Doherty-Chapman said unlikely, but she will share some example budgets from other neighborhoods.

Field motioned, Brian Hochhalter seconds, that RNA recommend doing the study later (spring 2022), so begin work in the fall. Anderson-Clark urged a summer study. Doherty-Chapman says this is possible—both a spring and summer study. Field restates motion: that committee work begin in fall. Anderson-Clark emphasizes need to study parking during the summer. SAC can direct that parking study be done in the summer. Debby Hochhalter, Poston, and Cofsky abstain, everyone else in favor, motion passes. Flint Chatto asks how can RNA raise PBOT attention about other transportation and parking problems that we face? Doherty-Chapman will send more resources, and she is also available by email: kathryn.doherty-chapman@portlandoregon.gov.

6. **RNA Meeting Location:** Debby Hochhalter reports we have lost Waverly Church as they want a weekly commitment, which RNA cannot do. Central Christian Church has offered

to host us, whenever we want to start meeting in person, we just need to reserve a room so we can use it when we are ready. Belkhatay asks if can wait to pay until we start using the space. Flint Chatto makes the motion that we move our meetings to Central Christian, whenever we begin to meet in person, Brian Hochhalter seconds. Everyone approves except Anderson-Clark and Poston abstain.

We discussed interest and preferences regarding moving back to in-person meeting. Questions were raised about whether vaccinations could be required. It was suggested that outdoor meetings be considered. Several people expressed interest in the option of joining remotely even if some are meeting in person. We decided to revisit this discussion each month in order to determine when it is best to take a new action and what protocols will be required.

7. **Small Claims:** Board moved into executive session for the small claims issue. Board came out of Executive Session to vote on 2 motions:

- Brian Hochhalter moved that the board send a letter to SEUL requesting RNA insurance policies, current and new one beginning in July 2021, Kipersztok seconded. Passes unanimously.
- Field moved that the RNA authorize seeking a judgement lien of \$637, which Kipersztok seconded. Debby Hochhalter proposed an amendment that the excess over \$102 go to charity, which Kipersztok seconded. Motion passed with Kamal abstaining and Denise voting no, everyone else in favor.

Committee Reports: None given.

Final Comments: Heather shared news that Mingus Mapps championed some optional main street standards where there is an “M” overlay and this passed City Council as part of DOZA. The Mayor also supported some pieces.

Debby adjourned meeting at 8:45 p.m.