

## Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (10/12/22)

### Board Members in Attendance

<b>In Attendance</b>	Alan Ross	Kathie Weibel	Jessica Reisman
	Anne Nolan	Brett Boynton	Gerd Prewett
	Erin Rizzo Mich		

12 other RBCC members in attendance + 1 speaker

### **RBCC Meeting**

1. The membership approved the September meeting minutes ([Membership Meeting Minutes](#))
2. Alan reported a total of \$30,632 in RBCC accounts (net of wine event – does not include \$1200 expected from City for Waters Avenue project).
3. Social Committee Update:
  - a. Jessica and Joan seek graphic support on our new outdoor bulletin board.
  - b. Harvest Social will be on 11/25. The Committee seeks volunteers to help set-up, run and tear-down. Also asked audience to talk it up with neighbors.
  - c. Starting January, on every Sunday of the month except the first Sunday and any other Sunday where the VFW is rented out, there will be a “Talk Time” with members of the community who want to practice English with native speakers. Jessica will reach out to Emerson, RBAC and via Next Door to spread the word. All invited to attend.
  - d. Jessica mentioned the Waters Avenue project and its new native plantings as well as maples and evergreens. It’s very heartening to see neighbors supporting the effort by watering existing beds and creating new ones on their own.
  - e. Jessica reported good feedback on RBCC’s recent story-telling event.
4. Update on Other Events:
  - a. Alan reported that the Wine Tasting event on 10/8 was a success. 23 attendees made it a cozy event, conducive to mingling and fun.
  - b. Alan reported that the Plant and Seed Swap was well-attended and got good feedback
  - c. Dorothy Driver said the Arts and Crafts Market will be in the VFW on 12/3. She reported that she has lots of applications from great new vendors. She asked the Community for volunteers to help set-up the evening before. If interested, come to the VFW at 6 pm on 12/2.

### **New Business and Announcements**

1. Kathie raised concerns about the City’s plans for the 51st Ave S and Renton Ave S. traffic safety enhancements. Surveyors were seen there recently which

indicates that some sort of plan is proceeding. ***She will try to get a speaker on this at RBCC for 1Q23.***

2. 2023 RBCC Budget – please advise the Board of any proposed 2023 activities where RBCC would be a financial sponsor so the we can consider it for our 2023 budget.
3. RBCC Community agreed that Joann Dechant, Alan Ross and Danielle McClure would be on our 2023 Board Nomination Committee. Please let them know if you'd like to be a candidate. Timeline for election is as follows:
  - a. November 2022 Community meeting – Announce nomination process
  - b. December 2022 Community meeting – Announce slate of candidates
  - c. January 2022 Community meeting - Election
  - d. February 2022 Community meeting – Intro 2023 Board. Terms begin.
4. Kathie talked about Into the Canyon: An Interactive Forest Play. This is an all-ages free event hosted by [Friends of Deadhorse Canyon](#) on Saturday, October 29 from 4-6 p.m. Meet at Lakeridge Park.
5. Brett talked about [Boo Bash](#) on **Sunday, October 30 from 2-5 p.m** at the RB Community Center. RBCC is a sponsor again and we will be present with a booth and candy! It's a fun, safe, trunk-or-treating event for the whole family! In addition to colossal caches of candy, there will be games, entertainment, and various community resources.
6. Ruth announced “Community Loaves” – a baking project where you bake (or learn to bake) and your bread goes to the food bank. Contact Ruth if interested.
7. Carol seeks volunteers to host international student and other travelers while in the Seattle area. Time commitments vary – see Carol for details.
8. Kathie announced that Amazon will be giving us \$4600 to be earmarked for Hutchinson Park improvement. We will hold in escrow until we have improvement project(s) identified.

## Featured Speaker

Sokha Danh, with the City of Seattle's Housing Office. Sokha works with single-family homeowners and renters who need critical home repair and weatherization services. He reviewed their newest program – funding for [oil-to-electric program](#) to convert residents from oil heat to an electric, clean-heat source. This program is free with income restrictions. He reviewed the income criteria for receiving funding and the application process. If you qualify, Sokha said that the City would cover all costs to convert a home to electric including box upgrades and asbestos mitigation.

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