

RNA Minutes July 12, 2021
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Board Members Present: Debby Hochhalter, Allen Field, Claire Cofsky, Albert Kaufman, Leslie Poston, Denise Hare, Kamal Belkhat, Ann Sandvig, Heather Flint-Chatto, Hope Townsell, Brian Hochhalter

Board Members Absent: Simon Kipersztok, Madeline Anderson-Clark, JoAnne Knowles

Public: Patrick Mandeville, Steven Fang, Quintin Bauer, Miriam Budner, Kym Severini, Rick Nunno, Justin Stranzi

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Announcements

Albert met with city commissioner from Oakland where leaf blowers are banned. He feels optimistic for PDX.

Debby shared that Don Merrill fixes burned out lights on cars. Social justice issue which could minimize police stops. There will be an event to replace tail lights. Formative stage. RNA is interested and Albert willing to pursue. Board very interested to learn more. Will invite him to August mtg.

Agenda Items

1. Steven Fang, Developer of Property 1810/1822 SE Cesar Chavez

Vacant property next to church. Trespasser issues with poor salvage value so will be deconstructed. Proposed three level apt building, 55 units total. Each unit 400-500 sq ft renting for \$1200. Energy efficient, no parking. Part of the basement will be allotted as a day center for houseless youth and families, co-sponsored by the church. Wants to start construction early 2022. Is not seeking a land use code adjustment. These are initial plans and Steven says he will share the plans after getting feedback from the city next week.

2. Quinton Bauer, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Pubic Trash Collection in Southeast

East of 205, there are already 200 trash cans. In mid-October, Cor Disposal will expand to southeast to the river. 220 65-gallon containers with recycling side bins. He showed a survey map of populated areas for use. Yes, dog waste will go in these cans. Anticipate servicing 2-3 times weekly. Debby asked about sharps containers; knows of only two nearby. Quinton said he'd look into it.

3. Fred Meyer closure of south entrance doors

We don't know if the earlier application period expired July 3 without Fred Meyer submitting their application or if they will be doing a new application to permanently close the south. Inner SE Action's proposed letter was brought up. It was pointed out that in March the RNA voted to send a letter to Fred Meyer that the RNA opposes the idea and will likely formally oppose its application to the city, if it is every finalized and sent out for comment. Since that

letter was never sent, we should send it now. If Fred Meyer is doing a new application, once that is complete, then the RNA can vote on it and formally oppose it.

Good news is that the empty windows on Hawthorne now have vintage photos.

4. Board Orientation

Allen offered a quick run-through of the basics. RNA is a non-profit, not a 501(c)(c)(3), but SEUL is. There are duties of due care, obedience to the bylaws and governing rules, and loyalty. He went over sections in the Code of Ethics, particularly conflict of interest: board members cannot give a presentation or vote on things they have a “direct personal or financial interest.” For instance, you should not give a presentation or vote on a stop sign on your block because it would more directly benefit you than others not near that intersection, have someone else on your street make the presentation. Transparency and open process are important. Five or more board members cannot email or discuss issues outside of our public meetings if it will be voted upon.

5. Kamal Belkhat, Cascadia Action Proposed Letters for RNA to Endorse

Earlier in the week, Kamal shared with the Board draft letters from other NAs and a cover letter from Cascadia Action, hoping RNA would agree with and endorse the letters. Denise was confused about why the letters were marked confidential and not open to the public, and that the letters should have been sent with the agenda to the listserv. Others agreed. Albert suggested that we write a cover letter that generally supports the causes in the letters that we can attach the letters to. Albert offered to draft a letter. We will discuss the letter next month.

Committees

- Treasurer Report (Simon): Simon was absent. He emailed the Board his Treasurer report earlier in the week.
- Newsletter (Simon): Simon absent
- Annual Tree Planting (Allen/Hope): Nothing to report
- Richmond Cleanup (Hope): Hope summarized her SOLVE training and upcoming cleanups she is participating in.
- Richmond Ready (Kamal): Kamal gave short report
- Sustainability Committee (Kamal): ??
- Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use (Heather): Position vacant
- PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative (Heather): ??
- Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative (Heather): ??
- Division/Clinton Business Association Representative (Albert): ???
- SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer - Minutes-taker is Claire
- SEUL Rep. (Ann/Allen alternate): No SEUL meeting to report on. July meeting moved to 7/13
- Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces (Allen/Hope /Kamal): No report given.
- Liquor Licenses/GNAs (Allen/Hope /Leslie): No report given

Meeting adjourned 8:45, next RNA Meeting August 9, 2021