

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (2/8/23)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance	Alan Ross	Kathie Weibel	Jessica Reisman
	Anne Nolan	Anne Anderson	Marcus Miglorie

21 other RBCC members in attendance, plus 2 speakers

RBCC Meeting

1. Meeting attendees approved the January 2023 member meeting minutes. ([Membership Meeting Minutes](#))
2. RBCC has a total of \$38,023 in RBCC accounts. This includes the \$4,600 grant for Hutchinson Park improvements and \$800 in rental deposits.

Old Business:

1. Jessica handed-out and reviewed a listing of RBCC's Calendar of Events for 2023, which includes a Game Night on 3/18.
2. Kathie gave an overview of the Seattle Day of Service volunteer event on May 6, which will include cleaning up the 4 sets of stairs that go from Waters Avenue to Rainier. The city will grant us \$35 / labor-hour of work (up to \$5000) which helps fund various RBCC events and needs. One such event is Movies for Kids events which will require a maximum up-front investment of \$3500 for projector, screens, licensing fees, etc. The membership approved to fund an additional \$1,500 to cover possible overages in our various 2023 events.

Announcements

1. A 5 week Winter Yoga Series is being offered at RBCC by Angelica Kushi on Tuesdays, February 7 - March 7, 5:15 pm-6:15 pm. All levels are welcome, Series \$45, Drop in \$12
2. Brett is organizing Monthly Music Nights from 7-9 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, starting March 14. These sessions are a chance for Southeast Seattle musicians and singers to come together and participate in a guided jam session. Please RSVP to Brett.
3. Joan reminded the membership about "Talk Time" with members of the community who want to practice English with native speakers. All are encouraged to participate.

Featured Speakers:

- Josh Morris and Lia Hall of the Urban Forestry Commission gave [a presentation](#) on its efforts to protect Seattle's tree canopy, which was 28% 5 years ago and is now 27.5%. The Urban Forestry Commission is all-volunteer and was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle. They have been active in advocating for tree protection in the Taylor Creek (aka Dead Horse Canyon) Restoration project and are pushing to get SPU to address root causes for the excess storm water that flows into the creek and causes erosion. Jeff Brown of Friends of Dead Horse Canyon also announced that FODHC, RBAC and other stakeholders will be part of Study Group working with SPU on protecting DHC. This is in lieu of the panel discussion SPU originally proposed.
- Brendan Works of the Waters Median Project presented a plan to plant 9 goose cherry trees. The trees will be small at maturity so no views will be blocked. RBCC will again be the fiscal sponsor for the City grant proposal.

The next RBCC Community Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. Michael McPherson and Phil Manzano of the Seattle Emerald will be the featured speakers.