

RBCC Membership Meeting – June 12, 2019

Board Members in Attendance:

Brett Boynton
Anne Nolan

Tom Beck
Joan Krueger

Ruth Cousineau

Building Committee – Needed someone to measure and meet contractor for accordion door. Keegan obliged.

Finance Committee – Joan reported that RBCC had a healthy account balance of \$35, 615.

Tech/Membership/ Social Committees – No news (except we're still looking for someone to head up the Social Committee.

Announcements

- June 15 garden tour has gardens to tour. Party to follow at 67+Bangor (Claudia and Joan's house)
- The membership approved the donation of clubhouse space to the Baden-Powell scout troop for a 7/28/19 fund raiser.

Featured Speakers:

- **Selena Ligrano of the Garden Hotline** spoke to the membership about how and why to make your garden a more hospitable environment for pollinators such as insects, bats, mosquitos, butterflies, mice, deer, rabbits and birds. Loss of habitat and pesticides are making this a critical issue. Selena focused on soil quality, planting choices, food and shelters for nesting. If you pull out blackberries and dandelions, make sure to plant more flowering plans to make up for the loss. Questions? Visit www.GardenHotline.org.
- **Nancy Carmona of UW** gave an update on her air monitoring study. She mentioned spikes in PM that seem to correlate with major fires as well NOx from vehicles and wood-burning fireplaces and high ozone levels on sunny days this past winters. So far, RB pollutant levels have been well-below EPA limits except for PM last summer during forest fire season. Sample size is small so more info to come.
- **David and Katie from SPU** gave an update on the Taylor Creek (aka Dead Horse Canyon) project which will address storm water run-off issues, improve the trails and create a park just south of Pulcinella Pizza on either side of Rainier Avenue. Membership liked the plans but expressed safety concerns over foot traffic across Rainier (since SPU envisions this being used by schools). The project will be completed in mid-2022.

