

RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2014

Meeting start time: 7:00 PM

The mission of the Rainier Beach Community Club is to enhance and maintain the quality of life for residents of the Rainier Beach Community through civic, service, and community building activities.

Su Harambe, President – opens meeting

Don Andre, Treasurer – treasury report – one rental, website fee

JoAnn Dechant, Corresponding Secretary – nothing to report

Rounds Question: If you could change one thing about our neighborhood, what would you choose?

Responses included: Clean up litter, increase walk-ability, get rid of guns and violence, start an open mic, start outdoor movies, little pop up shops that mimic the little libraries, increased places to walk, network of entrepreneurs and neighborhood talents, more rain gardens, save Emerson school, paint the crosswalks in rainbows, clean and safe sidewalks, increase outreach, welcome baskets, incorporate others, fix neglected traffic signs, draw in more participation, get rid of dandelions, increase sense of community.

Building Update:

-We are ready to rent the space and we need rentals. Advertising on Facebook and Nextdoor.

-Rates are competitive with other clubs

-Sally is continuing to work on grants for the exterior of the building

-Su is organizing a work group to paint stairs, clean up yard, move signs and do some light gardening around the exterior of the building

IRS Update:

We haven't heard anything on the 501C3 designation yet.

Website:

Sunshine took volunteers to start a Website committee. She will email Joyce, Sally, Claudia, Mary, and Geoff to arrange a time to meet.

What would you like to see as a part of the website? Responses included: Minutes, photos, rental info, calendar of events, photos of events, blog, make it similar to Mt Baker and Seward Park sites, sign up section to volunteer for events, wish list of items for the club, feet first walking maps, collaborations with other groups, member benefits, links to SEDC, Art Walk, Buy Local, etc.

Emergency Drill Update:

JoAnn and Chris spoke about The Seattle Emergency Communications Hub Practice Drill. The drill is this Saturday – May 17, 2014 from 9 am – 12:00 noon at the Rainier Beach United Methodist Church. We encourage everyone to stop in anytime to practice scenarios or just watch. Contact Chris Wagner at 206-725-9323 with any questions. This is a great opportunity to get to know your community! We all make up the HUB. Know your location and how to connect. Register your skills. Show up any time from 9 am – 12:00 noon at the Rainier Beach United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 17th.

Boy Scouts – Troop 98:

Geoff McGrath spoke on the current state of Rainier Beach Boy Scout Troop 98. After forming this all inclusive club in the fall of 2013, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has dissolved the charter between the Rainier Beach United Methodist Church and Troop 98 because the National BSA does not allow openly gay Scout Masters. The Chief Seattle BSA Council meets downtown tomorrow morning. Troop 98 plans to protest tomorrow in order to get the council's attention. The protests will be Thursday, May 15th at the Sheraton in Seattle at 8:00 am to Publicly Support and Defend Our Troops; and again at 12:00 noon for a prayer vigil to Publicly Support and Defend the Integrity of our Churches.

Senior Services:

Dori Gillam from Senior Services was not able to make it tonight. Joyce noted Dori may be able to reschedule at a later date. Senior Services is a great resource – Holding a conference on Thursday, June 26th from 8:30 – 4:00 pm entitled, “Aging your way”.

<http://www.seniorservices.org/agingyourway/Home.aspx>

Precinct Captain John Hayes:

Captain John Hayes joined us to speak about the current state of crime in our neighborhood. He was able to talk candidly and answer a lot of our questions about some of the burglaries and shootings we've experienced lately. We are encouraged to stay involved and call 911 if you see anything. We can contact South Sargent Ann Martin to follow up on crimes committed in our neighborhood.

New Business:

May 24th is the Annual Edible Garden Tour! 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Contact Iris McNeer for details.

Meeting adjourned - Next Membership Meeting is June 11th, 2014 at 6:30 PM