Minutes of RBCA General Meeting
April 5, 2011
Ravenna Eckstein Community Center
Seattle, WA

Board Members in Attendance -

Sarah Swanberg
Brett Frosaker
Jorgen Bader
Nazila Merati (rapporteur)
Tony Provine
Chris Truppner
Pete Ramels

Meeting was started at 7:05 pm.

Jorgen Bader welcomed community members and then promptly nominated Sarah Swanberg, acting president to serve as RBCA Board President for 2011-2012.

Community voted to elect Sarah.

Sarah then took over running the meeting including welcoming the community to the meeting and thanking those who distributed flyers announcing the meeting. Rebecca Nelson, the RBCA webmaster was also introduced and thanked for all her hard work getting content into the site and marketing the site using twitter and facebook.

A call was made for more volunteers to help distribute flyers/newsletters for the next meeting.

Leah Helms from the King County Public Health gave a presentation about Rats in NE Seattle including how to reducing rat habitat, the distribution of rat sightings and how to trap and dispose of rodents. The powerpoint presentation will be available on the King County website shortly, but for more detailed information on rats and other public health issues, please visit -

http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/rats.aspx

Michelle Mutton from the WSDOT "good to go" program gave a presentation on the 520 tolling program and answered questions from the audience about tolling fees, transponders, where to pick up the electronic passes in the RBCA area.

Good to go customer service centers are found at the UWMC, the Safeway on ne 45th and at 4554 9th Avenue NE (next to AAA) by the Metro cinemas.

Please call 1-866-936-8246 for opening times.

More information on the good to go program can be found here.

http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Tolling/520FAQ.htm

Tolling will begin in June, pending successful testing of the system.

The next item on the agenda was to introduce the current board, their roles on various local communities (NEDC, CUCAC, 520 Magnuson, etc.) as well as what was expected of board

members in general - attending meetings, reporting on issues relating to RBCA, and a great deal of enthusiasm for civic service. All current board members present were relected to serve a new term.
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There was a call to nominate new members to serve on the RBCA board.

Four community members volunteered and were elected to the board. The new members and their area of interest are listed below.

Josephine Pompey (Children's)
Aaron Keating (website backup + emergency preparedness)
Andrew Miller (land use)
Ken Nielson (transportation)

RBCA monthly board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at the Ravenna Eckstein Community Center. Meetings start at 7 pm and end before 9 pm. This is not a closed meeting, so all are welcome to attend. If you wish to add anything to the agenda, please contact Sarah Swanberg before the meeting so that you can be added to the agenda. The next meeting is May 3.

Jim OHalloran from the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA) updated the RBCA community on the status of the development plans of Hugh Sisley and the RDG to upzone the areas around ne 65th and 15th ave NE. Please see Glenn Robert's well written and wry write up on his blog about Roosevelt-Ravenna Zoning issues.

http://glennroberts.wordpress.com/2011/04/06/rats-in-ravenna-and-roosev elt-too/

and attend their meetings if possible.

Lastly, Candy Castellanos of Cleanscapes came to talk about Ravenna/Bryant (the Tuesday North pick up) about how the community can win a $50,000 project by reducing the amount of waste collected during the weekly pick ups. Tips include grasscycling, composting at home, stopping junk mail deliveries and bringing your own coffee cup to and from work. If the Tuesday north area wins, then we'll work to identify a neighborhood project to benefit from this generous grant.

A link to the February data is found here.

http://www.cleanscapes.com/files/NRR_SEA_Chart_TonsReduced_Feb2011.pdf

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.