

RBCC BOARD MEETING 3/26/25

In Attendance:    Gerd Prewett            Alan Ross            Anne Nolan  
                         Jessica Reisman        Su Harambe        Nancy Bowman

Board approved minutes from its 2/26/25 meeting.

Discussion items (Action Items in ***Bold Italic***)

1. Review of recent RBCC events:
  - a. 3/1 Game Night – Around 20 attendees – 3 mahjongg tables. Lotsa fun.
  - b. [Meaningful Movies](#), “Free for All”: The Public Library, Sat., 3/8. Also had speakers from Seattle Libraries and UW. About 30 in attendance
  - c. Vanishing Seattle talk and film at member meeting was well attended (30). These fun topics are attracting people who don’t normally come to our meetings.
2. Updates on upcoming RBCC events:
  - a. 4/17 Beach Talk – ***Need topic and publicity materials from Marcus ASAP.***
  - b. 4/19 Plant and Seed Share
  - c. 7/12 Day of Service. ***Anne, Nancy and Jessica agreed to host*** a modified version of this focusing on neighborhood clean-up, without formally assigned areas like stairs, etc. ***Alan agreed to participate in a planning meeting. Gerd will help get RBCC signed up with the City. Su and Gerd will submit the grant request.***
  - d. 7/13 Garden Stroll
3. Committee assignments, pending approval at next member meeting:

Committee	Chair	Member(s)
Finance	Su	Gerd
Building	Su	Gerd, Marcus, Nancy
Social/Membership	Nancy	Jessica, Anne
Technology	Alan	Anne Anderson

4. Updates on window and curtain projects:
  - a. ***Su will get clarification on window*** quote she recently received (4 or 5 windows)
  - b. Su said relined curtains will be done in early April
  - c. Thanks to Gerd for getting new curtains for entryway and chair room windows from Ikea.
  - d. Board decided to pause on new red velvet curtains for remaining windows until we know what grant money we have available.
4. Next steps on \$200K 4Culture grant opportunity.
  - a. ***Gerd is drafting our grant application (Anne and Nancy will proof).*** Our stated long-term focus is making the clubhouse AD accessible. To that end, our grant request seeks about \$200K for:
    1. Electrical upgrades (\$50K est.)
    2. Replace oil furnace with 2 heat pumps (\$50-60K est.)
    3. Interior/exterior paint (\$10-20K est.)

4. Estimates for windows, bath and roof are TBD
  - b. VFW likes our plan and is willing to contribute funds. **Su and Gerd will ask VFW to split the 20% contribution** that 4Culture requires from its grant recipients.
  - c. Su confirmed that RBCC has right of first refusal in perpetuity and that it is in the title. This is in effect 5 years after the most recent lease is signed.
  - d. 4Culture also requires that RBCC can show that we can show “site control” over the clubhouse for at least 10 years. Gerd said that RBCC is signing a 5 lease effective May 2025, with a 5 year extension opportunity. VFW is willing to hold our rent at \$700/month for the whole 10 years if we get the grant.
5. Alan said that the publicity guidelines have been updated and encourages all to use them.
  6. The Board agreed to Seattle Parks and Recreation’s request for a letter from RBCC endorsing its plan to purchase the property at 11425 69th PI S, Seattle which will enable it to offer a trailhead into the south end of Deadhorse Canyon park. SPR needs at least 2 such letters from neighborhood groups in order to get grant \$ from KC Conservation Futures to purchase a property. **Anne will draft said letter and route it to the Board and get Marcus to sign it.**

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

- April: Update on Henderson Street project (Jessica)
- May: James Keblas, Update on Slow Waters project (Gerd)
- June: Old Florence Crittenden Home (Nancy)

Next Board Meeting: 4/23/25