

## RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2013

**Rainier Beach Summit Meeting:** Topics discussed include: urban gardening, local food, skits (many from East African community), mixed used project by Light Rail, use of small bandwidth communication methods during emergencies such as text messaging, etc.

**Acquisition Project:** 57<sup>th</sup> And Waters land acquisition denied. In the SE area, City opted to fund a park by the South Park Bridge that is currently used for staging.

**Neighborhood Street Fund:** Second stage of 57<sup>th</sup> & Rainier Avenue project.

A bike lane is planned and funding secured to connect Seward Park Avenue to the existing bike lane just south of 57<sup>th</sup> & Rainier. Two new pockets of funding available: 1) Mapes Creek road connection behind Safeway. Project eliminated. 2) Another unspecified project in Seattle. Art, representative from SDOT said the project was too complicated. He would like to know which parts of the project are prioritized and how we can connect our project to any existing projects.

### PROJECTS:

- 1) 51<sup>st</sup> & Rainier Intersection Improvements: Create safer experience for pedestrians by improving crosswalks, widening curbs, etc. Safe Routes to Schools already working on this.
- 2) Rainier Avenue Road Diet: Reducing Rainier Avenue to two lanes plus a turn lane. Will this work at 57<sup>th</sup> and Seward Park Ave? Between Seward Park Ave and Henderson?
- 3) 57<sup>th</sup> & Rainier Improvements: Numerous smaller projects including: Reduce curb radius and right turn at SE corner, landscape median, planting strip on the East side of 57<sup>th</sup>, bike lane up 57<sup>th</sup>, etc.

Don Andre motions for order of importance as 1) 57<sup>th</sup> & Rainier 2) 51<sup>st</sup> Ave 3) Road diet. Su Harambe seconds. Vote posed to membership: List 57<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue projects as highest priority (10 out of 10 scale) and list Road Diet as an 8. Membership voted: 18 in favor, 0 against.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$1.94 interest. \$9.94 web hosting. Landlord has waived rent for this month since RBCC will refinish floors.

**Hutchinson and Othello Parks:** Parks Department agreed to paint lines at Hutchinson themselves. Find out how to manage watering. Othello Park received third tree. Mural painter chosen: Carina A. del Rosario.

**Kubota Garden:** Ideas to decrease crime, especially car prowls at the park. Free theater as in Seward Park? Parks Department previously charged a fee for Kubota because of loss of revenue from weddings/other events. Improve Renton Ave crosswalk. Restrict and funnel pedestrian access to improve surveillance. Motion detector cameras. Improve sight line of parking lot from street. Picnic tables in parking lot area. Climbing wall/Bouldering project. Seattle Police Department has given community service hours to officers who volunteer their off hours to supervise during events. Propose the same to area high school students for graduation requirements for IB program? Current proposal to install 2 or 3 picnic tables by Parks Department.

Membership vote for two preferred methods to improve Kubota: 15 votes for Art, 6 votes for Public Space, 4 votes for Maintenance, 13 votes for Recreation, 11 votes for Security.

**Art Walk 2013:** September 7, 2013, 11am-3pm. Combine the summer picnic with the Art Walk? Food trucks? International cultural celebration. Use this as an opportunity to exemplify the best in the community by possibly utilizing Henderson corridor, Beer Sheva, etc. Vote for having a booth at event for exposure: 20 in favor, 0 against. Mary Magenta to lead project.

**Bridge to Beach Cleanup:** Sunday, April 21, 2013. RBCC signed up. Meet at Waters & Ryan to clear vacant land's sidewalks at 9am. Chamber of Commerce to provide supplies. Snacks and coffee. Anthony's truck to be used to transport materials. About 15 people willing to participate.

**Fruit Hotline:** Flyers handed out.

**Taylor Creek:** Bob Rosenberger moves for "open access" option. Kim Traverse seconds. Membership votes 19 in favor, 0 against.

### Announcements:

- Jane's Walk: Neighborhood walk, 1pm on May 11, 2013 at Rainier Beach Presbyterian Church.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.