

RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2012

Su Harambe, President opened meeting 7:00pm

Roundtable Question: What is your middle name?

**Reports:**

JoAnn Dechant, Treasurer Report: Received \$600.00 grant for Harvest Community Building Event., \$174 in membership dues, \$143 donations night of party, about \$232 left over from party expenses. We had rent of \$50.00 for VFW Hall and \$21 invoice due for Waste Management for August Picnic.

Membership Committee: New registration form is now being used. Asks more questions, e.g. How did you learn about RBCC? And List any special talents or desired volunteer activity you'd like to participate in. Lots of new members joined at the Harvest Community Building Event.

**Old Business:**

**Harvest Community Building Event:** Tim Aguero. Music too loud is the primary comment from attendees. The room needs acoustic treatment to enhance having live music at events (25% coverage of walls, or soft walls is ideal for sound absorption). Goal is to have expert come and look at the site and make recommendations for solution. We can tear down tables as the evening progresses during breaks between performers. This will increase the size of dance floor as evening progresses and direct socializing away from the performance stage to the back of the room. Perhaps no music or piped music during the largest dinner hours, 5-7pm; then turn the lights down and break down a couple tables to signify music is starting and socializing will be more difficult. Make sure public announcements are made at same time, at start and end of event. Maybe have downstairs section decorated as nicely as upstairs, put board games, adult bean-bag tossing style games there for engaging the older children and offering an alternative activity to the music. Have Food Assignments grouped according to last names to bring better balance/variety to the foods. Make the donation box big and gift wrapped so it is more pronounced. Have a Raffle as entertainment/fund raiser.

**Recycle Challenge Award Fund Report:** Per Jennifer Pritchard, SDOT will not grant permission to 3 crosswalks and planters we were going to use the funds for in completing a portion of the **Gateway Project**. There is a large street improvement project already scheduled for 2013 that will require redirecting traffic, police traffic control, street closure, etc. and it is too expensive to have that in place for just 3 crosswalks. RBCC does have application in for approximately \$400,000 in the Neighborhood Street Fund Grant for Curbs, Crosswalks and Landscaping 57<sup>th</sup> to Ithaca Place. 3 other projects were presented as well. The top 3 projects will be selected by SE District Council to go forward to next level, the Seattle Council. Jennifer Pritchard wrote a letter highlighting the enhanced Safety and Usability our project will accomplish, increasing the pedestrian usage of the commercial district and creating a Gateway Marker for our neighborhood. We are seeking support from Rainier Valley Chamber of Commerce, Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition, Rainier Beach Merchants Association and SEED for our proposal. Our proposal includes key elements already developed and approved in the Southeast Transportation Study. Our neighborhood is on the list for receiving Grant Funds in the Safe Routes to School Project.

**Hutchinson Playfield-Work Party** for the Landscaping portion of the project was completed 11.17.2012 with volunteers. It only took about 40min.to complete. The painting of the sports courts is delayed until weather permits.

**Land Acquisition Project:** The presentation is due January 23, 2013. Video presentations are not allowed, so we will be changing our presentations. Presentation criteria is not really available from Park Department yet.

**Nominations of Officers for January 2013 RBCC Board Elections:** Jennifer Pritchard- President, Su Harambe- Vice President, Sally Li-Recording Secretary, Don Andre- Treasurer, JoAnn Dechant-Correspondence Secretary, Carol O-Brien-Trustee, Kim Travers-Trustee, Kathy Weibel Trustee. Still one Trustee Position Open.

**New Business:**

**Special Presentation:** Mariah Pepper from Youth Tutoring Program Catholic Community Services has an after school tutoring program for grades 4-12 located at The Homework and Reading Center at Lake Washington Apartments and is recruiting volunteers. The Meeting days are Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:40pm. There is an established curriculum, volunteers are permanently paired with the same student each time on a 1-1 ratio, and it is preferred that the commitment of the volunteer is for the duration of the semester. The students in the program are identified as being behind their grade level in Reading.

**Re-allocation of the Recycle Challenge Award Grant Funds:** There are \$25,000 in grant funds to be allocated since they won't be used for crosswalks and planters per SDOT. If \$5,800 is used for re-finishing the floors at the VFW Center, it is possible to apply for matching funds from the City of Seattle for double the amount being allocated, or an additional \$12,000 that could then be used for acoustic improvements to the VFW building, etc. The VFW has verbally agreed to credit RBCC an amount equal to what is spent on building improvements arranged and paid for by any funds the RBCC procures towards the rental fee charged to RBCC for the use of the building for meetings. It was moved and seconded to spend \$5,800 to refinish the floors in the VFW building. 19 votes in favor, 0 No votes, 0 abstentions.

Song for Waster Management Recycle Challenge 2013:

The challenge for month of December was to re-write lyrics to a popular Christmas Carol. We all sang new words to We Wish you a Merry Christmas and Anthony Campbell video taped it for submission to Waste Management.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm  
Next Membership Meeting: January 9, 2013  
Next Executive Board Meeting: December 18, 2012