

Richmond Neighborhood Association
April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Minutes taken by Albert Kaufman
Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Listed at end of minutes

Board members absent: Listed at end of minutes

Others attending: Listed at end of minutes

Getting Started (15 minutes)

- ❑ Volunteer to do Minutes? – Albert volunteered
- ❑ Ground rules, & RNA Purpose – They were read
- ❑ Introductions – Were made
- ❑ Land Acknowledgement – was read by Heather Flint Chatto (Debby Suggested reading a recent letter regarding our AAPI neighbors) – SEUL website.
- ❑ Adoption of March Minutes - Motion made by Allen, seconded by Denise. All in favor, Kamal and Simon abstained.
- ❑ Announcements –
 - Debby: Attended a meeting with Sam Adams. He’s hosting 5 action tables. You can sign up for them @ [Portland.gov/wheeler/tables](https://portland.gov/wheeler/tables) – there are a variety of tables one can sign up for.
 - Waverly Church won’t host us going forward. The RNA will need to find a new meeting place this Fall. If you have an idea, please let us know.
 - Allen: 4.17 Cleveland HS clean-up with SOLV and PTA – people are welcome to show up. 9am-11am. Join us! Allen is recommending people can work with SOLV.
 - Heather: Design overlay zoning amendments are going before council on May 12th. 30 year overhaul of our design protocols.
 - April 29th @ 6pm will be next land-use meeting.
- ❑ Old Business
- ❑ Crime/Safety Report – **Central/East precinct report:** No officer was present

Agenda Items

- May 11 Board Election: Election Process and Q&A –
 - Election will be May 11th. Day after our May 10th RNA meeting. At that meeting candidates will give short statements
 - 6:30-8:30 parking lot @ 33rd and Woodward church. People can vote in person, or can use pdf ballots they can print out at home and bring them to church parking lot. Ballots will have check mark where you have to consent to being a member of the RNA.

Debby asked if anyone wants to run for board – Anne Sandvig is interested in running. Madeleine also announced her candidacy

- There are 8 positions open. One vacancy. 8 people have announced and many are already on the board.
 - April 20th deadline to submit intention to run – submit to Debby. Just a statement why you're running for the board is all that's needed.
 - On May 10th we'll go over details of voting. Full Covid protocols will be observed. Volunteers welcome to join.
- Getting on RNA Agenda
 - Debby suggested that there needs to be ample time to get on agenda. On richmondpx.org – link to agenda requests.
 - We are full for April and May.
 - Allen: the reason we have an agenda is to inform people. Due to open meeting rules we should not vote on things that are not in our agenda. And we've done this a couple times recently.
 - Albert suggested this agenda request transition to a Google form. Also, possibly ask for other information while a person is making the request.
 - Allen mentioned it was done in the past and there were a variety of issues around this.
 - Amanda offered to create this system and will give us a draft of this idea. She is going to do this and will get in touch with Debby and Allen.
 - Hawthorne Farmers Market/listserv guidelines
 - Albert raised the issue of how farmer's markets (FM) are important community building events and we should do whatever we can to support it. It's in year 3 and has struggled to get a foothold. Albert would like to see us do whatever we can to support it –including

breaking the rule of not using our listserv to promote for profit entities. It starts on June 1st

- Simon: would like a picture of the farmer's market for our summer newsletter.
- Kamal: We could add a link on our website, photos. This could apply to other area events, as well.
- Allen: Has a problem with us supporting a business. We're an NA – should not be supporting or endorse for profit businesses. He suggests that's the job of the business association.
- Kamal suggesting picking and choosing businesses to support, but there was pushback on this – that we remain neutral (Heather).
- Heather: wishes there were another category for a farmer's market. Seems like a community supporting business. Ways to promote events that are community supporting events.
- Maddy: worried about the businesses on Hawthorne. Suggests we link up with HBBA and Division Business Assoc – to talk about health of area businesses. Heather is going to check how the HBBA may support the farmer's market.
- Albert: Fm is special category. Tabling is possible at FM – Denise is going to contact the FM. QCPDX is tabling and was offered this for free. Denise is offering to table. Suggests we send out an email via the listserv mentioning that RNA will be there – stop by and say hi.
- Brian: Also supports FM. Wishes we do not promote businesses on our listserv. Suggests Nextdoor.com for this.
- Nick: Very interested in the farmer's market.
- Heather: mentioned creating a community calendar. Amanda may also try creating something for our website via Google forms. Laughter ensued.
- Allen: likes the idea that if we have a table at the FM – we can use the listserv
- Debby: tabling and community calendar both good ideas that came from this discussion.
- Allen: question about cost of tabling. Albert believes this will be free. (they'd love help getting the word out about the fm).
- Update on Division Parking Permit project at May meeting?
 - Because of the parking problems along Division – it was suggested we look into a pilot parking permit program. We were concerned

about evening visitors. Due to Covid that has not been as pressing of an issue. We are not sure of the future so PBOT wanted to see if there is still interest in getting a study for parking permit programs in this area. We'll discuss it @ May meeting. PBOT/Catherine will be presenting. Issue is sitting dormant for now. It's coming back on peoples' radar...

- Communication Funds Leah Fisher/intro to Alexander McPherson, RNA SEUL Liaison
 - Big changeover in staff last year. 4.5 FTEs there. Alexander is new to SEUL.
 - Slide presentation was made about Southeast Uplift (SEUL). <https://www.seuplift.org/> - anyone can learn about SEUL via their website.
 - They support great things happening in the community. They act as fiscal sponsor to many groups. Also support board elections and insurance. Also, technical assistance. Landuse and transportation meetings are held monthly. Heather is our liaison to SEUL's Landuse committee. They help people navigate City systems. Community liaison services.
 - How can we work with you on community based planning policy? (Heather) – “Additional services - reach out to us and check in.” Leah.
 - Kamal – curious about the services Leah talked about. Leah described the history of SEUL. And how SEUL uses \$ they get to distribute to NAs.
 - Allen: Asked about Resolutions NW. What can we use Resolutions NW for? Leah. Nothing at this point. Neighbor to neighbor solutions only.
 - Simon: What is major expenditure in SEUL budget. What percentage of the budget is spent in NAs. Staff is #1. They own their own building and another one, too. Tabor Commons. So, they get rent from both. So, they have some funds from that. She is not sure how much goes to NAs. The liaison program goes to just NAs. RNA gets a disproportionate amount of SEUL's time. Probably 80% of their attention is to us.
 - Claire: Insurance questions. Leah – we provide general liability and D&O insurance to the RNA. She'd like to see SEUL provide more

- coverage – sanitation stations, trash pick-up, etc. These are not covered right now. She is looking into that via a new broker.
- Claire: neighborhood clean-up. SEUL had provided dumpsters in the past. Will SEUL provide this next year? Leah = program has been cut. Stay tuned. She is looking into this. Debby: heard Sam Adams say there is a recognition that cutting these n’hood clean-ups was possibly a bad idea. He’d like to see these come back. Esp. bulkier items. Talk is happening at city council level.
 - Kamal: how many claims have been made on ins. Leah: does not have that information. She is requesting a claims report going back 3 years.
 - Simon: asked question about liability insurance. Occurance vs. liability. He’s wondering how we are covered. Leah sent D&O insurance. This led into a long discussion about insurance types and examples. A recording of this is available upon request.
 - Alexander McPherson, RNA SEUL Liaison – introduced himself. Portland native. Ed background in business administration and organizational leadership. Spent time at PCC building programs. Has been a program manager for the Black Resilience Fund most recently. Loves building communities. Excited to be part of the team and to do this work.
 - Heather asked Alexander about upcoming SEUL land-use meeting. Waiting for an agenda request she put in a month ago. Alexander will follow-up via email.
 - Heather: Wants to use land-use committee to unpack understanding of red-lining past in Portland.
 - Allen: asked how often Alexander will be attending our meetings. He’ll let us know once he gets settled.
- Executive Session: Update on Small Claims Action – Board met to discuss in private
 - More discussion with Leah about Communication Funds and Insurance between SEUL and NA’s.
 - Allen: When was decision made to cut from \$20k to \$10k in communication funds. Leah – it has been a conversation for years. Used to be a line item in grants. They had challenges with NAs not using the funds. So they changed how much they dispersed. Long explanation of the history of these funds and how dispersion of them

has changed over time. Due to Covid they'll have more \$ to disperse this year – they are supplying more money this year. RNA gets more money than most NAs. She suggests that RNA has more points of contact with SEUL.

- Simon: is saturated with his functions, cannot take on more responsibility. Leah: could be someone else.
- Allen: Wishes for NA boards to be brought into discussion about how funds are disbursed. Leah: recommends that we don't count on \$ from SEUL. Their funding is threatened each year. They hope to be able to continue to provide it, though.

Committee/Liaison Reports (20 minutes or as time allows)

- Treasurer (see below) Simon Kipersztok
- Annual Tree Planting 1st Saturday in December Allen Field
- Richmond Cleanup
 - Hope who may run for board is interested in chairing Vacant
- Richmond Ready Vacant
- Sustainability Committee Kamal Belkhaty
 - Kamal is liaison to Portland Air and they are looking at industrial polluters around town. They are approaching these polluters and discussing their polluting. Greg Bourget is asking to come before our NA in June. Kamal has more info on this so we can get up to speed.
 - Info about record high Co2 in the atmosphere in the past year even with Covid lock-downs. He's working on ways to share climate change info with neighbors.
- Land Use/Planning/Transportation & Land Use Reps to SEUL Heather Flint Chatto
 - Next mtg. 4.29 at 6:30pm, upcoming city council on design overlay. DOSA. Most people don't realize 30 year DOSA changes are needed. Heather is advocating for neighborhoods to have ways to have their community planning recognized. Currently, it is not. She wants community members to be better prepared to be able to testify May 12th. DOSA dozen. Top recommendations. Sunnyside has adopted the guidelines. Next up, Buckman. Also, design initiative for Belmont is coming up. Shelter to Housing continuum is also able to be voted on for another few days.
 - Conversation about the PBOT pave and paint project.

- Entrance to Fred Meyer. Their application to close door is not complete yet. But opportunity to treat windows along Hawthorne came up. They are interested in doing a heritage wrap (images from new Hawthorne book). Also, checking on 7-11 on Hawthorne.
- Also, some discussion about living wall on Freddie's. We're building a relationship with Freddie's.
- Door along Hawthorne is now closed (says emergency entrance/exit only). Heather: doesn't think City will allow them to close it. Currently, you can't enter or exit. For all intents and purposes the entrance is now closed.
- PDX Main Street Design Initiative representative Heather Flint
Chatto
- Division/Clinton Business Association Representative Leslie Poston
- SE Uplift Coalition Representative Allen Field/Kamal Belkhatat (alt)
 - Allen: We got \$1500 communications fund. \$13 less than last year.
- Hawthorne Blvd Bus. Association Representative Heather Flint
Chatto
 - Will be a community survey coming out soon.
- Southeast Examiner Neighborhood Notes Writer Minutes-taker
- Richmond Newsletter Editor Simon Kipersztok
 - Spring newsletter ready for submission. Thanks to Heather in keeping Simon getting it together. Thx to Albert for sending Avi Klepper who submitted an article. Interesting article about Foster Care.
- Community Spaces and Sewallcrest Park Allen Field
- Liquor Licenses/GNAs Allen Field

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Simon Shared screen showing our various accounts:
We are close to \$20,000 and fairly stable.

Southeast Examiner: Article for next issue will be written up by Albert.

Date of next RNA meeting **May 10, 2021**
Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RNA April 12, 2021 6:30 – 8:30

Attendance List

	First Name	Last Name
Board	Debby	Hochhalter
	Allen	Field
	Claire	Cofsky
	Albert	Kaufman
	Simon	Kipersztok
	Leslie	Poston
	Denise	Hare
	Kamal	Belkhayat
	Peter	Forrest
	JoAnne	Knowles
	Heather	Flint Chatto
	Madeleine	Anderson-Clark
Brian	Hochhalter	
	Cathe	Foster
	Dennis	Hopkins
	Ann	Sandvig
	Amanda	Gonser

	Nick	Sky
	Jerry	Lanz
	Leah	Fisher
	Alexander	McPherson

Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2021					
<u>Account</u>	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Ending balance</u>	<u>Comments</u>
CU Share	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	Rivermark Membership Share
Business Checking	\$14,956.31	\$0.60 \$0.60	\$1,411.24 \$50.00 \$1,025.48 \$165.76 \$50.00 \$20.00 \$100.00	\$13,545.67	Totals for Credits (C) and Debits (D) C - Dividend D- Zoom rental (Debit card) D- Winter newsletter printing 1 D- Winter newsletter printing 2 D- Filing of yearly RNA report with OI D - DOJ (lawsuit?) (Debit Card) D- HBBA yearly membership
12 mo. CD (1%/yr) (Matures 1-30-22)	\$6,400.82	\$1.36 \$1.36	\$0.00	\$6,402.18	Totals for Credits (C) and Debits (D) C- dividend
TOTAL	\$21,362.13			\$19,952.85	