

Call to order – Su opens the meeting at 7pm

Introduction of guests and new members

- Stephanie
- Leslie Lo
- Jen
- Gregory Davis

Approve Minutes of January meeting – Approved by Alan, seconded, minutes approved

Corresponding Secretary Report – Tom: none

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- Building – Su: VFW agreed to rent the building on Fridays (they sometimes do events on Saturday and set up on Friday – we have agreed to help with their set up on occasion). Still looking for a good, local cleaner
- Finance – Gerd: Total Income made by 2/8/17; \$2,787.66 in January; \$29,570.71 beginning balance, \$30,128.37 ending balance as of 2/8/17
- Social – Wine event this Saturday. A lot of people have been pre-paying on PayPal – 21 people so far. The card reader is here for people to pay afterwards.
- Technical - none
- Education – Windemere gave \$1000 grant for Rainier Beach Arts Program.
  - Melissa: GoFundMe account has been made for the arts program – raised \$5k in one month. People are very willing to help. PTSA – neighbors can join too. Would like fundraising ideas – looking for volunteers. They have been helping kids with scholarships. Upcoming thespian festival: Rainier Beach won last year, but could not afford travel to compete nationally or accept the award

### **Old Business**

Introduce new Board Members – Su is president, Sally is VP, Gerd is treasurer, Tom is corresponding sec., Natalya is recording sec., Alan, Clanscy, Jackie, and Bill McIvor are trustees

Women’s March happened on 1/21/2017, many Rainier Beach neighbors participated. Two banners were made, and there was a lot of excitement around our neighborhood’s presence.

- Board will be discussing 501c3 rules about how we can be involved politically

### **New Business**

Upcoming Events

- Wine tasting – Saturday 2/11/17. Doors will open at 4, and people should arrive between 4 and 4:30

- First prize is gift card to Verti (wine store in Columbia City), Second prize is from Wow Chocolates; also have door prizes
- Everyone to bring a West Coast merlot and their own wine glass (\$20 or under)
- \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door – Prepay is encouraged for food estimates
- Blind wine tasting – each table shares
- Bridge to Beach
  - Sunday, April 30th, 2017
  - Cooper, Redwing, and other staircases are being covered
  - Garden clean up at Hutchison at the same time – there will be a signup sheet for volunteers
  - Still time to apply to a Small Sparks Grant – now up to \$5000! We need apply at least 6 weeks prior to the event/project

Rainier Beach Chess Club – Maia Segura & Maggie Johnson (Johnson Sutherland)

- Friends of Detective Cookie Chess Park
- Detective Cookie has been running chess program for 10 years. It teaches kids patience, strategy, anti-violence, and gives them confidence.
- Detective Cookie feels strongly that parks should have a place to play chess. It give people a place to hang out.
- High profile project for Rainier Beach – site will be at 51<sup>st</sup> and Rainier Ave South (by the King and Queen). The site is currently owned by SDOT
- Outreach at Barton Place Apts – What would make it a place they would visit? Currently, the residences maintain this corner, and would continue to in the future. They enjoy the potential to have a place to hang out outside with each other.
- People weighed in at Community Center public meeting with what they would like to see in the design. The preferred design is with a large chess board (pieces would be kept by the Community Club for events) with smaller, New York style chess boards – each designed by a local artist, ideally. People would bring their own chess sets to play – the Rainier Beach library would also have a set.
- Barbershop across the street has formed their own chess club and plans to use the park
- Current obstacles: SDOT would charge for use of this right of way area, continually. That fee amount is not currently known.
- Seattle Parks Foundation are the fiscal sponsors for this project. A page on their website is already raising donation.
- Next phase is to take final plans to SDOT and begin to work on permits
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a town hall for final comments and feedback

Speaker: Barb Biondo, Senior Project Coordinator, Seattle Neighborhood Group

Gregory Davis, chair of the Rainier Beach Action Coalition, also presenting

Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth (since 2013)

- Goal is to reduce crime at five “hot spots” in Rainier Beach through community, non-arrest interventions – Safeway, Henderson & Rainier, Light Rail, Rose Street, Lake Washington Blvd by apartments

- Task force did 6 workshops over a 9 month period – Identified hot spots and crimes, and involved the community to gather data
- Corner Greeters (youth), Businesses, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, Safe Passage, and a Campus Safety Team – all solutions that are being utilized around the hot spots
- George Mason University has been collecting statistics to show the impact of the solutions at work over time
- After the interventions, there was a 43% decrease in the hot spots, 39% decrease in Rainier Beach, and 35% decrease in South Precinct
- 12 students from Rainier Beach High School and Cleveland High School have been hired to help with the project. Last year, corner greeters planned and executed 40 events. Look for the blue jackets and orange canopy. Rainier Beach Action Coalition maintains the group of Corner Greeters
- Business Crime Prevention: Graffiti Survival Kits (paid for by a grant), education at events
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED): Wabash, Henderson, and Rainier Beach Library street and lighting improvement; community work projects – Mapes Creek, Bridge to Beach; Storefront Project – Sunset Café, Altaye Ethiopian Restaurant and Union Store, Dabal Market, Tienda Mi Pueblito
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) – teams in 4 schools; trained businesses and organizations; found 3 shared values: respectful, responsible, and safe
- Relationship with Seattle Police Dept. – Officer Cookie; Business Engagement SPD Trespass Program; Community Engagement Basketball Tournament
- Safe Passage, aka: Blue Coats – operated by the Boys & Girls Club of King County
- Overall project has created about 25 jobs in the community, many for the youth

#### Announcements

Bob – Saturday morning at 8:30-12 and Seattle Senior Center – Seattle Neighborhood Coalition is meeting about zoning changes and affordability; Also on Saturday, South Seattle Home Fair at Filipino Community Center.

Adjourn – Alan moves to adjourn. Meeting ends at 8:29pm.