

Russian Hill Neighbors Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 1, 2018

Host: Joyce Kucharvy

Attending with RSVP Alice Alioto, Bob Bluhm, Lauren Bohlin, Lorena Calcagni, Richard Cardello, Gregg Carr, Tom Covington, Phoebe Douglass, Helen Doyle, Al Greening, Tina Hinckley, Tracey Katayama, Joyce Kucharvy, Matthew Mansfield, Michelle Montz, Greg Polchow, Jovanne Reilly, Carol Ann Rogers, Judy Junghans, Lucretia Rauh, Lauren Petipas, Excused with notice Tracy Jaquier, Mike Moylan, Tina Moylan, Steve Taber, Christine Welland, Ian Maddison

6:45 pm Call to Order

6:50 pm Executive Committee Reports

President's Report – Carol Ann

- Ratify appointment of Lauren Bohlin as Merchant Liaison replacing Julia Strzesieski who resigned. **MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED**
- Supervisor Peskin is scheduled to attend RHN's December Board Meeting where discussion topics may be raised. Supervisor Peskin and Chief Scott are holding a Community Meeting tonight (October 1, 2018) that conflicts with this meeting. Christine Welland is attending.
- Working on checklist for New Board Members and a Board Member Handbook
- District 2 Leadership Meeting was held with Supervisor Stefani. Carol Ann said the discussion covered four main issue areas: Merchants (i.e., empty storefronts), Homelessness, Public Safety and Street Cleanliness. Russian Hill neighborhood is represented by 2 supervisors, Districts 2 and 3, and RHN works to have relationship with both. Catherine Stefani has been proactive and has held three meetings to bring together leaders of several neighborhood associations so they can share experiences with each other. Carol Ann will circulate a summary. Note: Governor Brown SB 1045 allowing CA to strengthen conservatorship laws, which may help the homelessness situation.
- Congratulations to NERT graduates. Thank you, Alice!
- Next steps for developing Neighborhood Resilience Plan of Action requires putting together a working group/task force to meet in November and begin the feasibility and planning process. Please let Carol Ann know if you are interested.
- At the close of the September Board of Supervisors Meeting, Supervisor Stefani moved to close out the meeting in memory of Stephen Kendrick, an early RHN Board Member.
- Carol Ann asked that all emails begin with RHN in subject line.

Vice President's Report - Greg Polchow

- Conflict of Interest Policy - Need documents signed by Alioto, Hinckley, Maddison, Montz, Bohlin. Checking to see if all members need to sign annually.

Treasurer's Report - Joyce Kucharvy - see financials sent in advance.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Montz - Approval of September 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes (*draft sent previously for advance review.*) Draft circulated requires minor change. **MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED, Approved as Amended**

Committee Reports

- Transportation: Steve Taber is travelling. Several RHN members attended the 9.27.2018 Community Workshop on Central Subway extension. SFMTA reviewed broad options for stops to include Chinatown, Washington Square Park, Fisherman's Wharf, and the Presidio. SFMTA was soliciting resident input on locations and overall impact to neighborhood character. The time frame is uncertain. Based on the proposed stop locations, all of Russian Hill would benefit.
- DZLU: Bob Bluhm. (DZLU monthly report previously sent)
 - Whole Foods 365 Hearing scheduled for October 4, 2018. Bob provided additional clarification to the proposal being presented on Thursday. In previous meetings, WF was asked to investigate the feasibility of adding residential to the redevelopment. Possibilities were either (1) adding additional floors above or (2) converting second floor space. WF concluded that Option 1 is not physically feasible, and the entire building would have to be demolished. Option 2 is physically possible and would add 5 small (432 SF) units to the second floor, but it is not financially feasible. The income was not enough to justify the cost. The Planning Department recommended the Conditional Use to the Planning Commission. RHN is a supporter of the proposal because it would retain the existing building and the neighborhood could benefit from a grocery store.
 - Questions were raised about the status of the 982 Green St project where modifications were made that did not comply with the regulations. **DZLU is continuing to follow this situation.**
- Social: No Chair. Joyce Kucharvy reminded the Board of the miniature golf outing at Ghirardelli Square on Sunday, November 4th between 2-4 pm. Please RSVP. Another social is being considered before year end that would teach wine pairing in time for the holidays – but volunteers are needed.
- Communications: Alice Alioto. Newsletter may go out on Wednesday/Thursday and she expressed appreciation for the timely information provided. Posters sponsored by RHN were distributed to the Board. Group is working on updating the website and will

present a budget recommendation in the future.

- Families & Children: No Chair – Reminder – Halloween Walk sponsored by Polk Street Merchants will be held Saturday October 27, 2018
- Membership: Tracey Katayama – The week of October 15, a letter will be sent to 353 current household members for renewals, of whom 133 lapsed for 1 year, 110 lapsed for 2-4 years. 1st round is via mail, which will help determine if former members are still neighborhood residents, to be followed up by email. Other options discussed – mailing, in person recruitment, using #RHN and #RHNMembers on Instagram, other mobile channels.
- Safety: Alice Alioto – NERT. October 20th is citywide NERT experience – it will be posted on the website.
- Neighborhood Improvement: Phoebe Douglass – Topics included:
 - o The September 21 Street Sweep was productive but had low attendance.
 - o An email blast will be sent a week before for the October 13th event in conjunction with Sterling Park.
 - o Merits of participating with the Surfrider Foundation’s sponsored program to install more containers by bars to collect cigarette butts. Board’s feedback whether to participate in a cigarette butt collection (with gloves) effort.
 - o Tree plantings and appropriate authority to contact for those trees that appeared to be in distress. Suggestions were to contact Friends of the Urban Forest or DPW’s Urban Forest department.
 - o Ways to improve participation within this group
 - o Reduce littering via awareness and public service announcements. Frustration with lack of enforcement, and a topic for public officials
 - o Reinstate street sweeping in the neighborhood, a topic for Supervisor Peskin’s visit.
- Parks: Lorena Calcagni – Fay Park. A meeting was held on Wednesday, September 19th where Parks and Recs said they have two candidates interested in renting the vacant house, which requires renovation. Hope to decide on a candidate before year end. May need gazebo painting and permanent lighting. May want to host a RHN event. Thank you cards with Fay Park were shown and will be added to DropBox.
- Coalition for SF Neighborhoods: Matthew Mansfield. AB 2923 approved allowing BART to build housing. SB 828 approved which is trying to address population density and the housing issue by reducing local control.
- Merchant Report: Nothing to Report
- History: AI Greening - Nothing to report

New Business

- Donation of \$250-\$300 to Next Village was introduced. Board would need to approve since it was not in the budget. This was not introduced in advance of the Board Meeting, so it was tabled until a future meeting.
- It is Swensen's 70th birthday. Is there a fun way RHN can help celebrate this? They are a member of RHN. AI will write an article – other ideas encouraged.

Adjournment 8:30 pm

Next Board Meeting -MONDAY, November 5, 6:00PM Dinner, 6:45 Meeting, Tina & Mike Moylan's, 1450 Greenwich Street; co-host Christine Welland.

December Board Meeting – MONDAY, December 3, 6:00 PM Dinner, 6:45 Meeting, Carol Ann Rogers', 1019 Vallejo Street; co-host Matthew Mansfield. Scheduled Guest Speaker – Supervisor Aaron Peskin.