

Bus, Rail and Roundabout: Transportation Changes in Rainier Beach 2008

Agenda:

Current plans for a double roundabout at Renton Ave. and 51st Ave S, and for a new "grand entrance" marker to Rainier Beach
Sandra Woods, Department of Transportation

Proposed parking restrictions on Henderson Street as the connecting arterial to the Link Light Rail Station
Meghan Shepard, Department of Transportation

We hope to address community concerns regarding proposed Metro bus service changes and Sound Transit's Link Light Rail fare structures



Dear Neighbors,

This mailing comes to you because you have attended Community Club activities in the past. There have been changes since our last communication. Activities have been scaled back. We no longer meet at the 61st and Pilgrim building because we terminated our lease with the Rainier Beach Women's Club in 2007. The building is now owned by the VFW. The board continues to meet at least quarterly at a local restaurant, and more frequently as needs arise. Anyone interested in notification of these meetings should call President Joe Marley (723-6766). As a board we continue to monitor and respond to issues that affect our community. We are proud of recent accomplishments awarding 7 scholarships in support of graduating seniors in our community, and have responded to specific requests from nonprofit groups in our community: the Southeast Seattle Senior Center (institutional grade coffee machine), the Rainier Valley Historical Society (display cases) and the Kubota Gardens Foundation for ongoing improvements there. Our present officers and committees are Joe Marley, President; Stuart Weiss, Secretary/Land Use; Sam Simone, Treasurer; Mary Wieckowicz, Newsletter/Education; Carolyn Brewer, Membership/Education

Saturday, November 15, 10:00AM

Rainier Beach Community Center - Family Room
8825 Rainier Ave. S (Rainier and Henderson)
Come early for refreshments and better parking!

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

April 3, 2008

Presiding: President Joe Marley

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Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

Sam, Carolyn, Mary

*Please mark up amendments, additions, corrections
prior to our next meeting May 8, at 9:00 AM.*

*thx
Joe*

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May 8, 2008

Presiding: President Joe Marley

Held at McDonalds Restaurant 9304 Rainier Ave. S.

Attendance: Joe Marley, Sam Simone, Mary Wieckowicz, Carolyn Brewer, Stu Weiss.

Minutes of the April 3, 2008 Board meeting were read and "scholarship awards" was corrected to read: Six new students will each receive \$1000 for the school year 2008 to 09 for a total of \$ 6000. For each of the present four student recipients, \$ 1000 is approved for a total of \$ 10,000 budgeted.. Minutes were then approved.

Next Board meeting will be June 19, 2008, 9A.M. at McDonalds.

Sam reported on a joint neighborhood block watch committee formed by a group of Rainier Beach residents. They will hold their next meeting May 29 ,2008 7 P.M. at Rainier Beach Presbyterian Church on Waters Ave.

Stu discussed the Seattle DPD planning project to update the Seattle Shoreline Master Program. He will prepare a letter outlining our thoughts for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Sam reported that we have \$ 25,825.63 in the checking account and three C.D.s.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

May 30, 2008

Rainier Beach Community Club Scholarship Committee has chosen the following 6 graduating seniors from Rainier Beach High School to each receive a \$1000 scholarship for their continuing studies in 2008-2009:

Brianna M. White
Munawara Tesso
Khadra Mohamed
Sandivel Rosales Juarez
Jonisha Cloy
Simon Peter Amah

The committee awarded 1 additional \$1,000 scholarship based on merit to Terri Doan, a non-RBHS student who resides in our community.

2008 Scholarship Committee: Joe Marley, Carolyn Brewer, Mary Wieckowicz

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

June 19, 2008

Presiding: President Joe Marley

Held at McDonalds 9304 Rainier Ave. S.

Attendance: Joe Marley, Sam Simone, Mary Wieckowicz, Stu Weiss, Carolyn Brewer.

Minutes of the May 8, 2008 Board meeting were read and approved.

Sam reported \$ 25,869.00 in checking account and three G.D.'s.

Mary reported on scholarship: Seven \$ 1000 student scholarships were awarded for the 2008-9 year. Attached are the seven names. The Board commends the scholarship committee for its efforts.

Stu discussed a draft letter covering our recommendations to the Seattle Dept. of Plan. and Dev. on revisions to the Seattle Shoreline Master Plan. This was approved and Mary will type the letter for Joe's signature. Stu will hand deliver.

The Board discussed City Councilman Nick Licata's memo "The Mercer Mess Fix is a Myth". The Board voted to support his proposed approach to an alternative City budget to deny the project and use the funds for other transportation needs. Sam will prepare and send E mail to the Seattle City Council members.

The next Board meeting will be Sept. 18, 2008 9 A.M. at McDonalds.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

4847 South Gazelle
Seattle WA 98118
June 20, 2008

Margaret Glowacki
Senior Land Use Planner
City of Seattle DPD
700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000
Seattle WA 98124

Dear Ms. Glowacki:

Re: Updating Seattle's Shoreline Master Program at Rainier Beach on Lake Washington

Members of the Rainier Beach Community Club Executive Board at their June 19, 2008, meeting discussed their vision for that portion of our Rainier Beach shoreline from Atlantic City Park on the north, extending south/southeast along Seward Park Ave S and Rainier Ave South to the single family zone on Rainier Avenue S.

Our vision is to maximize the environmental protection of this shoreline as well as improve view corridors and public access.

Presently this shoreline environment offers very limited opportunities for the non-boating public to view the waters of Lake Washington. Examples:

- The formerly unimpeded view of the lake traveling eastbound on S. Henderson has been partially blocked by a 1 ½ story restroom built for the marina. Currently vandalized and enclosed by cyclone fencing, it is slated by Parks to be replaced this year at its same location.
- Three bulky multistory residential buildings, including one built over the water, seriously block the public's views.
- Marinas with covered boat moorages give the appearance of overwater parking lots.

This is why we feel so strongly about the need for improved visual and physical connection to our lake.

Making the lake more accessible to the public would enhance the livability of the Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village and would benefit the Rainier Beach light rail station located at Henderson St.

Sincerely,

Joseph Marley, President
Rainier Beach Community Club

Dept. of
Planning & Development

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Minutes of the September 11, 2008, Meeting of the Rainier Beach Community Club

Held at 9am at McDonald's Restaurant, Rainier Beach

Present: Joe Marley, Sam Simone, Mary Wieckowicz, Jo Simone, Ginny Anderson

Absent: Carolyn Brewer, Stu Weiss

In the absence of the secretary, President Joe Marley read the minutes of the June 19 meeting. Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's report: The club has a current balance of \$19,992.50.

Old Business

Sam Simone received two replies from city council members regarding the club's request that the Mercer Street monies be redirected to benefit Seattle neighborhoods.

Mary W. reported that all seven 2008 scholarship winners are attending college and the schools have received their \$1000 checks. Two of the winners would have missed out had Joe Marley not visited their homes to assist.

President Joe Marley has been invited to speak about the Rainier Beach Community Club at the September 25th Joint Neighborhood Block Watch Meeting.

New Business

Stu Weiss and Sam Simone met with the Rainier Valley Historical Society director, who expressed a need for new display cases (\$800) and a banner. **It was moved, seconded** (Sam Simone, Jo Simone) to donate \$1,000 to the Rainier Valley Historical Society to buy display cases and a banner. We will ask that the club be credited in any news releases about the acquisition. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Marley presented some topics for a future general meeting:

The new roundabout gateway to Rainier Beach

Parking issue on Henderson Street as the new light rail station opens

New medical clinic across from Safeway

Roger Kluck's Alternative to Violence program

The meeting will have to be promoted by flier in local churches to supplement our mail list. Time and location of the future general meeting to be investigated.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Wieckowicz, Acting Secretary



September 30, 2008

Sam Simone
Rainier Beach Community Club
10446 67th Ave S.
Seattle, WA 98178

Dear Mr. Simone,

We are writing to thank you for the Rainier Beach Community Club's generous donation of \$1000 to the Rainier Valley Historical Society, which you so graciously delivered to our office on September 17th. Your contribution will allow us to purchase exhibit pedestals, display fixtures, and UV protective film for our storefront window. We have also purchased a banner for our outreach table. It is exciting to have the funds to get exactly what we want!

Thanks to you, we will be able to develop high-quality educational displays that will reach a wide audience at our office and out in the community. In addition to the tangible support your gift provides, we are grateful for your recognition of the value of our work, and inspired to do it better than ever.

Sincerely,

Mikala Woodward
Director

Brian Fairchild
President

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
Executive Board Meeting

October 30, 2008

Presiding: President Joe Marley

Held at McDonald's 9304 Rainier Ave. S.

Attendance: Sam Simone, Jo Simone, Mary Wieckowicz, Caroline Brewer, Ginny Anderson, Joe Marley, Stu Weiss.

Sam reported the treasury has \$ 18,024.72.

Minutes of the Sept. 11, 2008 Board meeting were read and approved.

Sam presented thank you notes from the Rainier Valley Historical Society for the Club's \$1600.00 donation.

Joe discussed the upcoming Nov. 15, 2008, 10 A.M. Club Meeting. SLOD representatives will report on (1) the proposed round about at Renton Ave. S, 51st Ave. S., and S. Roxbury St. and (2) parking on S. Henderson St. when light rail station opens in 2009. Meeting location is the Rainier Beach Community Center, family room.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

Minutes of the November 15, 2008, General Meeting of the Rainier Beach Community Club

Held at 10 AM at the Rainier Beach Community Center Family room

About 30 people attended the community meeting.

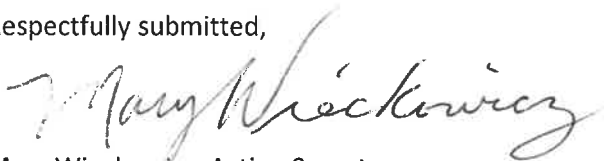
President Joe Marley called the meeting to order and introduced city staff who spoke to the agenda on Transportation Changes in Rainier Beach:

1. Double roundabout and plans for a new "grand entrance" marker to Rainier Beach (Sam Woods, Dept. of Transportation; Therese Casper, Rainier Gateway project art and signage)
2. Parking restrictions associated with new light rail station (Meghan Shepard, Dept. of Transportation); and
3. Metro bus service changes and light rail fare structures (Sarah Lovell, project manager from Sound Transit).

After the presentations and discussion, President Joe Marley briefly described the board's activities for the year (awarding of 7 scholarships to graduating seniors in our community, institutional grade coffee machine for Southeast Seattle Senior Center, Rainier Valley Historical Society display cases). He asked for a show of support for the direction the board has taken. It was moved/seconded (Don Wieckowicz, Jo Simone) that the board continue its efforts to award scholarships and to support worthy nonprofit organizations that benefit our community. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Wieckowicz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Mary Wieckowicz, Acting Secretary

9612 - 55th Avenue S.
Seattle, Washington 98118

November 24, 2008

Joe Marley, President
Rainier Beach Community Club
4847 S. Gazelle St.
Seattle, Washington 98118

Dear Joe:

This submits my resignation as Recording Secretary of the Rainier Beach Community Club. This is to be effective as of this date November 24, 2008.

I'll be glad to retain the Club's records now in my possession if you desire - to continue to be kept confidential - and to be released only to authorized Community Club representatives.

Good Luck,

Stuart Weiss

Former Recording Secretary

Exec Bd mtg 12-3-08
announced by S.W.

delivered to Joe's
home 11-25-08
10:35 A.M.

11-26-08 Joe rec'd and
read: Fel. conv.