

RBCC Membership Meeting_ December 11, 2019

Board Member, Trustees and Other in Attendance:

Natalya Roberts
Kathie Wiebell
Joan Krueger

Ruth Cousineau
Brett Boyton
+ 22 other attendees

Building and Membership- No news to report

Finance Committee- \$12,600 checking, 26,047 savings. Rental going well

Technology- No news to report

Featured Speaker- Gregory David, managing strategist from the Rainier Beach Action Coalition spoke about the work his organization does connection a variety of groups within the community. The group began when a survey in 2003 indicated that residence of RB did not feel and connection to community and school events. Initial events in response included back to “school bash” and town hall meetings. Mr. Davis emphasized the fact that anything the city does impacts our neighborhood. His group specifically works on issues involving public safety, food justice, education and economic development. They have been instrumental in providing the city with feed back about the project scheduled for Polaris and Rainier Ave. They are advocating against retail space on the main floor of new developments and are working to create spaces that would provide shared work spaces, community services and the community gathering spaces. In addition they monitor the relationship between the new work and the infrastructure in our neighborhood.

Topics of Discussion and Announcements

- Harvest Social- Ruth reported that we had excellent attendance. Over 100 people attended and everyone enjoyed the music. Ron Angeles suggested that we have more than one community pot luck. The board will review this suggestion after the election.
- Rainier Beach Arts and Crafts Market - Joyce reported the event was well attended. Several new artists participated. The food vendors were a success. Boy scouts did well
- Health Insurance open enrollment update -Natalya reported last event 3.4 insurers were present. 12-15 people signed up. Kathie suggested we need to advertise better.
- RBCC nominating committee- Kathie presented the slate President: Keegan O’Connor, VP. : Alan Ross, Treasurer: Gerd Perwett, Corres Sect: Anne Nolan, Rec. Sec, Joan Krueger, Trustees: Su Harambe and Danielle McClure, Dorothy Driver, Brett Boyton Voting will take place at the meeting 1/8/2020
- Your Vote, Your Choice project; Projects in our neighborhood were not funded

New Business

- “Fujitaro Kubota and his Garden” screening 1/29/2020. RSVP will be required as large turn out is anticipated. There may be 2 showing if needed. There is also a book event 1/6

at 3rd place books. All proceeds from book sales go to the Kubota Garden Fund. Will work with Alan to provide large screen.

- Sound Transit Connect 2020 project. There will be many disruptions and changes. Natalya suggested people who use the light rail check the website and expect delays. Trains will be running every 12 minutes rather than every 6.
- Ron Angles reported that local musicians will be playing at Judes 12.20 at 6:30. They will then move to Safeway and Columbia City. All are welcome to attend.
- Joan Krueger and Sari Oxman are collecting gently used suitcases for children in foster care who currently have to move from home to home in garbage bags. All donations are welcome.