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RUSSIAN HILL NEIGHBORS / DESIGN ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE RHN BOARD MEETING 06-02-2014

The DZLU Committee met on Tuesday 05-27-2014 from approximately 7PM to 9:30PM at the home of Anne Brubaker, host and rotating chair for May 2014. In attendance were Bob Bluhm, Anne Brubaker, Richard Cardello, Gregg Carr, Tysen Dirksen, Leah Freiwald, Sarah Taber and Carol Ann Rogers.

Some of the issue discussed included:

1061 Broadway / 1000 Block of Broadway Tree Removal (Carol Ann Rogers)

Years ago, RHN filed an appeal protesting the project sponsors' application to remove some of the trees in the 1000 Block of Broadway. President Dan Holligan recently sent a letter to the Board of Appeals reaffirming RHN's position that the trees should not be removed and requesting postponement of the August 20 scheduled rehearing. Two new September dates have been offered by the Board of Appeal. RHN is encouraged to speak with the residents who wish to remove the trees to see if the situation can be resolved without a hearing.

1111-1113 Green Street Renovation (Lydia Pugliese via email)

The rental units are still unfinished and unoccupied.

1137 Green Street Garages in Retaining Wall (Lydia Pugliese via email)

Lydia continues to be in contact with the neighbor who is building a garage with five spaces. There is concern regarding the placement and appearance of the visible meters and pipes.

1338 Filbert Street -- Cottages (Leah Freiwald)

Leah has again met with the project manager and reports that the retaining wall and tiebacks are almost complete with the hopes that the project will now move a little faster. Excavation for the garage is in progress and work is anticipated to continue for about a year longer or so.

AT&T U-Verse Boxes – 998 Lombard Street Site (Sarah Taber, Tyson Dirksen and Leah Freiwald)

Sarah reported that the SF DPW has denied the permit application for adding an AT&T U-Verse utility box on the sidewalk at Lombard and Leavenworth Streets. Since it is likely that AT&T will appeal this decision within 15 days, Tyson will be following up with Supervisor Farrell's office regarding on how to respond to their appeal for no box or to negotiate for possible off-sidewalk locations.

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Lombard “Crooked Street” Traffic and Trial Closure (David Crimmins)

In David's absence, we discussed the anticipated and highly publicized trial closure of Lombard Street from Larkin to Leavenworth Streets. This study should provide data as how best to address the impact this much-visited attraction has on neighborhood traffic and quality of life.

Macondray Lane Wooden Stair Maintenance (Bob Bluhm)

Bob continues to monitor the correspondence between DPW and with Amy Chan to find a solution to maintaining these stairs that connect Macondray Lane and Taylor Street.

Undergrounding Utilities (Anne Brubaker)

The SFCUU (San Francisco Committee to Underground Utilities) continues to pursue eliminating the visual blight caused by the myriad of still existing overhead wires in our City. They are seeking signatures in support of their newly created petition urging the City to take action. They are also finalizing their by-laws as part of their application for 501c4 status. They continue their outreach to other neighborhood organizations, to solicit endorsements.

The next DZLU meeting is scheduled for 06-24-2014, to be hosted by Bob Bluhm who will be DZLU rotating chair for June 2014.

Respectfully Submitted by
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DZLU Rotating Chair May 2014