RHN Board Meeting Monday, October 5, 2015

Russian Hill Neighbors is a voice for residents and merchants to preserve and advance neighborhood character and quality of life through collaboration, volunteerism, and celebration of community.

Attendees

Adam Barrett, Phoebe Douglass, Par Hanji, Emily Harrold, Tracy Jaquier, Mike Moylan, Tina Moylan, Greg Polchow, Carol Ann Rogers, Sarah Taber, Steve Taber

Tina called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Executive Reports

- President (Tina)
 - There is no RHN Board meeting in January. Please sign up for hosting and co-hosting in November and December.
 - We had an overwhelmingly successful Kids' Safety Fair with great community outreach. The kids enjoyed themselves and the SFPD did, too.
 - The RHN/League of Women Voters Candidate Forum was well attended. No hitches.
 - The RHN Membership Drive is coming up we need everyone's help to make this successful.
 - Request for support from Next Village (non-profit in the Northeast part of SF trying to help seniors live independently in their own homes through referrals to services, etc.) Motion by Tina to give (the amount RHN gave last year/to be confirmed). Second by Emily. Motion passed.
- Secretary (Emily)
 - Motion by Emily to pass the September Board Meeting minutes. Second by Tina. Motion passed.
- Treasurer (lan)
 - Can not attend meeting the meeting tonight but expect a report out soon.

Committee Reports

- DZLU (Sarah)
 - See report distributed last Sunday. Regarding Macondray Lane, Supervisor Christensen wants the entire \$100k allotted for the stair project to be used to repair or replace the stairs. No action is required by RHN. Steve: Is the same policy being applied to all other stairs in the city and in our area? Traci: The city is paying for all other repairs. Who is maintaining Macondray Lane? Is it a street or a sidewalk? Traci: is there a Macondray Lane organization who can pay for all of this? Carol Ann: In the longterm, if it is rebuilt, DPW will take over the maintenance. The stairs must be brought up to code though. Bob Blum has had some success.
 - Action item: Trucks crash down steep streets, like Greenwich Street, and they can lose their brakes and ram into buildings. Something needs to be done on city level to prohibit trucks from going down certain streets. Which committee should deal with this? Not DZLU. Tina will call Supervisor Christensen's office and Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, to find out the right contact at City Hall for this issue and then Tina will draft a letter stating our concern.
 - Carol Ann: A new member of RHN has asked to see our roof deck policy and 'good contractor' guidelines (still being created.) Is that OK? Yes. Let's also post these documents on the RHN web site.

- Families with Children (Emily)
 - Motion by Emily to reimburse \$598.17 in expenses from the Kids Safety Fair in September. Second by Tina. Motion passed.
 - Survey of Families in Russian Hill: Thanks to everyone for reviewing the draft questions. Regarding the audience, let's test with our membership. If we gather interesting data, we can decide to send to a larger audience. I will reach out to neighborhood schools like Yick Wo and also Golden Gate Mothers group to increase our distribution. We will include a note in the survey to please share it with other families you know in Russian Hill. Also, people do not need to be members of RHN to respond. Let's also ask if they would like to join a committee or focus group to talk more about the issue of families debating whether to stay and raise their families in San Francisco or move elsewhere. I will load the survey onto SurveyMonkey. Watch for a draft to come around and please test.

Social (Traci)

- Please see the report which was sent out by Joyce.
- A wine tasting event at the Jug Shop is coming up on Wednesday, October 14 from 6-8pm. Cheese Plus will most likely donate the hors d'oeuvres. \$25/pp. We need 20 people there to make it work. Pay on the RHN web site. Let's post it on NextDoor and Tweet the information.
- Russian Hill Walking tour please check the RHN website for details.
- We don't need another Cheers event until 2016 perhaps the SuperBowl?

Merchants (Par)

We working on Halloween event along Polk Street. Recruiting merchants to join RHN and participate by giving out treats to kids on 10/31. Will update everyone when the merchant list is finalized.

Membership (Adam and Tina)

The RNN Membership Drive is coming up. We have the RH email voters list we bought last year. Phoebe: let's use this list. Let's also do all of our outreach via email and online. Adam will connect with lan about what he did for the membership drive last year and report back. Mike will look at the voter list and confirm whether emails or physical addresses are included.

Transportation (Steve)

A Central Subway walk is taking place on Thursday at 10am (see e-blast). It is a rally to support the extension of the subway. We are walking down Columbus to Fisherman's Wharf. The press is likely to attend.

Tina adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.