

RCHHC Meeting Minutes, 05/14/2025, 7pm

Attendees:

Steve Rasmussen	Wiley Paxton
Devin Chapman	Scott Voloshin
Lawrence Williamson	Paul Dixon
Victoria Williamson	Robin Lawrence
Tim Yanasak	Annie Lawrence
Laura Yanasak	Micheal Broadwell
Sandy Broadwell	

A. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** Steve Rasmussen, RCC Chair

- a. Introduction- we went around the room introducing ourselves and our role in the NA and shared where we lived.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** from 03/12/2025 meeting

No objections. Minutes approved

C. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Official map of Asheville neighborhoods** now includes RC+HHC:

<https://www.ashevilenc.gov/department/communication-public-engagement/neighborhood-services/>. What other updates to maps, description, etc. are needed?

- a. Steve pointed out that the name of the neighborhood had a 25 character limit so the name on the city map was shortened to Rhododendron Creek + HHC. Everyone OK with that name.
- b. Victoria pointed out that now that the map has been modified, theoretically the NA will be informed of major road construction, infrastructure work, etc.

2. **New neighborhood survey:** Discussion of whether this next step in Plan on a Page process can be ready to circulate by May 31 (see D.2.)

- a. Victoria said that we can use the old survey and add questions to it, if needed. Tim suggested adding a question about "why did you move here?" Though upon review of the previous survey, this question was already asked.
- b. Steve suggested a question about Resources and Businesses or "Skills", per Paul's suggestion, to provide neighbors a list of local resources for their needs. All agreed that would be good

D. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Bylaws revision:** Discussion/review of proposed changes now that RCC has become RC+HHC. If approved, proposed changes must be circulated to membership for comment at least 2 weeks before July meeting.

- a. Steve started working on the revision of the name in the Bylaws, and there is a requirement to provide a draft 2 weeks prior to the meeting when it will be approved. Victoria asked if the meeting times will be changed. Steve answered he needs to double check that revision.

2. Annual Neighborhood Block Party, Saturday May 31, Carrier St. north of Salola St.: Discussion and planning.

- a. The annual block party is scheduled for May 31 from Noon to 8 on Carrier St. between Harris and Salola. Devin described what will be available. Music, food, beer, vendors, kids activities. He will be creating a Facebook event with more detail and this will be shared on our web site.
- b. Setup at 11:30. Let Devin know if you can help set up. Email him at dchap9@icloud.com
- c. It was discussed that RCHHC will have a booth at the party and Larry Williamson volunteered to help Steve develop some materials and attend the booth. Any other volunteers to attend the booth would be appreciated. Send an email to RCHHC email if you can volunteer for the info booth.
- d. Steve asked if the survey could be ready for the party, and Victoria thought that if we can use 2020's survey as a template, then there shouldn't be an issue. We can have a few paper copies of the survey and provide a QR code of the link for the survey. Sandy offered to help with the survey development.
- e. There are plans to provide information at the party for help to replant trees that might have been removed due to aging out or the hurricane. Wiley will be coordinating this presentation. He planned to get some free trees from GreenWorks to give away. However, he stated that one person can only get a few trees. He asked if others in the group can get some free trees to bring to the party. Send an email to RCCHC if you plan to get some free trees from GreenWorks to give away at the block party.

3. Neighborhood Outreach

- a. Sandy Broadwell mentioned that she learned about RCCHC NA from the City's Neighborhood services. She stated she asked her neighbors and she learned that they were not aware of the organization of our association. She asked if there could be an outreach program to get more people aware? She offered to develop a flyer to pass out in her neighbors. Victoria cautioned against putting in mailboxes since it is against the law.

Victoria mentioned that she has used Nextdoor to post information about our meetings and events. She said she would like to change the boundary in Nextdoor, but the process is very difficult. She posts RCHHC information to the Nextdoor neighborhoods that are within our new boundary. She also said she would find out the neighborhood lead and ask them to create a welcome message when new members join Nextdoor. The welcome message would inform them of the Neighborhood Association recognized by the City.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Plan on a Page Committee

- a. Incorporate Google earth maps overlay- Steve said he was working on the map overlay to show green spaces, school bus stops, walking paths, etc.

See a draft of this google earth overlay: <http://tiny.cc/rchhcmap> Steve assures that this map would only be available for our community members to contribute to, and only shared with those we choose. To learn more, see

https://www.google.com/intl/en_au/earth/outreach/learn/create-a-map-or-story-in-google-earth-web/.

It was suggested to add the business resources, with permission, that we learn from the survey.

2. C.A.N. committee

- a. Late June meetings will be held to discuss what their role is. The current president is stepping down and there will be a new election for the president. Steve reported that one role he suggests that CAN can hold is to create a land trust to help residences to apply for conservation easements.

3. School Committee- No member of the committee was present

a. ACS MOU- Steve, in a previous conversation, stated he had reached out to ACS to get our MOU renewed. There was no response. He will reach out again. The MOU might be important after school is dismissed to get an agreement to keep the playground open.

Victoria mentioned a campaign shared by Amanda Wilde to support the City Schools, "kids deserve our 2 cents". Victoria asked if it is OK to share this information with our email list. It was OK'd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next meeting will be July 16.