

Minutes – September 14, 2022, Community Meeting

In attendance:

Board members in attendance: Kathie Weibel, Jessica Reisman, Gerd Prewett, Danielle McClure, Brett Boyton. 44 others attended. Approximately 1/3 of the attendees were from the Lakeridge neighborhood.

President Kathie Weibel called to meeting to order shortly after 7 pm.

Those in attendance introduced themselves. In light of next month's topic about the City of Seattle program to convert homes from oil to electric heat, Kathie asked members how their homes were heated. The majority of homes were NOT heated with oil.

The August 10 community meeting minutes were approved.

Committee Updates:

Finance: Alan Ross, the treasurer was unable to attend. Gerd reported that the total balance between savings and checking as of 9/14 is \$31,293. The final payment for the notice board has been made.

Social: Jessica reported that the notice board has been installed. The RBCC Board will develop posting guidelines and report back at a future community meeting.

Future events: Wine tasting – Saturday October 8th at 7 pm. The flyer was distributed. Those who wish to attend were encouraged to get your tickets now via the prepay link [here](#). Each participant should bring a bottle of French red wine (\$20 or less). There will be prizes.

Harvest Social - Friday after Thanksgiving, November 25. Those in attendance were polled and supported having a Harvest Social this year.

Arts and Crafts Market - December 3, 2022. An email will also be sent out to RBCC community members on 9/15 sharing details on how to participate. Participating artist are limited to those living or working in Rainier Beach.

Plant & Seed Share is happening on Saturday, Oct 1 (10 a.m. to Noon at the Clubhouse). More details on [RBCC website](#).

There was nothing to report from the building, membership and technology committees.

Kathie reported that the clean-up of Hutchinson Park scheduled for 9/10 was cancelled by Amazon. It is possible something will be scheduled in the future.

Kathie asked for one additional volunteer to join the walk of the Taylor Creek Restoration Project at Dead Horse Canyon on Tuesday 9/27 from 4-6 pm or Thursday, 9/29 from 4-6 p.m.

This walk is organized by Seattle Public Utilities and let her know. If interested, please contact Kathie Weibel at weibelk@hotmail.com

Kathie introduced the speaker, Jeff Brown from Dead Horse Canyon. Jennifer Pritchard asked if the presentation could be recorded via Zoom. It was approved.

Jeff Brown and other members of [Friends of Dead Horse Canyon](#) presented their views on the current Taylor Creek restoration efforts to control sediment and erosion. He reported that since the July meeting there have been conversations with SPU about their concerns. They are cautiously optimistic, although not entirely convinced, that their concerns are being heard. The primary issue is that the Friends of Dead Horse Canyon strongly opposes building the road which will result in losing over 400 trees. In their view this will have a detrimental effect on animals and the cooling capacity.

They asked the members to get involved and

- Let SPU know how you feel by participating in the project's Online Open House, found on the Taylor Creek project website: <https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/taylor-creek>
- Reach out to your City of Seattle and/or King County Council Members to share your concerns:
 - Tammy Morales at Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov
 - Teresa Mosqueda at Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov
 - Sara Nelson at Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov
 - Girmay Zahilay at Girmay.Zahilay@kingcounty.gov

A Q (question) and A (answer) session followed. One member shared that he didn't think the current solutions would solve the sediment problem. He shared that the sediment problem had been identified by King County as early as in 1999. The findings are reported in the West Hill Drainage Study <https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/watersheds/cedar-river-lake-wa/documents/west-hill-drainage-study.aspx>.

Another major issue is that the Dead Horse Canyon is located between two jurisdictions, City of Seattle and unincorporated King County. Participants felt there needed to be coordinated efforts between these two jurisdictions. A participant said he is working with King County Parks and expressed an interest in meeting with SPU to discuss the Dead Horse Canyon project.

Next RBCC Community Meeting is Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m.

Speaker: Sohka Danh of City of Seattle's Housing Office will talk about free or very low-cost programs to keep families in their homes. The newest program is an oil-to-electric program to convert homes from oil heat to an electric heat source. This program is free to Rainier Valley community with income restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35

