

Richmond BPAC Minutes January 11, 2016

Present: Najari, Janice, Terri, Jim, Sequoia, Cynthia, Ann, Patrick, Marilyn, Steven, Bill

Najari welcome the group and gave a review of the agenda. Bill asked to add the MLK Day event on the Greenway to the agenda.

Marilyn reminded group about ground rules and polite conduct.

Draft Bylaws. Steven gave us a summary of the work he and Najari did.

First major change is the addition of an Executive Committee, mainly to make decisions quickly w/out conferring with the general membership. Such decisions should still be presented to the group. Bill mentioned that email can be used for these actions outside of meetings. A fifth officer, At-Large, is also proposed, mainly to keep deadlocks from occurring with only 4 people on the Ex Comm.

Patrick asked if we could have an email list of active members. Najari may want to follow up on that idea.

Next change discussed was Task Forces. Task Force (TF) members are appointed by Chair. Cynthia asked if we were eliminating line 12.2 "No one may represent the RBPAC as an official spokesperson unless authorized specifically by the group to convey a specific message about a specific issue." Steven responded that these efforts will be covered by the Outreach TF. Anyone can represent the group, if authorized. Members can of course speak in support of issues as a citizen, not specifically representing the group.

Steven looked at the proposed TFs from our workplan/goals from last month, and felt they fell into 3 categories: Communications (website, calendars, mtg updates, notes, email list), Outreach (council mtgs, neighborhood mtgs, liaising with other groups), and Legislation (master plans, policy). These shall be the Standing TFs, while Ad Hoc TFs will be created when needed.

Next was: better wording of who is eligible to vote. Line 4.2 Voting Members are Richmond residents who have attended three meetings within the preceding twelve months. Meaning that on your 4th meeting you may vote, if you have attended 3 mtgs in the previous 12 months. Thusly you can also lose your voting status.

A lengthy discussion ensued about line 4.3. Initially Steven said the representatives of other bodies cannot vote, even if they are Richmond residents. If an official rep wants to vote, they should announce ahead of time that they are acting as a citizen. Many people countered that we should welcome the votes of knowledgeable reps from outside orgs. In the end we decided that Richmond residency is the main point, regardless of representation of other orgs. Bill proposed to strike 4.3 which passed with a unanimous vote.

Group made a few grammatical edits but decided not to go over each line of the Bylaws. Nominations for officer positions was added to the agenda.

Officer Nominations. Najari for Chair. Steven for At-Large. Patrick for Secretary. Sequoia for Treasurer. Bill for Vice Chair. Discussion was closed, to be completed at Feb mtg. Additional nominations are encouraged and will continue to be collected. Write-ins will be allowed when voted on in March.

Task Forces. Najari appointed Steven to the Communications TF, as webmaster. Cynthia and Patrick also to join Communications TF. Najari, Marilyn, Sequoia, and Janice appointed to Outreach TF. Cynthia and Nancy Baer recommended to be on Legislation TF. Sequoia mentioned the need for outreach to other groups, such as the Parks Commission, where some “hater” vibes towards bikers exist. Maybe we can find pedestrians/walkers at such other groups, who could join BPAC and provide more pedestrian influence?

Ad Hoc TFs. Cynthia encouraged us to create the Bike To Work Day TF already, since the energizer station kick-off planning meeting is soon. Bill and Sequoia to spearhead BTWD TF (ed note: Patrick will also volunteer for this TF). Janice proposed and will head up a Multi-Use Trail Safety TF. Jim Z and Najari to lead Skillz Park TF. Pump track at JFK park has been a big success. Need to move forward by getting funding for \$3300 feasibility study. A Community Projects TF was proposed but not finalized. For next month: ratify Ad Hoc TFs and receive reports with a mission statement.

Workplan/Goals. Patrick briefly reviewed the workplan/goals for 2016. Cynthia asked if we should review the 2015 goals, since that is part of the Bylaws. Proposed to agenda for next month. Bill brought up BPAC desire for designated staff person/funding. Marilyn said that budget-wise we might want to keep mum. Patrick said advocating for project funding more important at this time.

ECIA Meeting Report. ECIA is the Chevron Environmental and Community Investment Agreement, which includes a lot of greenhouse gas reduction and education programs. Will provide \$90 million dollars over 10 years. <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/2906/Chevron-Community-Investment> Cynthia of BEB and Najari of RCR set up a meeting with City Manager Bill Lindsay and Project Manager Lori Reese-Brown, to discuss what programs could be funded. Patrick also attended. CM and Lori were open to smaller things, like bike bell or light give-aways. Big ticket items didn't go over so well. A Mobility Plan will be prepared to help spend this money wisely. A Bicycle Master Plan update can't be paid for with the ECIA, but could perhaps be part of the Mobility Plan. Lori and the CM will discuss and report back. Cynthia & Najari were asked to create more detailed budgets of the programs they hope to fund.

Announcements.

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service is coming up on January 18th from 9 to 2, on the Greenway at 6th St, 8th St, Harbour Way, and 16th St.

Cycles of Change had their trailer stolen with several dozen bikes and hundreds of helmets. How can BPAC help? Spread the word. <https://www.facebook.com/CyclesofChange/posts/923586621058550>

BEB is planning a Local Leaders Summit on Sat Feb 20, all day, in San Lorenzo. We are encouraged to participate.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 7:30pm!