

RBCC Membership Meeting – November 13, 2019

Board Members, Trustees and Others in Attendance:

Su Harambe	Ruth Cousineau	Natalya Roberts
Anne Nolan	Alan Ross	Brett Boynton
Tom Beck	Gerd Prewett	Keegan
Kayhie Wiebel	Joan Kruuger	+ 9 other attendees

Building and Membership Committees – No news to report

Tech Committee – Projector has been acquired for RBCC.

Finance Committee – Reported \$26K and \$13K in savings and checking, respectively.

Social Committee - Harvest Social on 11/29. We have enough volunteers

Featured Speaker. - Jared Howe, a volunteer for Seattle Green New Deal (S-GND) presented information about this initiative to combat global warming while generating eco-friendly job growth and social justice. The new Seattle City Council supports its goal for zero carbon emissions in Seattle by 2030. Ways to achieve and fund this include: new affordable housing using renewable energy, weatherization of old housing stock, non-fossil fuel powered cars, trucks and busses, taxes on big businesses, congestions pricing, a GND levy and dipping into Seattle’s Rainy Day Fund. Jared encouraged the membership to call the mayor and city council reps in support. The Board will also discussing in its next meeting whether RBCC wants to voice its support as a group.

Topics of Discussion and Announcements

- Brett and Ruth said that RBCC’s participation in BooBash on October 31 went very well. Had enough candy to give away. Next year, we should add toys such as Play-Doh.
- Natalya attended the RB Economic Round Table on 10/17. She noted that developers have already broken ground on old HK Seafood site and mentioned that she had a binder of other developments planned in the neighborhood that she would be willing to show and share with members. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month and she encouraged others to attend.
- Health insurance open enrollment assistance from KC’s Public Health Access and Outreach Program will be hosted at VFW on 11/16 from 10-2.
- For 10 weeks starting in January 2020, construction crews will close one Link track at a time in downtown Seattle to connect existing service with 14 miles of new service to East King County. During this period, known as Connect 2020, trains will run at a reduced frequency of every 12 minutes, and riders continuing through Downtown Seattle will need to switch trains at Pioneer Square Station. See Soundtransit.org/connect2020 for details.
- Arts and Craft Market will be on 12/7.
- Board will present slate for 2020 Board to membership on 12/7 with vote taking place in January. Please let Board know if you would like to be on the slate.
- Kathie expressed deep concern that e-book publisher MacMillan is drastically restricting the sales of its e-books to libraries. For the first eight weeks after an e-book goes on the market, a library system can buy only one copy. Under the old rules, a large library system like New York's or Chicago's might have ordered hundreds of e-book copies. Now each system — large or small

— can buy only one when it goes on sale. Kathie urges a boycott of MacMillan and signing the Library's petition.

- Joann urged members to use Light Rails Via. Guaranteed 12 minute or less pick up and with a transfer, seniors total cost for Via and Light Rail is \$1. We must use it or we may lose it as it is a trial. Should RBCC send a letter in support of Viato he City and Transit Authority?