

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (06/12/24)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance: Su Harambe Alan Ross
 Jessica Reisman Anne Nolan

21 other RBCC members in attendance (no speaker)

RBCC Meeting

Alan reported a cash balance of \$41,264 in RBCC's accounts, net of \$5K earmarked for the Waters Project, \$1,738 for Hutchinson Park and \$212 for the Emergency Hub.

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

Old Business:

1. Seattle Day of Service - Alan reported that this year's project was a huge success with 67 volunteers collecting trash in the neighborhood and gardening at the community club. We more than met our City grant goal.
2. Window work – Su reported that phase one is complete. Top of windows now open and made a big difference in ventilation during the meeting. Phase 2 will include replacing the lower windows with insulated glass (2025).
3. Refinishing clubhouse floor – Su said that this will be done on July 16 (rebuff of the floor with 3 coats of finish).
4. Garden Stroll Recap – Joan reported that the stroll was a great success with 11 gardens on display and 250-260 attendees. Next year, she suggests that drinks and light snacks are offered along the route and that photos are taken to be posted on our website/FB page. She's also looking for more volunteers next year.

New Business:

1. **Rainier Ave S Traffic Safety Community Meeting** – Su reported that this will take place at RBCC on Thursday, June 27, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Topics: Problem areas, (speed, turn lane used as a passing lane, critical junctures) and next steps to alleviate problems. Open to the public.
2. **Recreating Rainier Beach Corridor Project** - Su talked about the street design effort for and by the Rainier Beach community that will create a vision and improvement plan for S Henderson Street--the area connecting Rainier Beach light rail to Be'er Sheva Park and Lake Washington. The Project Team is engaging with the community to gather ideas and input and invites all to complete a survey at <https://recreatinghendersonstreet.org/>

Announcements:

1. Vicki Gexon announced that she had taken up pickleball and invited all to participate in a 3 hour lesson this Saturday, June 15 noon-3 at the courts off Henderson (west of Rainier). Water and snacks will be served as well as a free paddle for those who get hooked on the game.
2. Carol reported that on June 13, STG would be hosting the Juneteenth, spoken word event, "Elevate", free at he Neptune Theatre.
3. Chris reminded all that the RB Urban Farm starts on June 13, 2-6 pm.

Upcoming Events:

1. [Neighborhood Music Nights](#), every 4th Weds, 7-9pm. Next date: June 26
2. [Jazz Jam](#), every 3rd Sunday, 3-6pm. Next Jam: June 16 featuring the NW Tap Dancers
3. Meditation Class every Sunday at 6 pm. Next Class: June 16

Tonight's Speaker:

There was no speaker tonight. Su explained that some club members had raised concerns about whether the speaker from the ADL would be appropriate and balanced given the times we are in. After speaking to the ADL speaker, looking at their powerpoint and deliberating, the Board decided not include the ADL in our meeting. Audience members had a few questions such as how the speaker was originally invited (we wanted someone to speak on anti-hate initiatives). Discussion was open and thoughtful.

Future Speakers:

- July: Sandy Shettler, The Last 6000
- September: Ron Angeles and Brandy Rinc, Emergency HUB
- October: FODHC and SPU - Taylor Creek restoration project update
- November - Kerry White – RB Food innovation Center