

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (05/08/24)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance:	Gerd Prewett	Alan Ross	Anne Nolan
	Jessica Reisman	Su Harambe	Glenda Graham-Walton

13 other RBCC members in attendance, plus 1 speaker

RBCC Meeting

Alan reported a cash balance of \$43,083 in RBCC's accounts, net of \$5K earmarked for the Waters Project, \$1839 for Hutchinson Park and \$211 for the Emergency Hub.

Meeting attendees approved the April 2024 member meeting minutes. ([Membership Meeting Minutes](#)).

Old Business:

1. Seattle Day of Service - Alan reported that RBCC has met the City's website's 50 volunteer cap. Additional volunteers can just show up at the clubhouse on Saturday, 5/18 at 10 am. Volunteer hours help with our grant matching for the windows.
2. Refinish clubhouse floor – Members approved the Board's request for a \$2000 expenditure to refinish the clubhouse floor (including the stage). This will include a rebuff of the floor with 3 coats of finish. This will buy us another 10 years of use, at which time we would have the floor sanded and refinished one last time. There is not enough wood remaining to refinish beyond this.
3. Su reported that the Board will be seeking grants to service the windows so that they can open.

New Business:

1. Jessica seeks a Content Marketing Assistant - a volunteer marketing person who can help promote upcoming events via social media.

Announcements:

1. RVHS Annual Meeting – Gerd advised that this will take place at RBCC on Sat., 5/11 at 10 am and will include a fun overview about the "Real Boys in the Boat."
2. Kathie announced that Hutchinson Park is looking for donations for artworks to enhance the park once it is renovated by the city. Check out their website, HutchinsonPark.org.
3. Kathie also asked members to lobby their City Council to fund libraries so that they can resume normal operating hours. She also mentioned a 6/14 "Future of Libraries" meeting.

4. Jessie talked about a meeting he attended on 5/7 at RB Comm. Ctr. on street safety. He asks members to push SDOT for more speedbumps, especially on his street, 62nd.
5. **Upcoming Events:**
 - [Meaningful Movies](#), May 11, 7-9pm. **Regenerating Community**. Join us for an inspiring film showing how a small group of people committed to turning an urban wasteland into a thriving urban farm. The director will attend, as well as RBAC's Food Justice coordinator. Jessica showed members a trailer for this film.
 - [One Seattle Day of Service](#), May 8", 10am-Noon. Come to clubhouse at 10am to sign in and volunteer for an hour or two.
 - [Neighborhood Music Nights](#), every 4th Weds, 7-9pm. Next date: May 22
 - [Jazz Jam](#), every 3rd Sunday, 3-6pm. Next Jam: May 26
 - [Garden Stroll](#), June 9.

Tonight's Speaker:

John Stafford reviewed the key bills that passed and didn't pass during the 2024 Washington State Legislative (short) Session. The key themes of the session included initiatives focused on the environment, policing, mental health/substance abuse and housing. Although 1200 bills were under consideration, little got achieved due to billionaire-funded efforts, including 6 initiatives to repeal the capital gains tax, long-term care, carbon-tax to name a few. John, who was recently named "Teacher of the Year", encourage members to reach out to him at jestaff@msn.com if they had questions or comments.

Future Speakers:

- June: Ariel Novick, Anti-Defamation League
- July: Sandy Shettler, The Last 6000
- September: Ron Angeles and Brandy Rinc, Emergency HUB
- October: FODHC and SPU - Taylor Creek restoration project update