

RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: March 12th, 2014

Meeting start time: 7:00 PM

President Su Harambe opens meeting.

Rounds Question: Talk briefly about a good book you just finished or a movie you just saw.

Building Update: New curtain will be installed within the next week. Sound systems will be set up within the next week. We've started painting kitchen and bath and hope to have it finished within the next few days. Building rentals have already started.

Equinox Party: Saturday, March 22nd from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Great opportunity to showcase new space. Sparks grant approved for band and food. We are still looking for a band to play. Sign up with Jennifer to volunteer. The Redwing Cafe will supply some nibbles – feel free to bring something to share.

Technology Grant: Submitted March 12th, 2014. We will find out if it has been awarded to us on May 20th, 2014. Funds won't be released until September. We will find a way to make our current technology work until that time.

IRS Update and Treasurer Report: Don Andre updated us on the communication from the IRS regarding our 501(c)3 status. The IRS is still undecided and is working with us to come to a decision.

We are starting to bring in money with our building rentals.

Recycling Plans: Compost bucket still available. Bring your caps, corks, and batteries to be recycled to the Equinox dance!

Update on Stars: Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 – 12:00 NOON. Mary Magenta passed around a sign up sheet to gauge how many people are interested in cleaning up the (5) stairways around Rainier Beach. We will revisit at the next meeting to solidify plan.

Sewage Overflow and Rain Gardens:

Information on the SPU Sewage Overflow Prevention -

<http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/DrainageSystem/SewageOverflowPrevention/index.htm>

Information on Rainwise Rebates -

See if your property is eligible and contact a contractor -

<https://rainwise.seattle.gov/city/seattle/overview>

JoAnn recommended calling Raindog Designs for an estimate.

Emergency Hub Update: Save the date – Emergency Hub Drill May 17th.

Outline of events his year:

Equinox Party (March 22nd), Feet First stairs clean up (April 26th), Bridge to Beach (April 27th),

Emergency Drill (May 17th), Picnic (mid July), Rainier Beach Art walk (tentative – September), Holiday Bazaar (Begin September – November), Harvest Social (November).

Neighborhood Summit: Saturday, April 5th – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall. Learn ways to be engaged in your neighborhood. Activities – and snacks - provided.

Sidewalks Operations Plan: Jennifer Weiland spoke about upcoming opportunities for involvement on the Trees and Sidewalks Operations Plan. Additional information, tree and sidewalk tools, and draft plan coming in early May. Revised plan, cost estimates, phasing coming in early June.

More information at www.seattle.gov/transportation/treesandsidewalks.htm

Rainier Valley Greenways: Mark Temmel spoke about Rainier Valley Green Ways. He is part of a citywide grassroots movement that is attracting neighborhood residents and businesses eager to transform Seattle into a city where everyone can walk and bike safely. Neighborhood greenways are low-traffic, low-speed residential streets that give priority to people who walk and ride bicycles. He is working on creating an east-west running greenway in the south end.

Pop Up Greenway – Sunday, April 6th from 11:00 – 3:00 PM in Columbia City (beginning at the corner of Rainier and Ferdinand).

More information at www.GOrvGREENWAYS.com

Shower for the Building: Possibility of hosting a “shower for the building” where we construct a list of things we need for the space – and take donations from the community. More to come in April.

Additional announcements:

Rainier Beach Community Empowerment and Rainier Moving Forward may be merging. Town hall is planned for Thursday, April 24th. Location to be determined.

The Columbia City Chorus is holding a free concert on April 4th, and 7:00 PM – at the City of Hope Church (corner of Angeline and Rainier). Donations welcome for a good cause.

Rock, People, Chisels at Kubota Garden August 7 – 20th, 2014