

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (07/08/26)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance: Kathie Weibel Su Harambe Gerd Prewett
Jessica Reisman Anne Nolan

12 other RBCC members in attendance, 1 speaker

STANDING ITEMS

Meeting attendees approved the June 10, 2026 member meeting minutes. ([Membership Meeting Minutes](#)).

Gerd reported a cash balance of \$49,620 in RBCC's accounts net of \$575 earmarked for Hutchinson Park and \$5,150 for Slow Waters Project.

UPCOMING RBCC EVENTS

- Beach Talks ("Where Is AI Going in 2026"), Thursday, July 9, 7-8:30pm
- Jazz Jam Sunday, July 19, 3-6pm (featuring Massive Monkeys)
- HUB Household Preparedness Saturday, August 1 10-12pm
- HUB Earthquake Drill Saturday, August 15 10-2pm
- Ice Cream Social and Jazz Jam Sunday, August 16, 3-6 pm

CLUB BUSINESS

- **Update on Building Improvements** - RBCC has paid the electrician \$13K for 50% down payment towards updating of our electrical system to bring it up to code. Electrician is awaiting City permit. Once he has that, work should take a few days to complete.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carole advised members of a robotics fair fund-raiser at Franklin HS on 7/19 at 11 am.
- Vicki announced a pickleball event at Bitter Lake on 7/11 from noon - 3pm.
- Chris Wagner reminded members of 2 upcoming HUB events at RBCC:
 - 8/1/26 from 10 - noon, "Household Preparedness"
 - 8/15/26 from 10 - 1 pm, "City-Wide Emergency Prep Drill"

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

Philip Bowen spoke on SPD's Community Service Officer (CSO) program. Philip is a CSO who has worked in non-profit and community-based mental health for 20+ years. Re-started in 2019, the purpose of the CSO program is to provide outreach specialists who are trained to work as liaisons between the community and the SPD, in order to de-escalate and mediate tense situations as well as help individuals access essential resources such as housing, health care, and treatment. Philip reported that over time, the relationship between CSOs and police officers has improved. Police see CSOs taking on more of the social service support

tasks that officers used to have to handle. Also CSOs are now based out of precincts rather than HQ.

If you are in need of a CSO, Philip asks that you call SPD's non-emergency line at 206-625-5011.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- August – In lieu of a member meeting in August we will host an Ice Cream Social and Jazz Jam on Sunday, August 19.
- September - Brendan Works, Waters Avenue Project update

Next Membership Meeting is on September 9, 2026, at 7 pm.