

RHN Board Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2016

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

Tina Moylan, Mike Moylan, Sarah Taber, Greg Polchow, Emily Harrold, Phoebe Douglass, Carol Ann Rogers, Gregg Carr, Laurie Petipas, Ian Maddison, Al Greening, Joyce Kucharvy, Richard Cardello, Helen Doyle

Tina called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Executive Committee Reports

- President's Report: Tina
 - Unfortunately Gavin Newsom cannot attend our Annual Meeting on April 20. Other ideas: Willie Brown or Alex Clemens of *The Usual Suspects*. If these two are not available, we are set with the two Supervisors, the Police Captains, etc. Food: Sarah and Joyce have it covered.
 - Email etiquette: Be conscious of who you are sending emails to when replying to RHN group emails. We want to avoid sending multiple emails to the same person. So, please just reply to the sender directly or to board@rhnsf.org if you would like everyone to receive the email. As an example, replying to Tina and also board@rhnsf.org will result in two of the same emails going to Tina.
 - Request from Ann Brubaker: SFCUU wants to know if they can be back under RHN's category 501c3, instead of their current 501c4. Richard: we could have an undergrounding fund. Carol Ann: they switched to a 501c4 because they exceed the amount of lobbying you can do with a 501c3. Steve: We need to have a budget from them in place. Steve can advise on the legal aspects. Carol Ann: the donors need to know where the money is going (501c3 or c4). We are for this in principle. Greg to ask Ann to provide more clarity on their budget, which activities they conduct which are educational, etc.
 - Retreat dates and topics: One suggestion for a topic is to define MBOs (manage by objectives) / set objectives and goals for the coming year. Also, we need to address RHN Membership. (The focus of the April Board meeting will be Membership. We are way down and need to re-energize our efforts.) Ian will speak with Adam on the status of the letters. Sarah Taber offered to host an addressing party this Friday night, 3/11, if it is needed.
 - Hosting: Tina will send out a calendar for the year for everyone to sign up.
 - Bylaw changes: Tina suggests removing the position of second vice president. It is not needed. One VP is enough. Carol Ann: instead we could change the language to 'up to two' so we have the flexibility to have one, but are not bound to this. We will need to vote on this change at the Annual Meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Emily
 - Motion by Emily to approve the February Board Meeting minutes. Joyce seconds. Minutes are approved.

Committee Reports

- DZLU: Sarah

Supervisor Aaron Peskin's Formula Retail proposal will be heard by the Land Use Committee on March 28 or April 4. If the proposal moves out of Land Use, the Planning Commission will meet on the proposal on April 28. DZLU will hold a special meeting soon to develop a position which will be shared with the RHN Board. It helps when we show up at the Planning Commission. Steve: can we split Polk Street from Broadway north/south? Carol Ann: the conditional use application process is an adequate control on retail entering the area. This blanket approach is not needed. Ian: motion that the board takes a position of not supporting the formula retail proposal and forms a working group to propose a draft letter to send to the board for approval. Second by Gregg. Motion passed.

- Families with Children: Emily

Emily distributed an email on 3/7 which describes the Telegraph Hill Cooperative Nursery's proposal to move into the empty clubhouse space at Helen Wills Park. The Coop has requested RHN's support for their plans. Motion by Emily to draft a letter of support for this move and send it to Supervisor Peskin and General Manager Ginsburg. Second by Tina. Motion Passed.

Tina adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm