

RBCC Membership Meeting – February 12, 2019

Board Members in Attendance:

Brett Boynton
Anne Nolan

Alan Ross
Tom Beck

Gerd Prewett
Joan Krueger

Building / Membership / Tech Committees

- No news

Social Committee

- Social Committee opening remains unfilled – looking for a volunteer to organize and manage Harvest Social.
- Alan said 3/30 wine event will feature Malbec (one person brings one bottle and a glass).

Finance Committee

- Gerd introduced Joan Krueger, our new Treasurer. Joan reviewed January finances

Other Items Discussed:

- Bridge to Beach will be 5/4/19 – space for a party afterwards was reported as unavailable but VFW changed their plans so an after-party is on. Alan is lining up volunteers

Featured and Other Speakers

Jessica Brand, from the City of Seattle's Dept. of Neighborhoods spoke on MHA (Mandatory Housing Affordability) and HALA (Housing Affordability and Livability) initiatives to increase affordable housing. She reviewed financial and other incentives for developers to design low-income housing in their plan (such as permits to build extra floors). She also talked about the appeals process if a building or limited neighborhood like the 3-4 commercial blocks in Columbia City immediately adjacent to Rainier Avenue should be considered a historic resource and therefore excluded from up-zoning.

The city considers RB a "Residential Urban Village" with high risk of displacement and low access to opportunity. It is therefore exploring up-zoning to increase housing capacity and density, especially near the RB light-rail station. See link below for neighborhood impact specifics.

<http://seattlecitygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=b0167cf4e63149e3b891307a41a639e5>

Cathy gave an update on the **Taylor Creek** project and **air quality monitoring** (half-way done). She also mentioned that there will be **2 HUB disaster preparedness events** at the RB Library: March 25 on seismic retrofitting and April 18 on disaster prep.

Sgt. Jeff Geoghagan and 2 other officers (Henry and Jeff) answered questions after the meeting about SPD's website and use of force data.

RB Institute requested a letter of endorsement from RBCC in support of its programs to increase swimming and rowing opportunities for our underserved youth.