

ARC Board Public Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21st, 2024

Time: 12:00PM-12:45PM

Location: Hybrid-ARC Office and Zoom

Board Attendance: Caitlin Pontrella (President), Morgin Morris (Treasurer), Judy Tangen (Secretary), Fawzi Belal, Angela Bishop, Michael Cuadra, Kyle Serikawa, Luz Iniguez, Pam Vaughn

Excused: Rachel Ligtenberg

ARC Staff: Jackie Hainga-Hyllseth (ED), Ashley Miller, John Bray, Sonia Doughty, Sebastian Wilson, Sam Dhillon

SPR Staff: Brian Judd

Visitors: None

Quorum was present.

Meeting called to order:

- Caitlin welcomed everyone.
 - Our Land Acknowledgement was given.
 - Meeting norms were presented with a highlight on our need to contribute to the meeting even when we are uncomfortable.
- Jackie welcomed everyone and introduced our new HR Director, Sam Dhillon.
 - Sam has a background in working with non-profit organizations.
- Our consent agenda was approved unanimously.
 - Caitlen moved to approve.
 - Kyle seconded.
- Caitlin nominated Fawzi Belal for 1st VP.
 - Vote was unanimous to approve Fawzi as our 1st VP.
- Public Comment: None

SPR Update:

- Brian Judd highlighted Swim Seattle and Seattle Mentors.
 - For Swim Seattle, the priority has been on registration for Fall Quarter 2024.
 - There have been free drop in swim lessons.
 - BIPOC and Allies Open Swim.
 - SPR is creating additional time and space for historically underserved communities.
 - “We came from Mermaids” program
 - Connecting to Black history.

- Building a Black lifeguard program.
 - Last weekend was Water Safety Day.
 - Over 250 people attended.
- Seattle Mentors is changing direction.
 - Evolving sessions.
 - Recruiting mentors.
 - YAW may be paired with corporate sponsors.
 - Infrastructure for the program is being developed.
 - April 17th was the kickoff of program.
 - Over 310 young people attended.
 - Free training for preparing for interviews was given.
 - 53 organizations participated.
- SPR is wrapping up preparations for Summer Programs.
 - Peak workload.
 - Once summer programs start, things will settle down for staff.
- SPR has recruited over 20 Park Rangers for 2024-25 calendar year.
 - This is an effort to have citywide coverage.
 - Busy onboarding people.
 - Training Park Rangers to help people get better use of their Parks.
- ARC Update:
 - Jackie announced that the Greater & Greener Conference is sold out.
 - Caitlin, Fawzi, Sonia, and Jackie will attend June 21st – 25th program.
 - ARC has a great opportunity to be involved in this Conference.
 - Volunteer opportunities for all Board members.
 - Sebastian gave highlights of 2024 AGM.
 - We had 80 attendees.
 - Jackie and Brian gave out SPARC awards celebrating all people -SPR, ARC and AC volunteers.
 - The Garfield Campus won the Seattle Shines Award.
 - YAW program won Above & Beyond Award.
 - Exceptional Teamwork Award went to the AC Bylaws Revision committee.
 - SPARC Joint Planning Committee won the Leadership Award.
 - Lakema and Ashley did a great job emceeding the program.

- AP shared updates.
- Our keynote speaker was Amanda Hashagen from Urban ArtWorks.
 - She led a great team building exercise showcasing collaboration.
- Sonia reviewed Fund the Fun.
 - We had 215 people register.
 - Raised over \$70,000.
 - Fund raising is still open for this campaign.
 - We should net almost \$20,000 for Swim Seattle scholarships.
 - We had 41% new people participating.
 - We had two donors matching any donation of \$200 and above up to \$15,000.
 - Seattle Channel will show our Swim Seattle video multiple times.
- Caitlin reported on our Town Hall meeting last week.
 - 2 to 3 people showed an interest in joining the Board.
 - Board Development Committee will meet with recruits.
 - All Board members are welcome to be involved.
 - The committee is hoping to have a slate of new board members by July.

Public Board Meeting adjourned at 12:35