

Su opens the meeting at 7:08pm

Introduction of guests or new members

- Jennifer Kantzer and her mom Julie
- Andrew (Backyard Stewardship Project)

Approve Minutes from July – Alan approves

Corresponding Secretary Report

- None

Building:

- Grants:
 - o We applied for a \$25k State Farm (national) grant and did not get it, but now we have the wording for applying for other grants
 - o We also applied for a Small Sparks Grant. Su submitted and made some changes that the city requested
- Rentals:
 - o We have a rental this weekend, and the Dance Studio is back when school starts.

Finance:

- \$9,012 income, \$7k expenses. We made about \$1800
- We are currently not having the building cleaned, but as rentals pick up that will be an expense.

Social:

- Volunteer Fair & Meet and Greet (see below)

Tenchology:

- Several groups are contacting us to be a part of the Volunteer Fair.

Education:

- Nothing

Old Business

Game Night:

- Decent turn out – mix of adults and kids at different tables. Dominos, Cards Against Humanity, and Parents vs. Kids (trivia) were played. It would be a good thing to do in the fall/winter again.

Volunteer Fair:

- September 10, from 3-5pm
- The goal is for neighbors to meet each other and be introduced to the organizations that need their support.

- Please attend if you are a member of a group or club, want to meet the neighborhood, and find out about volunteer organizations.

Night Out Recaps:

- Su, Alan, Gerd and others were at JoAnns – great food this year with new neighbors attending.
- Jen attended their street’s party and met neighbors that had lived there 30 years
- Carol and Donovan met new people in their area and connected them to the RBCC
- Andrew attended one in Georgetown that was well attended with good food and a band.

New Signs Voting:

- Keegan gave the board multiple options for the new sign design.
- Tonight we are voting on two different options, but making no changes
- Sign with the arrow wins.

New Business

Harvest Social

- We have already applied for a small grant. However, we can reapply if we change the name of the event.
- We could use the grant to supply the main dishes and/or a DJ/Band; projector; new lighting for the event; chairs; etc.
- Fall Fest? Fall Festival?
- We need to apply 6 weeks in advance – after the next meeting
- Su will talk with Clancy about this event

Beach at the Beach

- Back in 2012 there was a project put forward to bring a beach to Rainier Beach
- Adding the beach in Be’er Sheva would also included lighting and fixing up Henderson St. (across the street to Be’er Sheva)
- There has been a \$50k grant from the city for designing the beach area. The Seattle Parks Foundation matched \$20k and have helped through the whole process.
- Looking for ideas for art projects to give history of the area.
- There are some ideas for putting in a small structure for construction or housing kayaks, etc. for rental
- There is a salmon habitat nearby, which limits part of the beach area of the park
- The parks department will not allow a sandy beach, but have okayed pea gravel (1/4”)
- This would be a swimming beach – there are boats nearby, but we would be able to buoy off a swimming area.

Ideas from the membership:

- Bike area. People could potentially bike from the light rail to the beach.
- Swimming platform
- Running paths

- Kayak rental
- Historical – used to be a resort area “Atlantic City”
- Sand area for volleyball, cornhole, bocce ball, shuffleboard etc.
- Natural looking seating – maybe something like what is in Seward Park? Barrier that also serves as seating.
- Recirculating water area, Splash pad
- Food truck area – alternating food trucks
- Duwamish theme for gateway area – totem poles, carved, canoe
- Rain garden (Rattlesnake lake area)
- Ecological landscaping (High Point) (aka: Green Storm Water Infrastructure)
- Bonfire area for Christmas Ships
- Orange and Blue umbrellas

Dead Horse Canyon Backyard Stewardship Project (Andrew, DIRT Corp.)

- DIRT Corp. partnered with Friends of Deadhorse Canyon
- Friends of Deadhorse Canyon have worked to eliminate the invasive weeds
- The current problem is that people’s back yards back up into the canyon and these weeds cascade down.
- DIRT Corp. is removing the weeds from three backyards and replace the weeds with native plants
- DIRT Corp is well versed in restoration and plant ecology
- Blackberry, Holly, Laurel trees, etc. are some of the targeted weeds
- The project is getting groups together to be a part of work groups. Work will take place in the fall (when the rain is back)
- Andrew will give an update next month about where the project is at

Announcements:

- Wine event in October maybe?

Meeting adjourn at 8:14pm