

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (2/12/25)

Board Members in Attendance

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

20 other RBCC members in attendance, plus 2 speakers

STANDING ITEMS

Gerd reported a cash balance of \$45,098 in RBCC's accounts, net of \$8,374 earmarked for the Waters Project, \$1,197 for Hutchinson Park and \$734 for the Emergency Hub.

Meeting attendees approved the January 2025 member meeting minutes. ([Membership Meeting Minutes](#)).

CLUB BUSINESS

- Members liked the format of the 1/8/25 meeting that had refreshments and mini-updates from 5 speakers. Thought that maybe it could be repeated, maybe every 2-3 months.
- Gerd updated members on the following building Improvements:
 - 3 windows have been replace. City's reimbursement per its grant is in the mail, although the \$ did not include tax. Gerd will seek tax reimbursement.
 - We will use grant \$ from 7/12/25 Day of Service event to replacing stage windows.
 - Su reported that sun-damaged linings on select curtains will be replaced. She requested that the drapes be kept open to prevent future damage.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ron Angeles said that the HUB would host "Stop the Bleed" first aid training on 6/1. Please contact him if you are interested. The next HUB meeting is at Kathie Weibel's house (9720 61st Ave S) on 2/24.
- Paul announced that Cristo Rey HS is tacceptng applications for the 2025/26 class of 9th graders.

TONIGHT'S SPEAKERS

Wildlife Biologist, Bernice Tannenbaum of Bats Northwest, provided a fascinating overview of bats, their natural history, biology, and behaviors. Fun facts include:

- There are 14 bat species in Washington and 1400 worldwide.
- Their size ranges from ½ oz. to 40 lbs.
- Their lifespan can be up to 40+ years.
- Most use echolocation to navigate and hunt prey (depending on the species that can be insects, rodents, reptiles, fruits, birds, nectar, or in the case on vampire bats – livestock blood).
- Cats are bats' biggest predator.
- White Nose Syndrome, a fungal infection, is a serious threat to bats.
- It is estimated that bats save US agriculture \$23B/year in saved crops due to their pest control and not having to use pesticides

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Adult Dance Classes, every Sunday, at 7 - 8:30 pm
- Wine Tasting, featuring Zinfandel (red) on 2/22 at 7 pm. Please go to RBCC website to preregister [Wine Tasting](#). Bring a zin under \$20 and a glass.
- [Neighborhood Music Nights](#), every 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm. Next date: Feb 26
- Game Night, 3/1 at 6:30 pm.
- [Meaningful Movies](#), "Free for All": The Public Library, Sat., 3/8 at 7 pm.
- [Jazz Jam](#), on hiatus until April 27.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- March: Cynthia Brothers of Vanishing Seattle. Vanishing Seattle is a media movement that documents displaced and disappearing institutions, small businesses, and cultures of Seattle - often due to development and gentrification - and celebrates the spaces and communities that give the city its soul.
<https://www.vanishingseattle.org>

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING March 12, 2025