

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (07/10/24)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance: Su Harambe Marcus Miglorie Gerd Prewett
Jessica Reisman Anne Nolan

15 other RBCC members in attendance, plus 2 speakers

RBCC Meeting

Gerd reported a cash balance of \$45,944 in RBCC's accounts, net of \$4,874 earmarked for the Waters Project, \$1,738 for Hutchinson Park and \$212 for the Emergency Hub.

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

Old Business:

1. Gerd reported that the Traffic Calming meeting on June 27 regarding the frequent accidents on Rainier Avenue was well attended (60+ people), including representatives from Tammy Morales' office, SPD and SDOT. There were 8 serious accidents in our neighborhood in a 5 month period. SDOT agreed to meet with the group and discuss options.

New Business:

1. The clubhouse floor will be refurbished on Tuesday, 7/16 and there will be a clean-up event on Sunday, 7/14 at 11 am.
2. Gerd told members to let her know if anybody was interested in being our Corresponding Secretary through 2024 and/or joining the Board in 2025.
3. Su announced that RBCC will soon have a 1 cubic yard dumpster for garbage and 2 recycling bins. Pick up will be 1x/month to start.
4. Gerd announced that RBCC's rent will increase effective 7/1/2024 from \$600 to \$700 / month.
5. RBCC will host a table at Tilth Alliance's RB Farm Fest on 9/21 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Urban Farm. Tilth Alliance's 50 year anniversary will also be celebrated there on 7/28.
6. Marcus announced that the next Beach Talk event will be on 10/19 and will look at the "Garlic Gulch" history of Italian-American settlement in RB as well as the prohibition era in our neighborhood. The event will feature a signature RB Cocktail!
7. A "Small Sparks" \$5K grant was approved for Phase IV of the Waters Median Project. RBCC is the fiscal sponsor. Adam Kastan said that this phase will fund landscaping along the stairs and may include benches if city permits come through.

8. Gerd reported that RBCC will support and donate \$500 to the 21st annual Back2School Bash, hosted by RBAC (8/24 at Bear Sheva Park from 12-4pm).
9. Anne encouraged members to take the survey on the "Recreating RB Corridor Project" - a street design effort for and by the RB community to create an improvement plan for Henderson Street from Link rail to Lake. <https://recreatinghendersonstreet.org/>
10. Jessica said that on Sat., 9/14, Meaningful Movies will present UNPREPARED, a documentary about Oregon and its close neighbor's general lack of preparedness for earthquakes. Speaker to be announced.

Announcements:

1. Vicki Gexon invited all to participate in 3 hour pickleball lessons at the Lakeridge courts.

Upcoming Events:

1. Meditation Class every Sunday at 6 pm. Next Class: July 14
2. [Jazz Jam](#), every 3rd Sunday, 3-6pm. Next Jam: July 21
3. [Neighborhood Music Nights](#), every 4th Weds, 7-9pm. Next date: July 24

Tonight's Speaker:

Sandy Shettler is with [Tree Action Seattle](#), [The Last 6000](#), and serves on the board of [TreePAC](#). Seattle loses about 4000 mature trees each year, with only a few being replaced, and is rapidly becoming a urban heat island, disproportionately impacting historically red-lined neighborhoods. The City's recent change to its Tree Ordinance actually made it easier for developers to take down trees because the ordinance was written with significant input from industry. Furthermore, enforcement by the city is handled by its construction department (not arborists). Proposed changes by developers could further weaken regulations. She asked members to follow her organizations, get their newsletter and join them at City Hall. Her groups will hold a vigil on 7/18 at 7 pm for "Vida", a large tree slated to be taken down at 1033 S Cloverdale.

Tareq Fayyad of Trillium (and also and RBCC member), spoke on his work on urban canopy restoration and his dream for a community re-forestation here in RB. He talked of trees he has planted in 3 yards of BIPOC or elderly neighbors who can't afford or can't care for trees. He seeks funding and volunteers for this. www.Trillium.eco

Future Speakers:

- August: ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN LIEU OF SPEAKER!!
- September: Ron Angeles and Brandy Rinc, Emergency HUB
- October: FODHC and SPU - Taylor Creek restoration project update
- November: Kerry White, RB Food Innovation Center

Next Community Meeting: August 14, 2024, ICE CREAM SOCIAL