# Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (09/11/24)

## Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance: Alan Ross Glenda Walton Gerd Prewett

Jessica Reisman Anne Nolan

15 other RBCC members in attendance, plus 2 speakers

## **RBCC Meeting**

Gerd reported a cash balance of \$44,786 in RBCC's accounts, net of \$4,874 earmarked for the Waters Project, \$1,650 for Hutchinson Park and \$212 for the Emergency Hub.

Meeting attendees approved the July 2024 member meeting minutes. (Membership Meeting Minutes).

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Member feedback on the ice cream social was very positive "delicious" and generous portions.
- 2. RBCC got a TY note for its support of the Back2School Bash, which handed out backpacks with school supplies to kids.
- 3. RBCC will host a table at Tilth Alliance's RB Farm Fest on 9/21 from 10am-3pm.
- 4. The next Beach Talk will be 10/19 and will look at the "Garlic Gulch" history of Italian-American settlement as well as the prohibition era in RB.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. RBCC's second annual Halloween Gala will be on 10/26.
- 2. RBCC will host a table with the RB HUB at Boo Bash on Sunday, 10/27.
- 3. Jessica announced the next Meaningful Movie 9/14 at 7 pm. "Unprepared" takes a hard look at our level of preparedness for a large NW earthquake that could happen in our lifetime. Guest speakers will include SDOT Directors of Emergency Mgmt. and Roadway Structures as well as the Chair of the Emergency HUB Network.
- RBCC's 2024 Annual Arts and Crafts Market is seeking local artists to sell/showcase their work December 7. Applications are due Sunday, 9/29. <u>Apply using this link</u>. Hand-crafted items only.
- 5. 2025 RBCC Board elections are coming up. The Nominating Committee with be comprised of Su Harambe, Jessica Reisman and Kathie Weibel. Members were encouraged to contact them if they want to run for a 2024 Board position.
- 6. Gerd mentioned that RBCC's Building Committee identified the following priorities to improve the clubhouse (subject to RBCC member approval):
  - a. Paint the blue stairs
  - b. Upgrade the electrical system so the oil furnace can be replaced. Potential funding from large city grant.

- c. New window in main hall and the stage. Funding from small City grant.
- d. Replacement of RBCC outside sign. Seeking quotes.
- e. Long-term: Plumbing

### **Announcements:**

- 7. Rainier Valley Historical Society will hold its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Founders Dinner on 10/26 at 5 pm. See details at https://rainiervalleyhistoricalsociety.square.site.
- 8. The next Skyway Farmers' Market will be on 9/29 from 11-2 at Skyway Fire Station (12424 76th Avenue South).
- 9. VFW's fund raising dinner, the "Hunter's Ball", will be 10/12 at 5:30 at the clubhouse.
- 10. There are free adult, social dance classes at the clubhouse, every Sunday evening from 7-8:30 pm. It will include different types of dance modern, disco, Latin, folk and country.
- 11. Seattle City Light is providing a one-time \$200 WA Clean Energy Credit to income-qualified residential customers through the WA State Climate Commitment Act. Apply now at <a href="Washington Clean Energy Credits">Washington Clean Energy Credits</a> | Seattle City Light.
- 12. Tree Action Seattle asks members to email city council and the mayor about the proposed removal of 124 trees as part of the construction of 165 unit Kingway Apartments. Certified architects confirmed that this apt. bldg. can be built WITHOUT cutting down these trees. If you want to learn more and fight to preserve these trees, go to <a href="https://www.treeactionseattle.org/campaigns/kingway-forest-in-rainier-valley">https://www.treeactionseattle.org/campaigns/kingway-forest-in-rainier-valley</a> for a preaddressed email for you to send to council members and the mayor.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. RB Meaningful Movies Sat., Sept. 14, featuring "Unprepared"
- 2. Social Dance Class every Sunday from 7 8:30 pm. Next Dance Class on September 15.
- 3. Jazz Jam, every 3rd Sunday, 3-6pm. Next Jam: Sept. 22.
- 4. Neighborhood Music Nights, every 4th Weds, 7-9pm. Next date: Sept. 25

# **Tonight's Speaker:**

Ron Angeles and Brandy Rinc of the RB Emergency HUB spoke about Seattle's HUB network, a coalition of separate Seattle neighborhood HUBs, whose mission is to prepare for, respond to, and be resilient after a major disaster. In an emergency, neighbors can gather at the RBCC clubhouse to exchange information and resources among themselves without outside assistance from the City. Specially programmed radios can communicate with other HUBs the City in the event of outages. Tonight's topics included recent activities of the RB HUB, some of which RBCC supported financially. It also included how we should all prepare for emergencies.

# **Future Speakers:**

- October: FODHC and SPU Taylor Creek restoration project update
  November: Kerry White, RB Food Innovation Center
  No speaker in December

Next Community Meeting: October 9, 2024