

Rainier Beach Community Club – Member Meeting – 03/11/15

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer distributed copies of the budget and discussion was held. A motion was made to accept the budget, which was seconded. There was overwhelming support for the budget and no count was taken.

Bylaws:

Membership bylaw provision was read out to the membership. A motion was made for its adoption, which was seconded. There was overwhelming support with 0 dissenting.

Correspondence Secretary's Report:

Corresponding secretary stated that we had a new inquiry for the rental.

Neighborhood Clean-ups:

Stairway clean-up was discussed. Initially it seemed to be cancelled because Feet First was no longer sponsoring. But it was raised that this could still be done under Bridge To Beach program. It was discussed and there appeared to be a good number of people interested. Matthew Kaminski volunteered to head the project and a sign up sheet was distributed. The project will be on April 25th.

Safeway is throwing a cleanup of their own for the Rainier Beach Square (where King Donut and Safeway are). They will be repainting King Donut to show support. The work will be from 10am-2pm on April 25th and there will be a party for those who help from 2pm-5pm

Clothing Swap:

Event will be on Sunday, 4/26.

Recycling:

Club was told to stop collecting bottle caps, the recycler has said they are no longer accepting them. Club is still accepting batteries and corks.

Committees:

Committees were announced to the club. Alan described his tech committee and their work on the website. Sally and Su discussed the Building committee and their next project to remove the fake brick from the fireplace. Joann discussed the finance committee and how they were also helped with the budget. Carol spoke about the membership committee.

Crime Council Meeting:

Bob spoke about attending the Crime Council Meeting. The good news is that crime is down. Bad news is that gunshots are up. Gang unit is going to come in to try and add pressure upon local gang members to try and bring down shootings.

Guest Speaker:

Chris Tomen from SPD Community Precinct officer spoke about efforts in our neighborhood. They will be adding more bike patrols and more presence by the mobile precinct in the Safeway lot. It was noted to him that there was a need for patrols outside of the Safeway area as there have been multiple recent break-ins. Chris described some of the other services he performs for the neighborhood such as mediating disputes, working with local business, supporting the community in licensing disputes.

Tagline:

Tagline was discussed. An initial conversation starter was “Together we are Rainier Beach”. The membership did some light discussion but it was decided to take this up at the next meeting after some time to think about it.

Garden Tour:

Garden tour has enough volunteers right now to do digging and planting. There is a Veggie Garden tour that was announced for March 28th, 2015 at 10 am starting on 63rd and Ryan.

Re-Leaf Program was brought up, they are giving away free trees.

Plant Swap:

Plant swap will be at the RBCC on April 19th, 2015 at 10 am if you are sharing and at 11 if you are not.

Guest Speaker:

Steven Shain from the city came to talk about development ideas for Rainier Beach neighborhood. The club noted that one pressing issue is transportation from the station to the heart of the neighborhood. Steven discussed an exciting city idea exchange that Seattle had been selected for, planners from four other cities will be coming to Seattle to share ideas about how we can grow.