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RCPNA DIVERSITY COMMITTEE INVITES PARTICIPATION Next Meeting of New Group is September 15

BY TAMARA DERIDDER

In light of the recent unrest in Portland and the sensitive and politically volatile issues of the Black Lives Matter movement and related protest marches, at its August meeting, the RCPNA Board created an ad hoc committee “to explore issues related to diversity and inclusion within the neighborhood and neighborhood association,” with the intent to present at a future General Meeting.

At the first meeting for this group, held on August 13 via Zoom, it was agreed by those present that the first goal, before moving forward with this directive, should be to educate ourselves through a reading circle and open the meeting to all who may be interested. Reading material was then identified for the first meeting of this “Reading Circle.”

Please join us for our first Reading Circle, on Tuesday, September 15, from 7-9 pm, via Zoom. The Committee/Circle is open to all neighborhood residents and businesses located in Rose City Park. You must register for the Zoom meeting but that does not obligate you in any way. To register, visit https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUoc-CvqDqsHt1axm-FRhgusVCB_Kkyqclk; if you have any questions, email info@rcpna.org.

The following documents are recommended for review prior to the Sept. 15 discussion:

- City of Portland: Historical Context of Racist Planning (free to read and download at <https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2019-12/portlandracistplanninghistoryreport.pdf>)
- Me and White Supremacy, Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become A Good Ancestor by Layla F. Saad (available at the Multnomah County Library in hardback, e-books and downloadable audio book, and at most major booksellers).

These and other anti-racism materials recommended for reading will be posted on the RCPNA.org website, <https://www.rcpna.org>.



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH RECEIVES FINANCIAL AWARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

Earlier this summer, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church learned that it had been awarded financial assistance from Pacific Power’s Blue Sky Program for its installation of a solar electrical project at the church, which has been a fixture in the RCP-adjacent Hollywood neighborhood since 1923. The award of more than \$49,000 will cover more than 70% of the installation cost of the 22kW, 71-panel solar electric system. Following the Blue Sky award, the church also received a grant from the Diocese of Oregon, which leaves the church with only a small balance to self-fund.

The church had hoped to start construction on the project in July but waiting for the City’s sign-off on permits delayed it until mid-September. Celebrations are being planned around the completion of the project, including a public ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 16 at 2pm. The church is located at 1704 NE 43rd Avenue.



For more information, contact Daniel Bagwell, Solar Project Coordinator (email danbagwell@yahoo.com or phone 503-278-1549).

We congratulate St. Michael & All Angels and apologize for the inadvertent omission of this story from our Summer issue.—Editor

OCTOBER 21 GENERAL MEETING

The regular fall General Meeting of RCPNA will be held October 21, from 7-9 pm, via Zoom. If you haven’t yet attended one of our Zoom meetings, give it a try!

The agenda will be in the October issue of the newsletter (which hopefully will again be in hard copy!) but will include a candidates’ forum that will include City Commissioner candidates Chloe Eudaly and Mingus Mapps.

ABOUT RCPNA

• Our Mission •

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association works to maintain and improve the livability of the neighborhood.

• Association Membership •

RCPNA is open to all persons of voting age who reside, own property or operate a business, government agency or non-profit organization within the boundaries of the neighborhood. There are no dues or requirements imposed that would in any way prevent a person from becoming or remaining a member.

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RCPNA CALENDAR

All RCPNA meetings are open to the public.

Rose City Park neighbors and business owners/operators are especially welcome.

Board, committee, and General Membership meetings continue to be held via Zoom; most will also be live-streamed and recorded for later viewing on YouTube.

Search “rcpna video” on YouTube to access both the live streams and recordings.

Sept. 15, 7-9pm, Diversity Committee Reading Circle	Sept. 17, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Oct. 5, 7-9 pm, Communications Committee	Oct. 21, 7-9pm, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Nov. 3, 7-9 pm - Board Meeting	Nov. 3 - Election Day