Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (07/13/22)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance Alan Ross Joan Krueger Danielle McClure Anne Nolan Brett Boynton Jessica Reisman

Gerd Prewett

34 other RBCC members in attendance + 5 from SPU

RBCC Meeting

- 1. The membership approved the June meeting minutes (Membership Meeting Minutes)
- 2. Gerd reported a total of \$33,071 in RBCC accounts.
- 3. Committee Updates:
 - a. The Social Committee announced a new "Home-Spun Tales" event for the early evening of 8/27.
 - b. Membership announced the upcoming Play Date on 7/30 at Lakeridge Park (time TBD).
 - c. Autumn Plant & Seed Swap is returning on October 1.
 - d. RB Farm Stand is back on Saturdays through October 18, 10 a.m. 12 p.m. (Located at 9059 MLK Jr. Way S)
- 4. Danielle Jackson was going to seek the Community's input on pedestrian safety issues but thought that the meeting was still via Zoom, so she did not attend. We will see if she can do her "focus group" at the August Community meeting.

Announcements

- 1. Brett Boynton announced that Red Wing had reopened.
- 2. Vicki announced the Cheese Puff Wild Swim.

Featured Speaker

Cody Nelson and 4 others in attendance from Seattle Public Utilities provided an update on the City's plans for the Taylor Creek restoration project. She outlined 3 options under consideration for managing erosion of the creek's walls with the placement of sediment traps made of large woody material (LWM):

LWM	Pluses	Minuses
Placement		

1	Machine	Traps the most sediment More cost-effective Less on-going maintenance required	Equip. requires the removal of 104 large trees for a 12-20' access road and may damage up to 300 more trees.
2	Manual	Traps the least sediment Costs more Lots more maintenance required	No trees removed or damaged.
3	Hybrid-Machines used only for traps in creek up to where boardwalk starts	Fewer trees removed or impacted	Est. 57 trees to be removed.

^{*} Hybrid - Machines used only for traps in creek up to where boardwalk starts. Traps above that would be manually placed.

Issues raised by the Community included:

- 1. Loss of irreplaceable old growth trees.
- 2. Impact to animal habitat.
- 3. No access to park for two, 4 month periods over 2 years while restoration in underway.

SPU anticipates a final decision on which option by the end of the year. They plan more site walks and updates for the Community between now and then.

Important links:

- Presentation slide deck used at meeting
- SPU Taylor Creek Restoration Project official website

On the official website you can:

- Find contact info for the presenter, Cody Nelson
- Email subscribe to project updates
- Visit the <u>Online Open House</u> which provides a project overview, designs, timelines, and a way to submit feedback