RHN Annual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2015
Old First Presbyterian Church
1751 Sacramento Street, San Francisco

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
Members of the RHN Board, plus approximately 30 community members

Report by Tina (President)
- Tina called the meeting to order at 6:40pm
- Tina explained the changes in the board and announced the new board members. Motion by Mike to elect the new board. Second by Laurie. Motion Passed.
- Report on activities of RHN committees, including DZLU, Transportation, Neighborhood Improvement, and Families with Children

Report by Ian (Treasurer)
- Overview of balances, restricted funds (~$78k), general fund (+$17k), membership (385 current, down 42 from 2014)
- RHN made donations to Broadway Gardens project and Undergrounding Utilities effort
- Can RHN money be spent on marketing, to help education new residents about organization? Yes.

David Lazar, SFPD Central Station Captain, and Greg McEachern, SFPD Northern Station Captain
- Every 10 years SFPD redistricts, this will happen again soon.
- Auto burglary: at an all time high. Thieves are coming from other areas and they are organized. 2300 cases in Central last year. Key is prevention and education. Do not leave anything in your vehicle.
- How to prevent residential burglaries: Do you have adequate lighting? Have you employed all the techniques you can? Do you have a video camera? Do you belong to a neighborhood watch?
- Robberies: watch your iPhone. Thieves will try to take them off of you on the street.
- Lombard Street: Lombard Ambassador Program may start. Volunteer Ambassadors will help answer questions from tourists and keep the area flowing safely.
- 1101-1111 Green: noise complaints from residents. Manager is not receptive. Captain Lazar following up.
- Monthly SFPD Central Community meeting on the Third Thursday of the month 6-7pm. Everyone is welcome.
- Working on traffic enforcement: focusing on the 'five': pedestrians in crosswalk, stop signs, right of way violations, etc. in the top five locations in the Northern district.
- Take advantage of SF SAFE to learn more about keeping the community safe.
- Lombard Street will remain open this summer.

Supervisor Mark Farrell
- Unemployment is 3.6% in SF (historic low), about to head into budget season, likely a +$8.6BN budget this year and still projecting a deficit
- Working on Lombard Street Ambassador Program

- Transportation study will get kicked off to evaluate issues and solutions.
- Francisco Reservoir project in the works.
- Superbowl 2016: disruption will span about five days centralized in south of Market. Free festival at Justin Herman Plaza.

Phil Ginsburg, General Manager of Parks and Recreation

- The Greater & Greener Conference to come to SF this past week. Celebrated and talked about urban parks. http://www.greatergreener.org
- 85% of America lives in an Urban Core. California is most urban state in US with 95% of residents living in an urban area. SF will grow by 10-20k per year for next 20 years. SF is now most densely populated city in California.
- Economic value of SF parks: about $2bn/year. Presented other stats quantifying the value of parks.
- 19% of land in SF is open space. 98% of SF residents live within a 15-minute walk of a park. About 4000 acres of parkland in SF. 220 neighborhood parks. 180 playgrounds.
- Priority has been to acquire new properties. Partnerships are important.
- Resources are the big challenge for Parks and Recreation.
- Zack Taylor is the manager of Russian Hill Parks. Charlie Williams is supervisor. Get in touch with them for any RH park-specific issues.

Supervisor Julie Christensen

- Target's proposal for the old Lombardi's location on Polk Street: the building is great for Target but not sure residents like this location. Proposing other options, specifically on Van Ness. Wants to hear feedback from the neighborhood.
- The Joe DiMaggio playground and park renovation is underway. It will be wonderful when opened, perhaps at the end of this year.
- Open to feedback from RHN on other projects we can work together on.

Tina adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:15pm.

(Notes taken by Emily Harrold, Secretary)