

**Richmond NA Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, November 8, 2021**

**Meeting started 6:33**

**Minutes taker: Brian**

**Board Members Present:** Allen Field, Claire Cofsky, Debby Hochhalter, Heather, Denise, Simon, Brian, Ann Sandvig. Kamal Belkhatay and Hope Townsell joined mid meeting.

Board Members Absent: Joanne Knowles, Madeline Anderson-Clark, Albert Kaufman.

**Guests:** M. Andre, Wm. Burtle, Doug Grant, Rod Endacott, Liz Juball, Trang Sharbaugh, Robin Denburg, Rob Nose, Viv Libson, Dennis Hopkins, Richard Bruno

**Approval of October Minutes:** Allen made a motion to approve; Heather seconded. **VOTE:** Unanimous Approval

**Old Business:** NARA wrote the RNA a thank you letter for the contribution we sent and are on next months agenda to speak of their programs

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Forming a DEIA Committee**

The chair suggested monthly discussions on DEIA; sharing training notes, guest speakers, etc. Allen made a motion to form a committee; Heather seconded **Vote:** unanimous to form a committee.

**2. Forming a Houselessness Committee:**

Clarie Cofsky described her efforts gathering information on homeless issues and ways we can help. She expressed interest in forming a Houselessness Committee to get help in address homelessness in Richmond.

After much discussion, the following board members indicated an interest in joining the committee, including Kamal, Heather, Claire , Hope and Ann.

Allen made a motion to create a Houselessness Committee; Kamal seconded. **VOTE:** The board voted unanimously to form a committee.

**3. Rep. Rob Nosse:**

He pointed out that we are in an in-between moment and the long legislative session ended in June and the short session convening in February.

Rob touched on the process of redrawing legislative and congressional districts as the new census data is absorbed.

He also touched on the houselessness issue and the struggle to get relief funds to those in need before the moratorium on evictions runs out

Some of the issues coming in the short session include behavioral health, COVID relief, Overtime for farmworkers, Policing and Racism challenges, campaign finance, and immigration.

**4. SEUL Bylaws Proposal**

Ann, RNA SEUL Rep, and Allen, Alt. Rep, introduced the SEUL bylaws changes to the board and screen shared the current and proposed changes:

Art. XII, Bylaws Amendment process: Proposal is to add email notice to 14-day notice period. Discussion about short, 14 day period being the biggest problem since it doesn't allow most organizations an opportunity to discuss proposal, 45 days would be better. People liked idea of increasing vote from 2/3 present to 2/3 of directors in office, as Laurelhurst recommended.

Art. V., Sect 6, Director removal process: Proposal is to eliminate the NAs right to consent and approve to removal of their appointed SEUL Rep. Discussion about stated reasons for change: equity and that NAs should overrule SEUL decision. If all organizations got right of consent and approval, then equity is achieved. With or without cause is too confusing, but SEUL should still state reasons and grounds for removal. Allen suggested that with or without clause be replaced with statement of grounds, reasons and facts supporting removal. Reference was made to Allen's description of how the SEUL Oct mtg was handled with him blocked from speaking or defending himself, which happened again in Nov meeting. Heather was also prevented from speaking in SEUL Oct mtg. Discussion also about recommending a Conflict Resolution Policy and ideas mentioned.

Mt Scott letter: Discussion about impropriety of handling issue without notice to RNA or Allen, the tone of and actions called for in letter

Brian moved that we write a letter to SEUL, OCCL and Commissioner Hardesty stating opposition to amendments, suggest changes/additions (45 days' notice, conflict resolution/mediation, etc) as well as point out the inaccuracies and assumptions in the Mt Scott/Arleta letter. Ann seconded. **VOTE:** Unanimous.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Treasurer Report** (Simon):

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Ending balance</u>
CU Share	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Business Checking	\$13,330.18	.56	\$656	\$12,674.74
12 mo. CD (1%/yr)	\$6,410.22	1.36		\$6,411.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,745.40</b>			<b>\$19,091.32</b>

- **Newsletter** (Simon): Fall/Winter newsletter is nearly ready for distribution.
- **SEUL Rep.:** Ann/Allen-Alternate: Covered as agenda item.
- **Annual Tree Planting** (Allen/Hope): Tree planting will be December 11 with 10 neighborhoods: Laurelhurst, Kerns, North Tabor, Mt. Tabor, South Tabor, Buckman, Richmond, Sunnyside,

Hosford-Abernathy, and Montavilla. It will be at the Central Christian Church but no indoor potluck or registration

- **Richmond Cleanup** (Hope): Nothing to report.
- **Richmond Ready** (Kamal): Nothing to report.
- **Sustainability Committee** (Kamal/David Binnig??): The name of the committee was changed to Sustainability and Climate Change.
- **Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use** (Vacant): Allen reported that PBOT will make improvements at SE 48th and SE Division to discourage car racing/driftng. He screen shared the workplan for the intersection showing the changes.
- **PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative** (Heather): Heather announced project to transform windows at the OHSU Clinic (Corner of SE Cesar Chavez and SE Division) with Vintage Photos of the area.
- **Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative** (Heather):
- **Division/Clinton Business Association Representative** (Albert): Albert was absent
- **SE Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer** - Minutes-taker is Brian.
- **Sewallcrest Park/Community Spaces** (Allen): Nothing to report
- **Liquor Licenses** (Allen/Hope): Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned 8:30, next RNA Meeting December 13, 2021

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