

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting (02/09/22)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance Keegan O'Connor* Anne Nolan Danielle McClure
Brett Boynton Kathie Wiebel Erin Rizzo Mich
Alan Ross Jessica Reisman Gerd Prewett

* Emeritus

12 other RBCC members in attendance.

Standing Items – Report from Committees:

- Membership: Nothing to report
- Building: Nothing to report
- Finance: Our balance is \$34,774 (\$7,459 in checking and \$27,265 in savings).
- Technology: Nothing to report
- Social: Nothing to report

Old Business:

- Anne Nolan reported that RBCC's letter to SPR on our concerns about the Taylor Creek Restoration Project was sent the prior week and that she had gotten verbal responses back from both SPR and SPU. Both reported that the plans for the 12' service road were up in the air and that RBCC would be advised of alternatives and next steps in the Spring.

New Business:

- The recently elected 2022 Board was introduced to the membership.
- Keegan and the Board advised attendees of RBCC's Member survey and its purpose to solicit feedback on what members want from RBCC. The link to the survey was in the meeting invite and can also be found on RBCC's website.
- RBCC requested member volunteers to be part of the committees listed above.

Featured Speaker

Afua Kouyate of Rainier Valley Creative District. Launched in 37 years ago and located in Columbia City, RVCD's mission is to establish an active arts and culture coalition that advocates for Rainier Valley's artistic and cultural community by fostering collaboration, boosting collective visibility and addressing economic inequity. Geographic focus is on the Columbia City, Hillman City, Brighton, Dunlap and RB neighborhoods. One of the

many activities that they sponsor will be a summertime mural project in each of these neighborhoods. RBCC members voted to provide RVCD with \$250 to support this effort.

Announcements

- Seed Swap – details to follow if there is enough interest.
- Garden Tour – To take place in mid to late June – details to follow.
- Brendan Works gave an update on the great work his team has done so far on landscaping parts of the Waters Avenue median. He seeks advice on what to plant as well as volunteers to plant and help maintain them. He is also awaiting word back from the city on his request for a \$ grant.

Next meeting is March 9

- Featured Speaker will be Erin Rasmussen, principal at Emerson Elementary.
Topics may include
 - Effect of covid
 - Diversity / Immigration
 - Population
 - PTSA support needs
 - Special Academic Programs for kids
 - Big Little Library
 - Nurses
 - Sports Programs / Field Days