

## January 9, 2013 RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes

7:00PM –Meeting opened by Su Harambe, President

Round Question: What do you like about winter in Seattle?

Treasurer Report-JoAnn Dechant-There was \$170.00 in income for month of December from the Holiday Bazaar, and \$31 for membership fees. \$213.00 was spent for large permanent signs made in August for August Picnic and \$9.99 for web hosting fees. For the last 2 years, our expense total has held at \$1, 034.00.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### **Committee Reports-**

Financial Committee: Nothing new regarding our 501C3 status-it is still pending.

Membership Committee: our membership is declining slightly. In 2011 we had 94 paying members, 2012 74, and as of this meeting, 81 + any new that will join tonight. The committee needs more members. 2013 goal is to increase membership, make permanent name tags for members with their joining year indicated and create membership packets for new members when they join with neighborhood info.

Waste Management Recycle Challenge Committee: Su Harambe, Joann Dechant and Claudia Groom wrote the song that we used for the December 2012 challenge. This January's challenge is to obtain 40 signatures from people agreeing to use reusable bags for groceries. That sign up sheet is being circulated at the meeting and we should be able to complete this challenge tonight. Updates for the projects being completed with the 2012 grant money are as follows: Hutchinson Park-picnic tables are installed; the lines for sports courts will be completed when weather permits. Su will be attending a Small and Simple Grant Writing Workshop 1.29.2013 to prepare for submitting a grant to match the \$6000 of the 2012 grant money that we are planning to use to refinish the floors at the our meeting place at 6038 S Pilgrim St. We hope to receive an additional \$12,000.00 to expand improvements to the building with a Small and Simple Grant.

Land Acquisition: RBCC is applying to City of Seattle to buy lot near corner of 57<sup>th</sup> & Waters for neighborhood park area. Su Harambe is making the presentation at event 1.23.2013 6pm @ South Shore School. Entire presentation has a strict limit of 3 minutes and no video component.

Neighborhood Street Fund Grant-Jennifer Pritchard will present to district Council meeting to request Funding expansion of sidewalks, installation of curbs & crosswalks at 57<sup>th</sup> and Rainier. This is the same date, 1.23.2013. Only 4 applications are currently being submitted.

Emergency HUB- Ron Angeles made announcement that Emergency HUB is looking for volunteers. The HUB site at the Methodist Church on 55<sup>th</sup> and Roxbury is the only HUB for the entire South Seattle Area. There is a meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Methodist Church, 6:30pm. They are reaching out to specific populations not currently involved to be sure they receive household personal emergency preparedness training. The South Seattle HUB will be launching a pilot program this summer to conduct emergency response drills.

#### **ELECTIONS:**

The slate for the 2013 RBCC Executive Board is: Jennifer Pritchard, President, Su Harambe Vice President, Sally Li, Recording Secretary, Joann Dechant, Correspondence Secretary, Don Andre, Treasurer, Kathie Weibel, 2 yr Trustee, Kim Travers Trustee and Carol O'Brien, continuing Trustee. Motion from Ginny Anderson was made and seconded to close nominations and accept the slate as presented. Motion approved by 28 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions. Slate as presented approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Moved and 2nded for RBCC to join the SE District Council. This is the Dept of Neighborhood's method of sharing info and working together on issues affecting different geographical areas of the city. It is a formal structure developed to engage neighborhoods. There are 12 District Councils in the system and different committees lobby the City of Seattle to affect policies. The motion passed with 28 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention.

Gigabit Seattle- the City of Seattle and University of Washington are proposing to identify different neighborhoods in Seattle to receive access to cyber optic cable and microwave broadcast internet service. Othello and Rainier Beach are 2 of the neighborhoods that have been indentified, but Rainier Beach is not included in the plan. The advantage of being included is pricing discounts, faster uploads and downloads, and access to expanded date centers. For more information: [gigabitseattle.com](http://gigabitseattle.com)

Judith Van Praag announced there are different workshops being sponsored by the For Culture organization for the preservation of special art projects, landmarks and historic places. They are being held January 16, 23 and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**OUTGOING EXECUTIVE BOARD THANKED:** Su Harambe, Jennifer Pritchard, Joann Dechant, Dorothy Hutchinson, Rudy Castillo, Carol O'Brien, Don Andre, Tim Augero.

8:00 PM Meeting Adjourned & Celebration of newly elected Board began  
Next RBCC Meeting – February 13, 2013 6:30PM socializing, 7:00 meeting