

The RNA agenda is set by those who participate. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

7:05 Michelle Ryan called the meeting to order and read the declaration of unity.

Board Members Present: Allen Field, Josh Warner, Annie Niedergang, Stephanie Walker, David Currie, Ebb Zlatnik, Doug Klotz, Michelle Ryan, Celia Kane. Board Members Absent: Susan Levine, Randall Heeb, Jean Bowers, Joe Dvorak, Bill Cunningham, Michelle Freedman Others Present: Carmel Bender, Steve Hoyt (SEUL)

Announcements

Jean Bowers Biasi will no longer be attending meetings due to her business commitments. Michelle Freedman is giving up her board position

Josh Warner made a motion to accept the September minutes. It passed unanimously with no corrections.

Doug was contacted by a neighbor at 41st and Woodward who wants speed bumps on her street to slow down pass-through traffic. The neighbor was told about the RNA meeting and invited to place herself on the agenda.

Rich Cassidy of Portland Transportation wants to be on the agenda in November regarding a SE Portland walking map. The map is being developed as part of the Getting Around Portland program, which focuses on the getting people out of their cars. Part of Richmond (south until SE Woodward) is included in this year's project, along with all or portions of Sunnyside, Mt. Tabor, South Tabor, Montavilla and CENTER..

Comments are due by November 12th on ONI's changes to neighborhood guidelines. If the document is finalized as currently written, business associations will also be formally recognized as equals to neighborhood associations, although they will not be required to write or maintain meeting minutes.

Michelle Ryan needs a co-chair. She's talked to Allen Field about the situation and a motion was made to elect Allen to the position. The motion passed with no one opposed.

RNA issues

Josh says that getting mail from SEUL is an issue. David Currie has picked it up in the past, but it seems that we're finding mail that's many months old, even though people have stopped by to collect it.

Where to meet: In recent months there have been problems with scheduling and access at Central Christian church. Richmond clinic wants RNA to meet there, but some on the board have concerns that the space won't comfortably accommodate us. Stefanie Walker asked if there are other possible spaces in the neighborhood. Edwards school was mentioned. The board must notify ONI that our meeting place will change. Allen wants to stay at the church, as does Doug Klotz. A straw pole was taken and it's divided between the church and the clinic. Annie will call the church and notify them of our change, as we'll be meeting at the clinic in the immediate future.

The board voted to not have a December meeting.

Meeting format: The board discussed how to schedule our time. We agreed to have presentations first as it's more fair to neighbors to have them earlier, although bylaws say to have the meeting first. In the future we might limit the number of presentations on a given night.

The board and three neighbors introduced themselves.

Carmel Bender attended to express interest in being a board member. She is an attorney and Cleveland High parent and has been active in track and field improvements. Doug nominated her to the board, David seconded, and Carmel was duly elected.

Michelle wants the Richmond board to be more involved in coalition-wide events. She also wants to rearrange the committees if our priorities and interests have changed.

Sarah F. Moore, past chair, is willing to come and talk to us about how to be a board at our January meeting. Michelle will invite her.

We need to update the website as it's confusing and lists committees that don't exist. Annie thinks it would be good to post minutes so that others can view them. Allen will look into obtaining access to Neighborhood Link. SEUL has a board roster and when we meet. Ebb might be interested in maintaining the site. Additionally, the Yahoo group will soon expire.

Joe Dvorak has missed several meetings, as has Bill Cunningham.

Celia will write the SE examiner article.

The board received a thank you letter for supporting the DCBA street fair from Bridges to Independence, the recipient of proceeds.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: the deadline is this Friday for the November issue. Carmel will submit Cleveland field update. Dog survey results will be submitted.

Community spaces: There were 105 responses to the Sewallcrest dogs-in-parks survey placed in the last edition of the newsletter. Ebb created an Excel database of results that will be posted to the web site. The survey gauges successes and failures and the committee proposed suggestions on how to improve the situation. PPR was not aware that Edwards is a year-round school. The school principal supported the committee's proposal. Thursday is the meeting to make changes with offleash advisory committee. The issue is where the dog area will be.

DivisionVision: Community Working Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; it's an open meeting to discuss and plan for the ODOT grant.

SEUL: David will e-mail officer Maynard about crime prevention updates. Steve Hoyt from SEUL reports that the top four issues to come out of the coalition-wide strategy meeting are traffic, infill, community business, and diversity, which will be refined into achievable goals. Jacob Rostoff will put together white papers. Workgroups are meeting and dates go out in weekly updates.

Land Use: Hawthorne row houses behind Claudia's are brick-fronted. Doug thinks his friend's design is generally good. Lots between 43th and 44th on Division are for sale. Doug is talking to city's tree people about two rowhouses; the owner wants to plant trees. The house on Division at 40th that was a meth lab, has been torn down, and presumably they have removed all contaminated material. Doug does not think it is now a hazmat site, he said that the contamination rests in the house, and that all of the house, including the basement, was removed. There is now a "For Sale" sign on the site. Portland Transportation will present to the board in November.

Richmond Tree Planting: 40 people have already signed up for 60 trees for the Feb 12th planting. Friends of Trees will have a slide show on trees.

Treasurer's Report: Allen received a check for reimbursement. Josh bought a new copy card at the UPS store. Balances: WaMu Acct: \$6,390.56, Franklin Acct: \$5,263.53.

Carmel mentioned that Creston Kenilworth might be fighting a club, Docs/Safari, on the south side of Powell Blvd. She'd like to work closely with them because it's across from the Cleveland High field.

End of minutes

November Notetaker: Josh Warner

December Notetaker: **NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

January Notetaker:: Ebb Zlatnik would like to trade with someone – any volunteers?