

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (3/12/25)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance: Alan Ross Marcus Miglorie Gerd Prewett
 Jessica Reisman Anne Nolan Glenda Walton

24 other RBCC members in attendance, plus 2 speakers

STANDING ITEMS

Gerd reported a cash balance of \$49,978 in RBCC's accounts, net of \$8,374 earmarked for the Waters Project, \$1,197 for Hutchinson Park, \$5,000 for Slow Waters project and \$733 for the Emergency Hub.

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

CLUB BUSINESS

- Update on building improvements:
 - The sun damaged linings of our red curtains are being replaced. Curtains in entry and chair storage room are also being replaced.
 - We are exploring a grant to replace stage windows.
- City's Day of Service <https://seattle.gov/mayor/one-seattle-initiatives/day-of-service> is on July 12 (not May as usual). Board is gauging interest in this mid-summer event (extreme heat possibility and conflicts with vacations).

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Danielle McClure and Joan Krueger are soliciting participants in the 2025 Garden Walk on July 13. Contact them at URBgardeners@gmail.com if you are interested in showing your garden.
- Donovan O'Brien said our City Councilman, Mark Solomon, will be speaking at the SE Seattle Senior Center on 3/20.
- Cascadia Poetry Fest will happen here, at RBCC, on October 10-12.
- Come to RBCC's Plant Swap on April 19, from 10-noon.

TONIGHT'S SPEAKERS

Cynthia Brothers of Vanishing Seattle and local film maker Derek Johnson.

- Vanishing Seattle is a media movement that documents displaced and disappearing institutions, small businesses, and cultures of Seattle. Cynthia's Instagram site, <https://www.vanishingseattle.org> records the many changes that redevelopment, gentrification and high rents have wrought on the City including the closures of the Burgermaster in Laurelhurst, the Ark Lodge Cinema in Columbia City and Boracchini's in Rainier Valley. Her book documenting these and many other losses and the impacts on communities can be purchased at her Insta site.
- Derek showed his short documentary "Melting Memories" that chronicles the rich history and profound impact of the Highland Ice Arena in Seattle, WA, a beloved community institution closed its doors after 60 years of service. Check out his documentary film business's site at <https://www.kaifilms.com>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Adult Dance Classes, every Sunday, at 7 - 8:30 pm. Next date: 3/23/25.
- [Neighborhood Music Nights](#), every 4th Weds., 7-9pm. Next date: 3/26/25.
- Beach Talk, Weds., Thurs., 4/17/25. (Note that Marcus will reprise his Bootlegger talk at Lakewood Community Club on April 16, at 7 pm).
<https://www.rainiervalleyhistoricalsociety.org/event-details/history-happy-hour-bootleggers-of-south-seattle>
- Spring Plant and Seed Swap, Sat., 4/19.
- [Jazz Jam](#), on hiatus until Sun., April 27.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- April: Ching Chan, Update on Henderson Street project
- May: James Keblas, Update on Slow Waters project
- June: Old Florence Crittenden Home

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING April 9, 2025