

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (03/09/22)

Board Members in Attendance

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Alan Ross	Gerd Prewett	Danielle McClure
Anne Nolan	Brett Boynton	Jessica Reisman
Erin Rizzo Mich	Joan Krueger	

11 other RBCC members in attendance + speaker

Standing Items

- 2/9/22 member meeting minutes were approved
- Corresponding Secretary had nothing new to report

Old Business

- Members were encouraged to voice their opinions via the RBCC Member Survey.

New Business

- Members were apprised of these 2022 upcoming events and volunteer opportunities:
 - APR 23: Plant Swap & Seed Exchange
 - MAY 21 (tentative): Bridge 2 Beach landscaping/beautification project
 - JUNE 26: Garden Stroll (see announcements below for details)
 - AUG TBD: Neighborhood Night Out
 - AUG 20: Back 2 School Bash
 - SEPT/OCT: Wine Tasting Event
 - OCT 29 or 30: Boo Bash
 - NOV 25 or 26: Harvest Social
 - DEC: Arts & Crafts Market
- Given recent changes in KC's covid guidelines, the Board will decide whether the April 13 member meeting can be in-person (with a social welcome-back).

Announcements

- Danielle Jackson of CHAMPS told other members about a Hutchinson Park Improvement Project which will include improved pedestrian safety. CHAMPS will sponsor a pop-up with SDOT. Date and details to follow.

Featured Speaker (link to video at end of meeting minutes)

Erin Rasmussen, Principal of Emerson Elementary School discussed various topics impacting students in the community, including:

- Impact of COVID – She reported that online good in part due to Emerson's focus on small group reading activities that proved popular with students. She also reported that the school now has funding for 1:1 student : devise ratio.

- Best Practices: Emerson launched WABLOC; a system of initiatives to address restorative justice and features less punitive behavior modification practices. The focus is on improving students' ability to communicate emotions, make amends, healthy relationship-building and lasting conflict resolution.
- There will be one field day for students before year's end.
- Emerson PTA initiatives include the Little Library (with props to Anthony for building it) and a new Rain Garden. See link below if you want to know more about Emerson PTA.
- Erin mentioned that there is a petition soliciting community input on how to update Hutchinson playground. See link below

Link to Emerson PTA:

<https://emerson-seattle-pta.square.site/donate-or-join>

Link to Hutchinson Park petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/replace-playground-at-hutchinson-park>

Link to video of Erin Rasmussen's presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8x0L6s5cj4>