

MINUTES
Russian Hill Neighbors Board Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2019
Host: Judy Junghans

THANK YOU TO OUR CO-HOSTS!

Attending with RSVP (15) Alice Alioto, Isabell Alzate, Lauren Bohlin, Richard Cardello, Gregg Carr, Phoebe Douglass, Al Greening, Tina Hinckley, Judy Junghans, Joyce Kucharvy, Michelle Montz, Greg Polchow, Jovanne Reilly, Adrienne Rogers, Carol Ann Rogers.

Pending – no RSVP – (2) Tim Covington, Matthew Mansfield.

Excused with notice (11) – Bob Bluhm, Lorena Calcagni, Helen Doyle, Tracy Jaquier, Ian Maddison, Mike Moylan, Tina Moylan, Laurie Petipas, Lucretia Rauh, Steve Taber, Christine Welland.

6:45 Call to Order

Executive Committee Reports

President/Executive Committee Report: Carol Ann Rogers, President

- Annual Meeting Overview, Checklist and Assignments
 - Carol Ann reviewed the Annual Meeting Agenda. Expected attendees include past RHN Board Presidents; representatives from SF Board of Supervisors and the police department. There are 64 new members, and a star will be placed on their name cards, so that existing members can welcome them. The Art Institute does not allow food and wine inside the auditorium. The program should begin at 6:30 pm, followed by the guest speaker, Naomi Kelly, at 7 pm. The meeting should end by 8 pm. Question cards will be provided to the guests and collected by Richard Cardello and Phoebe Douglass.
 - The Members must vote on the Amended Bylaws and slate of officers. Provided there is a quorum, a 2/3 vote is required for approval. The slate of Officers and Directors for 2019 includes Bob Bluhm, Lorena Calcagni, Laurie Petipas and Lauren Bohlin.
- Committee Chair Resignations –
 - As of May 6, Christine Welland has resigned as Chairman of Parks Committee. There is an opening for this position. Tracy Jaquier’s term expired and will not to continue as a committee chair. A huge thank you to Christine and Tracy for their service and contribution to Russian Hill Neighbors and the Board.
- July Retreat –
 - Carol Ann asked the Board to send any suggested topics to her directly. A Doodle survey will be sent to the Board to select a date, which will likely occur the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in July. Board Members should plan to spend between 9 am and noon, roughly a 3-hours, for the retreat. No business is discussed because it is directed to areas for in depth discussion. Topics should be limited to three.
 - Suggestions included:
 - Community Benefit District (CBD) – Several Board Members were interested in updates on the CBDs that have started, the process, potential expansion, and what they are doing with the

- funds (i.e., clean up, security, etc.) Middle Polk, whose slogan is Discover Polk, is brand new. Lower Polk is more established.
- Ways to involve members in the committees.
- Neighborhood safety.
- Merchant showcase or merchant fair.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Kucharvy - *Financial report sent in advance*

- There were no questions, and Joyce will present financials on a comparison basis at the Annual Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Montz - *Draft for approval of Minutes of April Meeting sent in advance.*

**ACTION: Approve April Meeting Minutes.
MOTION/SECONDED/APPROVED**

Committee Reports

- Communications Report: Alice Alioto – *No Report*
- Transportation Report: Steve Taber was absent.
 - Steve reported to CAR in advance that the next phase of the Central Subway planning process involves a meeting with various neighborhood associations. The time frame is the end of June and into July. Venue will be determined, depending on the level of interest.
- Local Business: Lauren Bohlin –
 - Report on Recent Meeting with North Beach Neighbors. A draft letter of support of NBN's small business initiative was sent for advance review.

ACTION: Approval to send Letter of Support to North Beach Neighbors for its small business initiatives.

MOTION/SECONDED/APPROVED

- Comment from Isabell and Lauren about showcasing local businesses at Annual Meeting or having a Merchant Fair in the future.
- DZLU Report: Bob Bluhm was absent. *Submitted written report and letter of support for 915 North Point redevelopment for review.*
 - Bob reported that has been following the project at 915 North Point. Jamestown, the developer, asked RHN to send a letter of support to the city, which was due on May 2nd. Because of timing, the Executive Committee reviewed and approved the letter that was sent. Board ratification is needed.

ACTION: Board Ratification of the RHN Letter of Support for the Jamestown 915 North Point Redevelopment.

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- Social Report: Isabell Alzate -*Submitted calendar in advance for review.*
 - Wine & Dine event has started again and is scheduled for June 22nd.
 - Annual picnic is June 29th

- New Cheers event to be held at Wood's Beer.
- Nothing scheduled for August – thinking of family event for street clean up starting at Huntington Park and ending at Swenson's.
- Organized Walk – a possibility.
- Discussion on Sunday Streets in Russian Hill. Noted that the city has an involved process, and the event must be held for 3 days annually.
- Families: Adrienne Rogers
 - Adrienne is trying to find dates for a family, neighborhood clean-up, possibly August. Need to assess school/vacation schedules.
- Safety Committee: Tina Hinckley
 - Tina is working to find committee members for this group. Board discussion on ways to engage members for this committee, and the primary objectives.
- Membership Report: Ian Maddison was absent.
 - Treasurer, Joyce, mentioned that there were 604 members this month.
- Neighborhood Enhancement: Phoebe Douglass – *no report*
- Parks Report: Christine Welland was absent.

She provided a report that the picnic table that RHN funded for the lower level of Helen Wills Park had been delivered to SF Recreation and Parks Department. They are putting it in the queue to be installed. There will be a park community workday on May 18 from 9-12 at Michelangelo playground. All ages are welcome for some gardening and clean-up. Coffee and donuts will be provided by RHN and North Beach Neighbors. See website/ newsletter for details.
- Representative to Neighborhood Coalition Organizations Report: Matthew Mansfield was absent. *No report.*
- History Report: Al Greening was absent. - *No Report*
- Nominating Report: Tina Moylan was absent. *Report included in President's Report.*

Meeting Adjournment. 7:55 pm

Next Board Meeting - MONDAY, June 3

6:00 Dinner; 6:45 Meeting

Host: Adrienne Rogers Co-Host: Greg Polchow