

**RIVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**7:30 pm**

1. **Roll Call and Agenda Approval** – Meeting came to order, a quorum was established, and the agenda was approved.
2. **Welcome New Board Member, Board Members' Expectations, and Establish Roles**

The Board welcomed new neighbor and Board member, David Byrnes. All RPNA Board members and attending neighbors introduced themselves.

The Board discussed establishing roles and responsibilities for each Board member. David is interested in assisting with social media, PR, and writing articles for the RP Review. He currently manages social media in both professional and personal endeavors.

3. **2026 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events** – Lisa Cirill

This topic will be moved to the February RPNA Board Meeting.

4. **Neighborhood Watch Update** – Rex Hescock

Rex updated the Board on a few recent activities over the past month.

Rex has received reports of minor theft in unlocked cars throughout the neighborhood. He also reported that a family near Moddison and Minerva arrived home from vacation to find squatters living in their house. Rex has offered to patrol and check on houses while neighbors are on vacation. MJ and the Board suggested that this topic could be a good RP Review article to bring awareness to the neighborhood. Rex will draft key points for an article.

Rex also receives daily report-outs of helicopters, but no recent activity has been noted near River Park.

5. **RPNA Budget and Financials** – Colin Jones

Colin announced that he will be assuming the role of Treasurer with the departure of Board Member Brian Haines. Colin recommended for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Board member to be trained on key elements of the financials, including deposits and bank information. Joe offered to serve as the secondary Board member with Treasurer training.

Next week, Brian and Colin will visit the bank together to begin the transfer process. RPNA currently has accounts with PayPal, Square and Bank of America.

Fatima requested for the Treasurer position to provide monthly financial updates.

Advertising was discussed; Janet Mason was noted as a contact for advertisers. The Board discussed implementing a QR code for easy transactions at events, such as 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Holiday Lights.

Fatima shared that RPNA recently lost two RP Review advertisers. She will follow up with more information on the advertisers lost. MJ shared that she plans to ask Frameworks whether they would like to sponsor or advertise with RPNA. This would be the first sponsor outreach outside of the River Park neighborhood boundary.

Fatima asked for each Board member to come to the February meeting with budget expectations in mind, including, what to spend, special initiatives, and ideas for merchandise.

The Board discussed an idea for a merchandise design competition for kids in the neighborhood, with the winner receiving a \$50 prize and an article in the RP Review. Rex offered to share news of the competition with Caleb Greenwood.

The Board also discussed gifts and donations which have been granted to groups in the past, such as the Police, Garden Club, and Fire Department. Reinvigorating these gifts would honor past RPNA traditions. Rex also shared that Sees candy was delivered.

#### **6. Block Captain Role – Colin Jones**

Colin expressed interest in transitioning off the RP Review Block Captain Manager role, as he transitions into the Treasurer role. Colin explained the process of box assembly and distribution; roughly an hour of assembly time is required. He aims to be punctual about delivery to the Block Captains' houses.

Colin will draft a summary of the role, share with the Board for feedback, and a final version will be sent to MJ (or David) for posting.

Inna shared that, historically, Block Captains served a larger role of checking on elderly neighbors, taking the garbage out for neighbors in need, and similar tasks. Senior neighbors typically had a copy of their Block Captains' contact information, in case of emergencies. Fatima noted that she will consider these ideas and will send out thoughts for next steps.

#### **7. Social Media Coordination – Fatima/MJ**

Board members discussed an issue with the URL for the RPNA website; in at least one location on the website, the link was noted as “.net,” when it should be “.org.” MJ will investigate this issue.

#### **8. Holiday Lights Competition Recap – Elise Drakes**

Elise shared a recap of the 2025 Holiday Lights Competition (Holiday Lights) weekend, which was a successful event. The Fremont Presbyterian band was a great addition which brought more neighbors to the event. Many band members were also neighbors who participated in Holiday Lights.

The Santa Station was also a continued success. Several new volunteers came to help this year, including Rex Hescoock, Lisa Cirill, Kevin Shirley, and Karen Lewis. All volunteers will be recognized in the forthcoming RP Review.

The event, judged by the number of voting ballots and cocoa distributed, grew by about 1/3 this year, compared to 2024.

Merchandise and additional revenue opportunities will be a goal for 2026; Elise shared that the ability to effectively manage and sell RP merchandise would depend upon a dedicated volunteer to manage the merchandise and revenue. PayPal and a QR code would help manage cash, as well as small optional donations made by neighbors.

Colin suggested that providing pens for voting, as well as more trash receptacles, would be helpful additions to the Cocoa Station.

#### **9. Spring General Meeting – Elise Drakes**

The Board planned details for the Spring General meeting. Fatima motioned to hold the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Caleb Greenwood; the Board unanimously approved.

Although there is a cost associated with hosting the annual event at Caleb Greenwood, the Board discussed that the school is more central and more engrained in the River Park community than other venue options.

The Board also discussed neighborhood outreach for the event; flyers will be made and included in the RP Review, which will be distributed on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **10. Membership Update – Joe Thompson**

Joe shared a summary of the RPNA membership status; as of mid-January 2026, RPNA has 521 paid members. At this time last year, RPNA was at 520 members. Last year, 30 memberships were suspended, due to lapsed payments; this year, only 10 memberships are suspended.

Membership revenue is up \$2,000 from 2024. Joe hopes to increase membership revenue even more this year. January is typically a month with a high yield, as many memberships expire at the end of the calendar year and require renewal.

The Board discussed the success of the flyer drive in early 2025. Joe confirmed that the flyer drive generated memberships and paid for the investment in the flyers, recommending that the Board undertake a similar effort again in the future. The Board agreed, noting that it felt like a worthwhile neighborhood outreach effort.

#### **11. RP Review Update – Inna Tysoe**

Inna provided an overview of the forthcoming RP Review, which will include a segment on River Park history (pre-neighborhood), a profile on Shelly and Rex Hescoock, and articles on Gold Rush women, Rooster's, and the 2025 Holiday Lights event.

For the next RP Review, Inna will need to receive all content by March 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be the Board's deadline to submit information on the Spring Meeting, in order to create awareness of the event through the April RP Review.

The Board discussed the Bylaws and whether 1 or 2 neighborhood-wide mtgs are required annually. The Board will discuss the Bylaw rules at a future meeting.

MJ requested to update Board members' contact information; at the end of the meeting, she gathered e-mail addresses and phone numbers.

## **12. Additional – Board**

The Board discussed the continued need to recruit additional Board members. Rex noted that the Spring Meeting would be a good opportunity to bring this awareness to the neighborhood.

**Adjourn** – RPNA Board members welcome all current, new, and prospective neighborhood association members to attend next month's RPNA Board meeting on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Presbyterian Church. River Park community members can reach out to the RPNA at [sacramentorpna@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentorpna@gmail.com).

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