

## **RBCC general meeting 10/12/11**

Opening quote:

**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.** -Margaret Mead

**Report of the Secretary:** (given by President, Su Harambe standing in for Secretary, Carol O'Brien): summary of last month's meeting minutes was given

**Report of the Treasurer:** (given by Treasurer, JoAnn Dechant). transactions of past month reviewed. beginning of transition from WA Federal to BECU. reason for switch: hours of operation to make transactions more workable at BECU

**Report of the Executive Board:** (given by Su Harambe)

- \*discussed grant from Waste Management if we won the competition, idea of 3 10K grants to other community groups whom help us with this campaign to increase recycling, 20K for our group

- \*we would need volunteers for our November party

- \*we decided on trying MailChimp to send out our mass emails (which ended up being successful)

- \*website functionality was discussed: we questioned if we would need to pay someone to develop our site as this has been slow in taking shape. However, since this Board meeting, Missy Reno and Derek Johnson have given us assistance and a route to make this happen.

- \*agenda was set for tonight's meeting

**Report from Correspondence Secretary** (given by Su Harambe standing in for Correspondence Secretary, Todd Gehrke):

- \*key people have been contacted at Waste Management including Kristen Lindell & Robin Freedman in regards to our project

- \*Kathie Weibel was contacted and took on the role as chairing our WM project. \*Ken Gillgren from Rainier Beach Empowerment Coalition brought a student journalist to observe our meeting

**Old Business:**

\*Rainier Beach SEED Art Walk: RBCC had a booth that was managed by Su Harambe, Claudia Groom, and Carol O' Brien. Art Walk in general was very well attended despite a often pervasive misty rain, and our booth was popular with kids making art projects from recycled materials. A special thanks to Dorothy Driver Hutchinson, Jane Clark, and Donna Thompson for their work on this project!

\*We had our first official vote with our voting packets last meeting, and that was electing the Waste Management Recycling Project/Competition for Friday South Recycles our focus project.

Volunteers include Kathie Weibel, Susan Dirk, Stacey Jacobsen, Claudia Groom, Dorothy Driver Hutchinson, Chris Wagner, and MC Nachtigal.

\*We are calling out for anyone interested in the Secretary position of RBCC, as this position will be up for election in January and Carol O'Brien is interested in retiring from this position.

\*We also will be needing a Corresponding Secretary soon, as Todd Gehrke may be taking a leave of absence.

\*We are still in need of 4 Trustees whom would form part of the Board.

\*The Membership Committee has been formed recently and plans on meeting soon. One example of the duties of this committee would be to keep the contact information of our membership up to date.

### **New Business:**

\*our email invites have a new, improved look (using MailChimp).

\*tonight a discussion occurred of how to post community announcements without "spamming" our membership. The decision was made to send out community announcements on the side margin of the 2 membership meeting announcements that already go out monthly.

\*Round question: asked what people individually thought was one of the 7 wonders of Rainier Beach.

\*Upcoming Day after Thanksgiving Neighborhood Party was discussed. Claudia Groom has volunteered for organizing the music portion of the evening and discussed that she is thinking of a similar format to last year, with 3 segments/acts in the evening, but this year without opening it up to an open mic as that was difficult to coordinate. There was a call for anyone with a lead on obtaining a P.A. for the evening.

\*Donations/Admission for the Party was discussed. It was

pointed out that our By Laws require our social functions to be self supporting. There was a motion to have a specific requested donation amount for an individual or for a family. There was an amending motion brought up to have our flyer state "Donations Welcome" and that we would make a donation box available that our Greeters would inform party goers of. This was taken to a vote with 18 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions. MC suggested we could be paying attention to coupons coming our way, e.g. free 2L bottle soda, and discounts on napkins/plates.

\*Volunteers for helping with the running of the party came forward readily, and we now have a list of greeters, beer tenders, general set up, general clean up, music organizing, and food table organizers.

\*Kathie Weibel discussed the status of the WM project and led a brainstorm of different community organizations that could partner with us in our efforts.

One item discussed is that our measurement being followed is our percent improvement over last year. Also, one challenge still there is that there appears to be no budget for producing fliers in multiple languages. Pamela Cook volunteered to investigate whether the City of Seattle may already have some of these materials translated. There was a motion to approve the Board's suggestion of what to do with the money if we were to win. The motion was that we would administer three \$10,000 grants to other groups partnering with us in this mission whom present a grant proposal that would be voted on, and that we would keep \$20,000 to do a project of our own. Discussion ensued and amendment was made to the motion of have the wording changed to say grants of up to \$10,000 for a total of \$30,000 to allow for more flexibility with grant sizes. This was put to a vote with 17 yes votes, zero nos and zero abstentions.

\$6 in new membership fees were taken in, and forwarded to the Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.