

Brainstorm of 2011 Projects

Gardening/Beautification

- Sturtevant Creek clean up
- Waters Ave divider planting – Fruit Trees, Sculptures
- Neighborhood Pea Patch on Waters, or terraced one at 57th and Rainier (vacant lot) with benches for meeting areas
- Fix overgrown areas on Renton where people park for train
- Clean sidewalks and streets
- Containment fence around car repair shop at 57th and Rainier
- Beautify 51st/Renton
- Bus shelter and bench at 57th by Rainier

Neighborhood Markers

- Entry way marker at Dead Horse Canyon. Privacy screen for neighbors at entry.
- Beautify entry way to Rainier Beach from South
- Mural on the road in the middle of the intersection at 51st/Renton
- Veterans Memorial – make more of a meeting space with benches

Traffic Calming

- Make 51st/Renton safer. Roundabout
- Traffic Islands on Rainier and 57th
- Strategic speed bumps on Waters Ave curve

Neighborhood Events

- Dances in summer time at Rainier Beach Community Center plaza
- Block parties
- Sponsor the Christmas ships
- Regular art events that define our neighborhood
- Music in the park at Hutchinson
- Neighborhood ice cream social
- Street fair/farmers market
- Holiday craft fair

Partnerships and collaborative efforts

- Organize a time bank
- Holiday project with Emerson School
- Community chest to help neighbors in need
- Anti-hunger project. Partnership with schools
- Backpacks filled with food
- Tool exchange
- Children's Choir

*BECO financial literacy
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City meeting
55 St Center "Rivers" 8th
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
3rd Wed
Yoga at Presbytera Church
Prana w/ Lisa from
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
JUNE 2
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Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting

Agenda for May 11, 2011

Methuena
55th X Robby
Pea Patch
(med seat)

1. Introduction of new officers

President: Su Harambe
Vice President: Jennifer Pritchard
Treasurer: JoAnn Dechant
Secretary: Carol O'Brien
Corresponding Secretary: Todd Gehrke



2. Introduction of old officers

President: Joe Marley
Treasurer: Sam Simone
Secretary: Mary Wiekowics

3. Presentation of the Bylaws and Club History

4. Presentation and discussion of Mission Statement

The mission of the RBCC is to enhance and maintain the quality of life for residents of the RB Community through social, civic and service activities.

5. Explanation of voting requirements.

The rights of membership, such as the right to debate, vote and hold office or serve on the Board shall be reserved for those whose dues are not delinquent. New members shall receive the Newsletter and have the right to vote at the second meeting following payment of dues.

6. Q & A about RBCC.

7. Small break for refreshments and to join RBCC.

8. Brainstorm: Ideas for community projects or social activities.

9. Wind up meeting and join RBCC.

Rainier Beach Community Club meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the VFW Hall at 6038 South Pilgrim Street.

**Rainier Beach Community Club
General Meeting
January 27, 2011**

Presiding: President Joe Marley

Held at 7pm at the meeting hall, Presbyterian Church, Waters Ave.

Present: Joe Marley, Carolyn Brewer, Mary Wieckowicz, Don Wieckowicz, Sam Simone, Jo Simone, Ginny Anderson, Patty Ward, Jenny Graf, Anthony Campbell, Su Harambe, Jennifer Pritchard, Carol O'Brien, Donovan O'Brien, JoAnn Dechant, Claudia Groom, Todd Gehrke, Jackie Hiltz

\$56 was collected in membership dues from new and renewing members.

Minutes of the special January 15, 2011, meeting were read and approved.

Election of officers for 2011

Joe Marley presented the names put in nomination at last meeting and asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. It was moved/seconded (Ginny Anderson/Sam Simone) that the slate be adopted by unanimous vote. Motion carried unanimously. The new officers are:

President: Su Harambe

Vice President: Jennifer Pritchard

Secretary: Carol O'Brien

Treasurer: JoAnn Dechant

Corresponding Secretary: Todd Gehrke

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Wieckowicz
Acting Secretary

MINUTES of Special Meeting

Of the Rainier Beach Community Club

Tuesday, April 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at the home of Su Harambe, President. Those in attendance were Su Harambe, Claudia Groom, Joe Marley, JoAnn DeChant, Carol O'Brien, Jo Simone, Sam Simone, Jennifer Pritchard, Anthony Campbell, Todd Gehrke and Donovan O'Brien.

There was a review of the changes made to the Bylaws and some discussion of a few of the changes.

Su reported that Mary Wieckowicz, the past secretary, received a returned \$1200 scholarship from Seattle Central Community College which had been awarded to Achut Khatiwada for fall 2010. He didn't end up going to college in 2010 because his English wasn't good enough to pass the WASL at Rainier Beach High School. Through additional studies this past year he now is ready to attend SCCC this fall. Claudia made a motion which was seconded by Jennifer to re-issue the scholarship to Achut. It was voted on and passed unanimously.

The plans for the first General Meeting were discussed and the following is what was decided on:

1. Open the meeting with introductions of officers.
2. Present the Bylaws and club history.
3. Who we are
4. Mission Statement
5. Voting requirements
6. Brainstorming – go over list of projects, asking for other ideas; vote by putting dots on a displayed list; decide on first project.

10 minutes for #1 & 2

20 minutes for #3, 4, & 5

45 minutes for #6

Todd will compile and send out for review a Membership sign up form including Name, Address, Phone, e-mail and whether Individual or Household member, listing names of household members.

It was decided that our General Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month (May 11, June 8) with socializing at 6:30pm and meeting running from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Board meetings will be on the 1st Thursday of each month from 7-8:30pm at the VFW (May 5, June 2).

Todd will send a meeting notice out to our email list and Sam's Block Watch list. Invitations will be made at Anthony's Coffee Club.

We will invite the Department of Neighborhoods to the upcoming meeting.


Todd suggested we pay one year's rent upfront to secure our location and showing our goodwill to the VFW. JoAnn suggested waiting until after we've had a couple of meetings to make sure there are no unforeseen issues.

To be done:

Su – history and bylaws, set agenda, emails to Todd
Todd & JoAnn – Invitation flyer (draft to be sent to all currently active members, new and old)
Jennifer – Brainstorm
Todd – Membership application forms to be sent out for review
Claudia – Talk to Richard at VFW about meeting times and dates, and P.A. system
Jennifer – Member packets for paid members
Carol – Minutes, name tags, pens & markers
Sam – Get old newsletters
Anthony - Refreshments

For June 2 Board Meeting Su will invite Mike Bolasina to advise us on the legality of our organization.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



Respectfully submitted by
Carol O'Brien
Recording Secretary

P.S. Prior to this meeting, on April 6, several of us met with the VFW to see if we can use their facility for our meetings, both Board Meetings and General Community Meetings. The basement room was offered and decided it would do until we outgrow the space, at which time we would need to use the upstairs. Richard and his wife were concerned that the church that uses the upstairs may be disrupted, but we assured them that everything will be as we found it after our meetings. A price of \$50 was agreed upon.

May 2011 Meeting

New Officers

President Su Harambe
Vice President Jennifer Pritchard
Treasurer JoAnn Dechant
Recording Secretary Carol O'Brien
Corresponding Secretary Todd Gehrke

Old Officers

President Joe Marley
Treasurer Sam Simone
Secretary Mary Wieckowicz

I'd like to give a special acknowledgement to Ginny Anderson, Jo Simone, Carolyn Brewer and Don Wiekowics and past officers for attending meetings and helping the new officers with the transition. All of the past officers and members have been very helpful and supportive of this change in guard. The RBCC has been a big part of our community and we are pleased to be continuing that tradition.

Bylaws: The RBCC had a wonderful Constitution and Bylaws Document in place when we came on board. We did do some work to modernize the language and clean up some repetition, but have left the general feeling of the piece pretty much as we found it. We have several copies of that document here tonight if you would like to look them over. Please don't take them away as we only printed a few. If you would like to read it more carefully we are happy to e-mail the Constitution/ Bylaws to you. Please make a note of that by your name on the sign in sheet and we will get that to you.

History: The RBCC actually started with the RB Woman's Club. The RBWC was founded in 1908. They started small and met in one another's homes. Among other things they did local cleanup projects and started the first kindergarten in Seattle. In 1921 they bought the lot that this building is on and in 1922 this building was erected.

In April of 1925 The RBCC was incorporated. It seems that they worked hand in hand with the Women's Club. Some members belonged to both groups. Meetings for both organizations were held in this building. So, being able to meet here after all these years feels really important and adds to the continuity of our connection to this neighborhood. We thank the VFW for generously hosting us here.

When they were formed the stated purpose of the RBCC was: ...to promote social, civic and moral progress of the community... In 1987 the RBCC was instrumental in establishing Kubota Garden as a park rather than a condominium development. We have also been involved in a scholarship program that has given thousands of dollars to local students to help with the cost of college. The RBCC also hosted "A Day in the Park" at Hutchinson Field, as well as candidate forums and potluck socials. In addition they were very involved with zoning issues. As we are just breathing life back into the organization we can choose how we want to affect our community. That will be easiest to do with more people involved.

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Mission Statement: We, the current members, would like to keep with these traditions and work to maintain and improve our Rainier Beach Community. Our Mission Statement says it all:

The mission of the RBCC is to enhance and maintain the quality of life for residents of the RB Community through social, civic and service activities.

Voting requirements: **The rights of membership, such as the right to debate, vote and hold office or serve on the Board shall be reserved for those whose dues are not delinquent. New members shall receive the Newsletter and have the right to vote at the second meeting following payment of dues.** (Dues are \$3 per year per person or \$5 per year per household.)

Q&A

Coming up next we will brainstorm about some upcoming projects to improve our neighborhood.

However, first we will take a small break so that you may get refreshments. If you like what you've heard so far this is a great time to join our organization. And remember, since we are a membership organization there are advantages to being a member and the price is right. \$3/5. Also if you did not get a copy of the agenda, please do that now. On the back you will see some of the projects that have already been suggested to us.

After break: Jennifer runs the Brainstorm and dot poll.

I want to thank you for coming. I also want to encourage you not only to join the Community Club, but also to get involved. At this point there are about 10 of us doing all of the work. We will accomplish more and be able to have more social activities if there are more contributing members. So come back again, tell your friends and neighbors and let's work together to make Rainier Beach an even better place to live, work and school our children.

Next meeting ^{Wed} June 8
Board meeting ^{Thu} June 2
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Agenda for May Meeting

From: harambe2000@windermere.com

Sent: Thu, May 5, 2011 at 10:31 pm

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Hello friends,

Here is the agenda for our next/first large group meeting.

Agenda for May 11, 2012 Meeting

1. Introduction of new officers.
2. Mention old officers by name.
3. Present the Bylaws and Club History
4. Read and discuss Mission Statement
5. Talk about voting requirements.
6. Ask people to join.
7. Small break for refreshments and joining.
8. Brainstorm: Go over list of projects. Ask for new ideas. Do dot poll on displayed list. Present narrowed list for vote at next meeting.
9. Wind up meeting and ask again for people to join.

Does that sound about right?



Su
Harambe

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MINUTES of Executive Board Meeting

Of the Rainier Beach Community Club

May 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Su Harambe at 7:15pm at Su's home. Those in attendance were Su, Todd Gehrke, Jennifer Pritchard, Claudia Groom, JoAnn Dechant, Carol O'Brien and Donovan O'Brien. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

The rest of the meeting was primarily to plan for the General Membership Meeting to be held next Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at the VFW Hall.

Su talked about the meeting with Richard at VFW to get the key and learn all the specifics about the lights, heat and security system. The room layout for the meeting on May 11 was decided on.

Todd passed around the membership application he drafted and a few changes were made. He will have application forms at the meeting.

Membership packets will not be ready for the June meeting.

After the business part of the meeting there will be a break for joining and refreshments, then a brainstorming session for project suggestions. Todd will enlarge current list of suggestions and to post on wall and everyone will get colored dots to vote for their favorites, based on Small, Medium or Large projects.

There was some discussion about posting signs in the neighborhood, and Jennifer volunteered to make one sign.

To Do List

Su: Get agenda out to all board members; bring money box; print flyers; provide Carol with list of who should receive minutes

Todd: Enlarge Mission Statement and brainstorm list; complete membership application forms

Carol: Bring name tags and pens; write and distribute minutes

JoAnn: Check for meeting room rental; contact Mary W. regarding scholarship

Claudia: Write up Open/Close instructions from VFW for meeting room use

Jennifer: Get brainstorm list to Su; make yard sign

Anthony: Responsible for coffee and tea at meeting

All: Bring snacks

Su and Donovan: Arrive at 5:30pm to set up room

Todd and Carol: Sit at the Entry table for greeting, sign-in and membership sign-ups

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted by

Carol O'Brien

Recording Secretary

June 2011 RBCC board notes

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Su Harambe, Jennifer Pritchard, Damian Lix, Todd Gehrke, Josh Levine in attendance

Su proposed not taking on any projects right now, instead get organized with communication and nonprofit status and focusing on socializing within the group. Su also explained Small Sparks grant and talked about nature of last membership meeting

All agreed that we need to become a non-profit. Jennifer brought up that we need to become a non-profit, but can we do a social event at the same time. Jennifer volunteered to find lawyers re non-profit and look into what needed to be done and would report to next group meeting.

Daimian suggested 'speed dating' at membership meeting to get to know each other. Todd also thought our current meeting style not conducive to socializing. We need a mixer.

Todd and Jennifer discussed the need for communication, flyers, web, etc. Daimian will get domain name, set up newsletter, talked about cost (\$20 set up \$7/month) or so. Su and Daimian will order domain name and hosting. Monthly membership info from meetings should go onto contact spread sheet. For now Su and Todd will refine our current system. Improving our sign in and a sign up sheets was discussed. Also discussed the possibility of printing flyers, possibly at Saigon Printers.

We discussed voting packets for each member with paddles or cards. Josh and Jennifer to start this project.

Once membership committee is really in place they will work on flyer and membership issues such as meeting minutes, meeting time/date, what we're doing at meeting, location & mission statement all posted on web site. Also will be better able to track how many members we have. Would like to reach 200 member goal by end of summer. Each person who attends can try to bring 1 or 2 people to next meeting.

There was general-talk about branding the Club.

The next meeting theme can be "Get to know your neighbors". We talked about bringing food or doing an ice cream social again. Josh to contact Full Tilt. Also discussed having our Aug meeting in the park and having a potluck.

We need to find out who is having Night Out party and how to get Club info to those parties.

We agreed that at membership meetings people should introduce themselves before asking questions.

We also need to look for activity leaders. What are people's skills? What do people want to see happen?

We will do a social bit in meeting. Name & where you live. Interests. What you'd like to see happen with Club.

Possibly we need a suggestion box.

We will need to talk to VFW about moving upstairs

Bring back brainstorming lists, have people who haven't been involved write suggestions. Also, figure out how to take care of kids at meetings.

Agenda for July meeting:

Start w/ice cream (cookies)

Meeting notes posted

Board members speak

Report on # of members

Old business

Brainstorm leading to getting to know each other, 200 member goal, membership committee

New business-URL, hosting web site

Looking into non-profit

Social circle-what do you want to see happen in club?

Ask people what they want to see at next meeting.

Meeting dismissed at 9 pm.

MINUTES of Executive Board Meeting

Of the Rainier Beach Community Club

June 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Su Harambe. Those in attendance were Su Harambe, Carol O'Brien, Jennifer Pritchard, JoAnn DeChant, Claudia Groom, Todd Gehrke, Donovan O'Brien and Josh Levine.

The subject of email was discussed, with Todd explaining the need for reserving a URL so we can be sure to have it available when the time comes that we will need it. In the interim, Su suggested using Mail Chimp to get meeting notices out. Todd will solicit help from a neighbor who is more experienced and may have more available time.

Su has a list of former members and suggested we send out post cards, since many do not have email addresses, to update the list and to see if they are interested in becoming a member of the current club.

Todd will add all new members to our email list. It was determined that we need to get a Membership Committee formed so we can keep our membership information accurate. This will be our first committee and will be on the agenda at our next Club meeting. The Membership Chairman should be detail oriented, have computer skills, be organized and have integrity.

We determined that there needs to be more time between our Board meetings and our Club meeting allowing time to be prepared for our monthly club meeting. It was voted on and passed that we change the date for our Executive Board meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

The agenda for our June meeting was discussed and set as follows:

1. Ice cream social (ice cream cones) from 6:30pm-7:00pm
2. Secretary's report and Treasurer's report
3. Neighborhood Night Out/Block Parties (to promote new members)
4. Guest Speaker: Rudy Castillo of the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee
5. Brainstorming results
6. Membership Committee (also Trustees)

To do list:

JoAnn and Claudia: purchase coffee, ice cream and cones. Vanilla from Costco and Claudia will contact Full Tilt Ice Cream shop for a deal on a chocolate flavored ice cream (Su said we now have the RBCC coffee maker)

Carol: ice cream scoops, Duplos (for kids to keep occupied)

Su: print up agendas with top brainstorm results on the back

Todd: flyer for meeting

JoAnn: compilation of projects tally

Donovan: help Su with set-up

Todd reported that he received a communication from the Mt. Baker Community Club offering to help us to get our club going.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carol O'Brien
Recording Secretary

July 13, 2011 Rainier Beach Community Club Membership Meeting & Ice Cream Social

Open meeting: 3rd membership meeting. We attached minutes to invitation and so we can just approve them at the meeting.

Carol O'Brien, Secretary, reads minutes.

JoAnn Dechant, Treasurer, gives treasury report.

Report of the Executive Board:

- A. It was decided to hold off on any projects other than becoming a non profit org and getting our membership committee in place and our website in order.
- B. Jennifer Pritchard is working on helping RBCC become a non-profit organization. She and Su will meet with an attorney next week.
- C. People should stand and introduce themselves when asking questions or making comments.
- D. Would like to have 200 members by end of summer. We appear to have about 71 now.
- E. We discussed the Agenda for Membership Meeting.

Todd Gehrke, Corresponding Secretary gives correspondence report.

Old Business:

- 1. Brainstorming ideas are up on the wall. Feel free to look them over or add to them after the meeting.
- 2. Night Out parties: who is having one? Do you need RBCC info?
- 3. Membership Committee is just starting. So far Sherry Dantonio, Derek Johnson, Daimian Lix and Tim Aguerro have started working on flyer ideas etc. 2 others showed interest but we need your info again. We need someone to man the table to sign new members up and old members in.
- 4. Any other old business.

New Business:

- 1. Pat Chemnick of SEED (SouthEast Effective Development) will speak about the Rainier Beach Art Walk.
- 2. Daimina Lix and Su Harambe got the domain name: **Rainierbeachcommunityclub.org**. Todd Gehrke posted the Board and Membership meeting notes, as well as the Bylaws/Constitution and our Mission Statement on the site. Look there for any of that info. We will work on it over time to make it beautiful and very user friendly. We just wanted to get it going. We are also working on a flyer for both e-mail and print. We would like the website and flyers to look like they come from the same organization.
- 3. Rainier Beach yard sale is Sat. July 23 from 9-3. You can sign up with RBNA or just put out signs and join in the fun.

4. August meeting to be a picnic in the park at Hutchinson Playground. It will be at our regular meeting date and time. Wed Aug 10, 6:30-8:30, although some of us will be there earlier. How should we handle food? Potluck or bring your own? Let's make it easy.
5. Kids at meetings. How should that work?
6. We will have a suggestion box in case there are suggestions that you may not want to make during the meeting.
7. Seward Park 100 Year celebration this weekend.
8. Any other new business.

Social Program: We will give instructions before people do anything.

1. Tell your name and one activity you enjoy doing. In what neighborhood does that activity take place?
2. What is happening in Rainier Beach that you are excited about? Or that you are concerned about?
3. What would your dream neighborhood be?

In closing:

Happiness is a collective phenomenon that spreads through social networks like an emotional contagion. In a study that looked at the happiness of nearly 5000 individuals over a period of twenty years, researchers found that when an individual becomes happy, the network effect can be measured up to three degrees. One person's happiness triggers a chain reaction that benefits not only their friends, but their friends' friends, and their friends' friends' friends. The effect lasts for up to one year.

The researchers found that when an individual becomes happy, a friend living within a mile experiences a 25 percent increased chance of becoming happy. These effects are limited by both time and space. The closer a friend lives to you, the stronger the emotional contagion. So let's make friends with our neighbors and start making one another happy.

July Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday July 26, 2011.

Aug Membership Meeting on Wednesday Aug 10, 2011 at VFW Hall.

MINUTES of Executive Board Meeting

Of the Rainier Beach Community Club

July 26, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Su Harambe. Those in attendance were Su Harambe, Carol O'Brien, Jennifer Pritchard, JoAnn DeChant, Claudia Groom, Todd Gehrke, Donovan O'Brien, Daimian Lix, Sherry D'Antonio and Derek Johnson.

We discussed flyers for the upcoming picnic and decided on ½ sheet size and that they should be ready by Monday. The next meeting will be replaced by a Potluck Picnic to be held at Hutchison Park from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

There was a lengthy discussion about internet communications.

It was decided that whoever starts a list at meetings should collect the list at the end of the meeting, as lists seem to get misplaced occasionally.

We decided that the \$50 saved by not using the VFW Hall for our monthly meeting could be used to buy paper plates, etc. for the picnic.

Sherry volunteered to make hula hoops for the picnic. Jennifer would get gunny sacks for a race and we would do an egg toss.

We decided to put on the flyer a recommended food category depending on the participant's last name, with a breakdown such as Main Dish / Salad or Side Dish / Dessert.

There was a discussion of the Rainier Beach Art Walk and Daimian said he would work on it, contacting Lori Rose at S.E.E.D. with info.

We talked about the need to get volunteers to get things done for the club, and decided there needed to be a discussion about it at a Club meeting. The Board is taking on too much of the work, so there is a great need for volunteers to emerge.

Todd will be posting notices on our website.

We need to get our 501c3 in place to allow for donor credit.

We need a logo and will start a Logo Contest at the September meeting.

Su will contact Richard Moore (VFW) about setting up a meeting with the church, so we can hold our monthly Club meetings in the upstairs room at the VFW Hall.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carol O'Brien
Recording Secretary

MINUTES of Executive Board Meeting

Of the Rainier Beach Community Club

August 23, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Su Harambe. Those in attendance were Su Harambe, Carol O'Brien, Jennifer Pritchard, JoAnn DeChant, Claudia Groom, Todd Gehrke, Donovan O'Brien and Anthony Campbell. Carol read the minutes of the last Board Meeting and made a few corrections.

Su suggested we should decide what essential things need to be taken care of and make a timeline.

Priorities

1. EIN (Employer Identification Number): Needed before we can change banks to BECU (credit union). Jennifer will work on getting all the necessary requirements together to get the application completed. There will be a fee. Projected Goal: 3 months *for bank change*
2. WEBSITE: Todd will be contacting people from the neighborhood who were suggested for both web setup and design to be on a committee. He will interview those interested to be sure we have the specific skills needed to get the website completed. The committee will be called the Design Committee. Their first step will be to make a template for emails. Completion Goal: Jan. 1, 2012 *for website*

Suggestions for Website

- a. History
 - b. Minutes
 - c. List of Board Members w/bios.
 - d. Bulletin Board
 - e. Calendar of Events
 - f. Pictures
3. VOTING PACKETS: Jennifer will work on this and on Aug. 30 at 7:00pm anyone wanting to help put packets together can meet at Su's. Completion Goal: September 14, 2011 – our next general meeting.
 4. 501c3: Completion Goal: April 2012
 5. ELECTIONS: Announce to membership that elections will be coming up in January 2012 and interested people should consider running for office. Goal: September meeting – announcement *-ask for see.*
 6. PROJECT: Ask for project proposals from members who would like to gather support and take on a project. Goal: September meeting – announcement

Next Meeting Proposed Agenda for September 14, 2011 in the upstairs hall

Update on Rainier Beach Art Walk – *DD (ask)*

Picnic Update

Voter Packets

Su, Claudia and Todd gave a report on the meeting with Richard (VFW) and several members of the church who uses the upstairs space. The church members were not eager to share the space and in the end agreed with many stipulations. They said they are looking for a new space to move to.

Claudia said that several people at the picnic said they would like to learn how to make the hula hoops, so it was suggested that we have "I want to make it with you" classes periodically, possibly charging a fee to cover the cost of the room rental.

Su will call Richard regarding holding our next meeting upstairs, a calendar showing use of the building, holding occasional classes and having another Fall after Thanksgiving party at the building.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm with a wonderful dessert made by Anthony.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol O'Brien, Recording Secretary

Recording Secretary

MINUTES of General Meeting
Of the Rainier Beach Community Club
September 14, 2011

Su Harambe, President, opened the meeting by thanking Richard Moore and the VFW for allowing us the use of the upstairs meeting space. Carol O'Brien read the minutes of the last meeting of July 13, as the August meeting was replaced by a pot luck picnic. The minutes were approved as written. The treasurer, JoAnn DeChant, read a thank you note from our scholarship recipient, and reported on the status of the treasury.

Su reported that our club's EIN is still in effect. She said that the Membership Committee that was started a couple months ago is now being called the Design Committee, as they have actually been working on website and flyer design. Therefore, an actual Membership Committee is still needed. Su informed that Elections for officers will be in January and that there will be openings for the Secretary position and four Trustees, however, all positions are available if anyone is interested.

Voter packets were handed out to everyone as they signed in. Su explained how the packets will be used; i.e. all paid members will be given red (no), green (yes) and yellow (abstain) papers to hold up for voting purposes as needed. Envelopes are to be turned in at the end of each meeting.

Todd Gehrke gave a brief report.

Dorothy Driver talked about the Rainier Beach Art Walk, sponsored by the RB Merchants Assn. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, 11am-3pm. Volunteers are still needed for the event and canopies are needed. RBCC will have a booth to promote our club.

Last month's picnic was a great success. Thanks were given to the hula hoop makers. Our Club is now officially a Non-Profit organization.

Our guest speaker, Kristin Kinder from Waste Management, explained about a Seattle Neighborhoods Recycling Rewards Program. All neighborhoods will compete for a prize of \$50,000 for neighborhood improvements by being the most improved at recycling and composting over a six month period. We were asked to be our neighborhood's Partner for this contest. We are in the Friday South section of the city. There was lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of taking this partnership on. Contest dates are from Sept. 30, 2011, to March 30, 2012. *we voted to take on this project.*

Jennifer Pritchard reviewed the list of suggested projects generated through an earlier brainstorming session. There was a vote to decide if we should take on the partnership for the Waste Management contest. The vote was 13 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 8 ABSTAIN. It was decided to delay choosing a project, as we will now focus on the Waste Management contest and put our efforts into winning that contest.

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Su announced that we will be having our 2nd Annual day after Thanksgiving party and the VFW will be donating the hall. Volunteers will be needed.

Volunteers for the Membership Committee: MC Nachtigal and Dorothy Driver. Carol O'Brien also would like to serve on this committee if a new Secretary is voted in.

Volunteers for Waste Management Project:

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MC Nachtigal

membership committee

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by
Carol O'Brien
Recording Secretary

September 27, 2011 Rainier Beach Community Club Board Meeting

Todd Gehrke, JoAnn Dechant, Jennifer Pritchard, Su Harambe and Claudia Groom present

Su Harambe called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Those present discussed the Waste Management Project that we have signed up to head for our neighborhood. We decided to brainstorm at the upcoming membership meeting about ways to get the ball rolling and to get the word out to other parts of our community. We decide to ask Kathie Wiebel to lead this discussion since she volunteered to help with the project. Todd will contact her about this. We also talked about the idea of offering 3 10k grants and keeping 20k if we are the prize winners. The idea of us keeping more of the money for leading the charge seems fair to Board members present. We also thought that we could end the meeting a few minutes early so the volunteers for the Waste Mgmt project could meet to set up a time for a meeting outside of the membership meeting.

JoAnn will check with BECU to see if we have all paperwork necessary to open an account at their bank. Once we have that Su and JoAnn will open that account. When it is open we will move money from Washington Federal to BECU since they have hours that are easier for us to work with.

We discussed the November Party. We will seek volunteers to chair committees for that party. Su will contact Richard Moore about the time for the party.

Committees we will need: set up/ clean up.

Garbage/recycle/compost set up and monitor.

Beer and wine tenders.

Greeters with name tags who can also sign people up to our Club.

Kids activities.

Music/entertainment. Claudia Groom signed up to lead this. She will contact a band she saw at a local party.

Su and Todd will play with Mail Chimp. We will try to get this set up for next meeting invitation.

We decided that since it is being to difficult to get a website together through volunteers we will get 3 bids on setting up a website, an e-mail template and a flyer template. This will get the organization more organized and let us focus on other projects. We will contact Derek and Daimian as well as bring this up at the general membership meeting to see if anyone knows anyone who is good at this. JoAnn will also ask her brother who does this professionally.

We also set the agenda for the Oct. Membership Meeting:
Round Question: Name 1 of the 7 wonders of Rainier Beach.
Organize November Party.
Organize Waste Management Project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Please leave on
desk

MINUTES of Executive Board Meeting

Of the Rainier Beach Community Club

October 25, 2011

The meeting started at 7:10pm by President Su Harambe. Those in attendance were Su Harambe, Carol O'Brien, Jennifer Pritchard, JoAnn DeChant, Claudia Groom, Anthony Campbell, and Donovan O'Brien.

After Thanksgiving Party. Claudia reported that she has lined up three bands for the event: Jerry Anderson Trio; Pamela Cook – The Friendly Neighbors; Whisky Water

We still need a PA (public address system). We will put the word out in hopes to find a PA system from within our community. We chose a new name for our annual event: Harvest Social. The hours will be 5-11pm and it will be a potluck. Donovan will help at the beer/wine counter and offered to donate some wine. Carol will be a greeter. Su will be contacting all who volunteered and will be soliciting more volunteers.

JoAnn read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. She also has been working on the website with Su. After Su's research, it was decided to go with a Blog, such as other community groups have, rather than a website, for ease of use and cost savings.

Su met with the Women's Club representative and spoke about the history of The Women's Club, and if we can scan the written history to our website.

Waste Management Project. Su met with Robin from W/M and was told they are very excited about our group and would like to help us in any way they can. We asked about translated flyers and Claudia reported that it has been accomplished. The W/M folks would like to find a local family from our area that they could follow throughout the contest period to see how they change their recycling habits. We will need to locate a family. We decided to refer to this project/contest as "Friday South Recycles."

We planned the agenda for the next meeting on Wednesday, November 2.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carol O'Brien
Recording Secretary

MINUTES of General Meeting
Of the Rainier Beach Community Club
November 9, 2011

Su Harambe, President, started the meeting at 7:00pm. There were 27 in attendance. A summary of the last meeting's minutes was given by JoAnn Dechant who stood in for Carol O'Brien at the last meeting. The minutes were approved. JoAnn then gave a Treasurer's report. Su gave a report from the Executive Board meeting. We discussed the After Thanksgiving Party, now called Harvest Social. The Website was discussed and also the Waste Management Project, which is now called Friday South Recycles.

Old Business (reviewed by Su Harambe)

The Waste Management Project was explained and is being headed by Kathie Wiebel. We are looking for a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and four Trustees to be elected in January. Updates to the website were explained and a request for photos to put on it was made. The November party is progressing.

New Business

We had a Round Question: Where were you born? It was interesting to find that most of the people in the room were from the mid-west.

Su covered the Harvest Social and said there still was a need for a few more volunteers. All the shortages were filled. D'Arcy offered to help with ordering the beer and will pick it up. MC offered to get a donation from Pepsi for water and sodas. For the Kids Craft Area it was requested that we all start collecting recyclables that kids can use to make crafts. The music is set, but we still need a PA. We had a vote on purchasing or renting a PA for no more than \$350, which was approved (15 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain). Recycling will be emphasized and we will try to get Kristin Kinder from Waste Management to come and make a short presentation. We got some volunteers to take photos and to bring floor lamps and Christmas lights. Su will buy whatever is needed and will make a sign to put out front.

Nicki talked about Disaster Preparedness and asked if we would like a speaker to come to a future meeting. The Board will look at the calendar and decided when we can invite them. The church on Roxbury will be offering First Aid and CPR classes. Jane from RB Presbyterian Church asked for volunteers to help with their overnight housing for homeless Women and their children which will happen for one week every quarter.

The rest of the evening was spent on Friday South Recycles. Kathie Weibel explained that we have divided our area into quarters and will have four groups of volunteers to contact organizations/groups in each area, requesting participation. They can have a speaker come to their group, they can take on contacting others in their area to promote the project or they can refer leads to us.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm, however, the groups continued their conversations for a short while longer. Ten dollars was collected in new membership fees.

Respectfully submitted by
Carol O'Brien
Recording Secretary

MINUTES of General Meeting
Of the Rainier Beach Community Club
December 14, 2011

The meeting started at 7:00pm upstairs in the VFW Hall by President Su Harambe. Carol O'Brien read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. JoAnn Dechant gave the Treasurer's report, stating that we had excess money left over from our Harvest Social and asked for a vote to have the excess put in a Petty Cash fund to eliminate having to write small reimbursement checks. This vote was approved. She also reported that our bank account at Washington Federal is now closed and we are now banking with BECU (Boeing Employees Credit Union).

Su gave a report from the Executive Board meeting. Discussion was on the Harvest Social and upcoming elections.

Old Business

The Harvest Social was a huge success. There were a lot of new people. Thanks were given to the bands and the volunteers. The slide show was appreciated and enjoyed. It was suggested that the slide show be put on our website. Photos of the event will go on the website. The Recycling effort was good. Someone commented that they appreciated the labels on the foods.

Kathy Weibel reported on the status of the Friday South Recycles program. It is going very well. Tools 4 Grads will have a table at all the Rainier Beach High School basketball games. We had a booth at the South Shore School Holiday Fair. As good as we are doing, we are in the negative in regards to decreasing trash and are in 5th place in the competition.

New Business

Su explained how the January meeting will go. The meeting will start at 6:30pm. After the voting, the social will take place while the votes are counted. Then the meeting will end with the outcome of the vote being announced. There was a discussion about how to expedite the voting if the slate only consisted of one candidate for each position.

The Board will work on finding out the details of how the prize money for the Recycling Challenge can be used or distributed.

Doug Johnson spoke about Occupy Seattle and explained why he got involved. He asked anyone interested to join their efforts and to go to www.occupyseattle.org or more information. Bob Rosenberger stated that the Occupy Seattle movement has been moving into neighborhoods. Bob also pointed out that the Small and Simple Grants are open now and that we should look into applying.

Dorothy Driver informed us that the Rainier Beach Merchants Assn. is open to individual membership.

The following is the slate for the January Elections:

President	Su Harambe
Vice President	Jennifer Pritchard
Treasurer	JoAnn Dechant
Recording Secretary	Dorothy Driver
Corresponding Secretary	Rudy Castillo
Trustee, 2yr	Carol O'Brien
Trustee, 2yr	Doug Johnson
Trustee, 1yr	Tim Aguero
Trustee, 1yr	Don Andre

There was a discussion about what kind of a draw to encourage attendance at the January meeting. We will have a door prize. We will try to get a gift certificate for Café Vignole and Tim Aguero offered at \$400 photo shoot in any Rainier Beach location of choice. It was decided not to focus this meeting on the Club's 88th anniversary so it can be better publicized later in the year.

Eight dollars in new membership dues was collected.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted by
Carol O'Brien
Recording Secretary