

# RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2013

Minutes Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Made over \$200 from the Art Walk Bake Sale.

**Dedication Ceremonies:** Othello Park: Three ginkgo trees and two light poles. Event publicized by KOMO and KIRO. Bus Shelter at Rainier & Henderson: Videographer recorded event. Jennifer will ask for copy. Hutchinson Park: Recognition held on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am at Hutchinson Park. Over \$16k spent on re-painting lines, picnic tables and landscaping.

## **Waste Management Project Update:**

Filipino Community Center -- \$2,287 – Complete

Othello Park -- \$4,445 – Complete

Hutchinson Park -- \$16,000 – Complete

Bus Shelter -- \$2,148 – 50% Complete

Gateway Project -- \$10,000- In Progress. Waste Management will work with us until the first half of 2014 to use the funds allocated for this project. In October, we will find out if we received the NSF grant.

**VFW Building:** Suggestion: Allocate \$5,850.00 to refinish VFW floors and spend the remaining \$9,924.00 left over from projects to beautify and improve the VFW Hall. In exchange, VFW will allow more access to the building and become its sole tenant. Rent maybe offset for work done to the building. VFW currently uses the space for two Wednesday night per month and yearly events.

If RBCC had more access to the building, what kinds of activities would we host? Dance classes, open mic night, yoga/exercise classes, business workshops, holiday socials, cooking classes, art classes, AARP driving class, movie night, WiFi hotspot, karaoke, chess club, composting/gardening classes, craft fair/ swap meet, emergency preparedness, after school activities, art show, event rentals, ADA compliance.

What are the extra responsibilities? Define policies and procedures for renting the space, event coordination and scheduling, increased treasurer duties, admin tasks, rent, landscaping (about \$50 per month). Total expenses about \$450-500 per month.

Questions:

- 1) *Is the building up to code?* If we strive for ADA compliance, the City may not just allow a ramp but an entire over haul of the building to bring it up to code. Compliant slope for ramp is one inch per every foot. Alternative: chair lift. These improvements may come later.
- 2) *Noise and parking issues?* Harvest Socials have not caused noise or parking concerns in neighborhood. Rules and regulations will regulate times of use and noise levels.
- 3) *Insurance?* VFW has insurance but RBCC will need to purchase a supplemental policy. Private events would require a separate policy per event.
- 4) *Current tenant?* Church has refused to sign new lease and currently on a month to month. They would need to vacate before any repairs begin. They pay \$600/month and RBCC and VFW maybe willing to extend their lease temporarily until they find a new place.
- 5) *What is the proposed operating budget?* Su will talk to Mt. Baker, Lakewood Community Centers about their budgeting.
- 6) *How much would RBCC members be willing to volunteer?* Club would expect current volunteer duties to at least double. Can local high school students volunteer?
- 7) *Taxation?* How will the IRS handle taxation on funds received from classes? Any differently if the funds went straight to the instructor vs. RBCC? How to handle taxation of barter trades?

## **Announcements:**

-VFW: Hunter's Ball

-Rainier Yacht Club is looking for a new caterer at \$50 per person.

-RB Merchants Tour: Last Saturday of this month

-SE Crime Prevention Council is looking for a new board member from the Rainier Beach area.

-VFW scholarship: Essay contest, entries due November 1<sup>st</sup>. VFW.org.

-Next Board Meeting at Jennifer Pritchard's house at 6003 Roxbury on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 730pm.