

RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: July 9, 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 – small expenses this month, we had to pay rent. \$24,898 balance.

JoAnn Dechant, Corresponding Secretary – JoAnn is out, but there was a lot of correspondence this month regarding rentals, the Fight the Fear workshop on July 12th and the Picnic on Saturday, July 12th from 4:00 – 9:00 PM

Building Update:

-Building clean up is now complete due to a joint effort of many members.

-We ordered hanging brackets for speakers; Anthony will hang the speakers as soon as the brackets arrive.

-We purchased a \$45 mini speaker/amp to use with mp3 players. We will be able to lend this out during events.

-We have more info out on building rental – in community, Facebook, and Nextdoor. There has been a lot more interest in rentals.

-We agreed to lower rates to make the building more accessible. We solidified these rates at the last Board meeting.

-We will apply for a grant to paint the outside of the building once we get 501c3 status.

IRS Update:

We haven't heard anything on the 501c3 designation yet.

Art Walk:

We have been involved in the Rainier Beach Art Walk the past 2 years. It's proved to be a good way to meet new people and invite them to the club. This year's Art Walk is Saturday, September 6th. Su asked if we would want to have another booth/bake sale at the walk this year – and there was an overwhelming "yes".

Maia and Damien suggested the club sponsor an artist at the walk this year. The cost is \$50.00 and the sponsorship would help someone who could not otherwise afford to attend the event. One member moved that we sponsor an artist for the Art Walk this year. We voted. There were 20 members for supporting an artist, 0 against, and 0 undecided. We will discuss candidates for sponsorship closer to the Art Walk.

Picnic – Saturday, July 12th from 4:00 – 9:00 PM:

The annual picnic/pot luck will be at the RBCC Clubhouse (VFW) on Saturday, July 12th. Party starts at 4:00. Set up begins at 3:00. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. Donations welcome.

We briefly discussed whether or not our by-laws would allow us to spend club money for the event. Last year, we were able to buy some food to grill and supplies from money left over in an event fund. As long as we don't go under for the year, the event this year should pay for itself. We agreed to provide some hamburgers and hot dogs. Sally has volunteered to buy approx \$200.00 worth of meat to grill.

Fight the Fear – Saturday, July 12th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON:

Open to women 12 and older. Invite your friends. RSVP to info@rainierbeachcommunityclub.org

Free Beginner Yoga Classes for Adults:

The RBCC is hosting Free Beginner Yoga Classes for Adults – Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM, July 24th through September 11th . Email sarahcpunshon@gmail.com with questions and to sign up.

SE Seattle Tool Library:

Sally Bailey with the SE Seattle Tool Library spoke about bringing the SE Seattle Tool Library to our area. Kim Traverse has volunteered to be the liason between the SE Seattle Tool Libray and the RBCC.

<http://seseattletoolibrary.org/>

The SE Seattle Tool Library will provide community access to a wide variety of tools, training, and sustainable resources.

The Tool Library aims to inspire participation in community projects and pursue sustainability through everything from home improvements and yard maintenance to fun projects like Kids Building Boxes, and DIY art projects. We hope to offer classes and host community events to advance and celebrate our wonderful and unique community.

We are having a yard sale July12th to be held at 5370 Wilson Ave S. from 9am to 2pm. We are looking for donations. Re-gifts are wonderful – people eat these up. So put a box of nice used items together and let us know when to pick up. If you can spare an hour the day of the yard sale we would love it. The money is going towards our start-up costs.

OUR MISSION

- Reduce our environmental footprint
 - Reduce consumption of tools used only once
 - Educate community members in proper use and maintenance of tools
 - Enhance self-reliance and resilience
 - Foster sense of community and mutual support
 - Encourage repairing or re-purposing items instead of throwing them in trash
 - Encourage making products for ourselves instead of buying them from far away
 - Lay a foundation for a Sharing Economy
- The SE Seattle Tool Library

Seattle reLeaf:

Sandra Pinto de Bader spoke on the Greening of Rainier Beach with Seattle reLeaf.

The City of Seattle is focusing on growing trees in the Rainier Beach neighborhood. Throughout the year, you may see us working on important tree projects such as planting, caring for young trees, pruning, and clearing trees away from power lines to reduce power outages.

Trees for Neighborhoods applications open August 4th, 2014.

<http://www.seattle.gov/trees/rainierbeach.html>

June / July	Tree trimming for power clearance South of Mt. Baker Blvd
July 26	Volunteer Street Tree Stewardship Work Party Rainier Sound Transit Station
August 4	Trees for Neighborhoods applications open
August 16	Columbia City Tree Walk at Rainier Summer Streets Columbia City
August 23	Volunteer Street Tree Stewardship Work Party Rainier Beach High School
August - October	Tree trimming for power clearance South of S. Frontenac St. & Rainier Beach playfield
September 19	Park(ing) Day Location TBD
October 11	Community Volunteer Tree Planting Details to be announced
October 18	Arbor Day Tree Planting
October 19	Trees for Neighborhoods pickup event
November 1	Trees for Neighborhoods pickup event
November 9	<u>Green Seattle Day</u>

New Business / Reminders:

-The City of Seattle will announce the awards for the Recycling Challenge on Wednesday, July 30th at 11:00 AM at the Seattle Rainier Lions Club - 3714 S Ferdinand, Seattle, WA. 98118. The RBCC was awarded \$2,600.00 this year and Su will attend the meeting and speak about winning.

-The SE District Council meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

-11th Annual Back to School Bash at the Rainier Beach Community Center August 9th, 2014. See <http://www.rbcoalition.org> or call 206-914-1762 for ways to volunteer or donate.

-Rainier Beach Merchants Association hosting hydration stations and real bathrooms during the STP ride On Saturday, July 12th from 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM near Beer Shiva Park.

-Rainier Beach Merchants Association Mixer at Rainier Beach Yacht Club – July 17th from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. Featured speaker will be long time Rainier Beach pro-community & anti-crime activist, Barb Biondo, who will share a fun and innovative new crime prevention initiative in Rainier Beach and ways that you can get involved.

-Rainier Beach Merchants Association Hidden Gem Business Tour – July 26th from 1:30 – 3:00 PM
Check out <http://www.rainierbeachmerchants.com/> for more information.

-Keep up the recycling! We take corks, caps, and batteries at the RBCC clubhouse!

Meeting adjourned - Next Membership Meeting is August 13th , 2014 at 6:30 PM