April 11, 2012 RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes

Su Harambe, President opened meeting 7:00pm

Minutes and officer reports are printed on the back of agenda. No objections or questions raised by the membership.

Question Round: Self-introductions and what type of business would you like to see in our neighborhood? Most popular: Bakery, restaurants, coffee shop, yoga/exercise studio, 2nd hand/vintage store.

Old Business:

- 1. Kathie Weibel delivered the Friday South Recycle Committee report. Friday South is moved to first to first place based on February's stats with a number of 1.05. Kathie re-capped the activities performed by the committee. The committee will meet to have a debriefing session. Final contest results will be emailed when available.
- 2. Finance 501C-4 status needs to change to 501C-3, Finance Committee will work on this.

Project Votes:

Art Adventure – Mary Magenta -- RBCC will support this project no objections or abstentions Crosswalk to Kubota/Safe Routes to School-Jennifer Pritchard -- RBCC will support this project, no objections or abstentions

Clean up at 57th & Waters will be RBCC Bridge to Beach Project 4/22/2012 and it is registered. Long Screws to increase personal security-Rudy got \$25.00 donation from McLendon Hardware to purchase screws and have available at next RBCC membership meeting.

New Business:

- 1. Touchstone-Walking Ambassadors needed to guide art walk tour in Rainier Beach business district
- 2. Land Acquisition RBCC can use City's process to indentify troublesome vacant lots nearby the Veteran's Memorial at Waters & 57th & Fletcher for acquisition as green/park space.
- 3. History of Rainier Beach Book available for \$24.08-Sam Simone

<u>Presentation by Pat Mirakami-President South Seattle Crime Prevention Council</u> Her contact info: pat@networksupportgroup.net 206-478-9038

Graffiti paint-outs: Use coating material as well to prevent new graffiti from sticking

Crime reports have increased by 50%, so arrests have increased as well.

Reporting any suspicious activity is necessary and critical to reducing incidents and making arrests. Keep written logs if possible.

60% of Rainier Valley residents are at poverty-level incomes, increases likelihood of criminal activity.

Trouble Spot: Rainier and Henderson. – encourage a vendor to establish a cart of some sort at SE corner of that intersection. Unlawful activity will decrease.

New Light Installations-report "dull" light as well as broken or missing. Then the new brighter lights can be installed.

Organized protests bring attention-could this be necessary re: getting more activity/gymnasium space when the Rainier Beach Community Club is re-built?

The Crime Prevention Council has a newsletter than Pat will send email if requested. She is very open to inquiries/suggestions via phone or email contact info.