

**Russian Hill Neighbors Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, June 2, 2014, 6 p.m.  
Home of Carol Ann Rodgers, 1019 Vallejo**

**Attending:** Carol Ann Rodgers, Erica Kwiatkowski, Gregg Carr, Ian Maddison, Jovanne Reilly, Laurie Petipas, Greg Polchow, Dan Holligan, Jody Meisel, Nafiseh Lindberg

**Not Attending:** Tina Moylan, Mike Moylan, Al Greening, Helen Doyle, Phoebe Douglass, Steve Taber, Sarah Taber, Tracy Jaquier

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**Executive Committee Reports 415 850 5144-New police captain**

- **President's Report: Dan Holligan**
  - **Retreat**
  - **Secretary**
  - **Vote Tomorrow!**
  - **Lombard Hill Improvement Association**
  - **Sept Board meeting – Ed Reiskin**
  
- **Secretary's Report: Approve May minutes**
- **Treasurer's Report: Ian**

**Committee Reports**

**Hyde Street Trees: Ian**

**Social: Jody Meisel**

**Neighborhood Improvement: Greg Polchow**

**DZLU: Carol Ann**

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by president Dan Holligan at 7:02 p.m.

Dan introduced the newly appointed Central Station Captain David Lazar. Captain Lazar introduced himself to the board.

In the absence of an elected secretary, Erica Kwiatkowski volunteered to take notes.

## **President's Report**

*Board retreat:* The upcoming board retreat will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> (night). Steve and Sarah offered their house; we will figure out details closer to the date.

Vote tomorrow!

*Lombard Hill Temporary Closure:* The upcoming closure received a lot of national and local press. The street will be closed 4 weekends including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. David took the position as a spokesperson; therefore RHN has indirectly taken a position on the closure. RHN recognizes the street poses a problem; we don't if the closure is the answer, but will try this solution. Please check it out throughout the summer and report back.

*September Board Meeting:* Ed Reiskin from MTA will present to the RHN board. Taber and Dan talking to him. May broaden to a membership meeting or might have present to the board.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Carol Ann Rogers moved to approve the May minutes. The minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Ian encouraged the board to review the report he sent the previous evening and reported that he held a financial committee meeting last month. Ian created a document, updated quarterly, to be added to the RHN Dropbox that will show amount of restricted funds.

The RHN board needs to decide what our new reserve account will be.

*Income report:* we brought in less money than we projected in our budget, but still had a net increase. Mike confirmed that we are spending 62 a month for a hosting fee to maintain our website, will look into the details. The finance committee allocated 250 to a new marketing budget. Dan mentioned that we are in the early stages of discussing marketing materials.

Intel check was deposited to general fund, thank you to Mr. Moylan.

Phoebe, finance committee offered \$200 to the Telegraph Hill group for a woman's homicide. Phoebe said 100 is enough.

Dan moved to vote for a \$100 donation; Ian seconded the \$100 donation. A \$100 donation to the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center was approved

Ian met with Kathleen Courtney to discuss the trees on Hyde St.. Ian is still expecting a list from Carla that will show every tree on Hyde and WHO is responsible for it. He is also waiting on the list of the most pressing Hyde Street corridor projects. Ian reported

that if we know what they are planning on doing, if they find labor and money and we know who is responsible, then we can identify the street repairs etc. so that RHN can coordinate with property owners, FUF and the city to get these projects done.

Greg posed the question: Is it true that the trees on Valenica have not been approved by the city? The group believes that the city has approved the Brisbane box, apparently on Valencia they are oak trees.

Greg proposed the idea of creating a tree fund Just for Russian Hill.

However, in order to get approved for new trees through the city, RHN must ID 25 trees to be planted. He proposed that if we could get money to fill in where people are willing to take care of them but not pay for them, RHN could pay for them. There is room for us to be as proactive as we want to be. This tree fund could be an area where we could be supplemental financially.

Carol Ann asked if this biggest issue taking care of the trees we have? She also proposed matching funds for city or private property trees.

Nafiseh asked if DPW tagged the trees? No one was able to deny or confirm.

Ian said the city's position is that they want to be responsible for ALL the trees. If we want things done, we should order by July 1.

Ian will update the board on the status of the trees in Russian Hill next meeting.

Next planning for FUF is 7/12, submit application for a new tree is 6/4.

## **Committee Reports**

### *SOCIAL*

Jody announced that Cheers will be Monday 6/30 at the Bell Tower at 6 pm and that Mike has all the necessary info for June e-blast. Mike will send out an email reminder to everyone in the neighborhood about Cheers on 6/30. Mike will have everyone RSVP to Jody so that she can let the venue know how many people are coming.

Jody is trying to set up a Giants game She proposed Tuesday 7/27 at 7:15 with tickets costing approximately \$16. Jody will talk to Ian or Mike about group sales, will pick a number and sell and encourage people to sign up at the June Cheers

### *NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT*

RHN will host the monthly volunteer sweep Saturday 6/14 at La Paloma, Leavenworth and Union. They will set up a table inside. RHN is now cleaning streets that are not being cleaned by DPW, hitting places that have not been hit before.

The DPW is now deputizing people to speak with the merchants along Polk street to get them to sweep their fronts, otherwise they will go out and cite them if they do not, and get money from them when they do not. We can coordinate to go out with them, makes the neighborhood more aware of their responsibilities.

Topic: Street Sweeping. What are we going to do to get it back on the hill? DPW said unequivocally that there is no such thing as manual street sweepers. You have to get the majority of people on our block to sign a petition, however, Greg has walked the neighborhood and people have said if we could delay or have it once a month, more people would be amenable to it. Greg doesn't want to go to DPW without a plan

Carol Ann: maybe we can have it done the side of the street without parking to show the benefit?

Nafiseh: petitions are easier than you think. But the petition is only one step; it takes a whole lot more than that. She spoke about the Middle Polk neighbors ambassador program

Greg: The ambassador program pays people who are transitional to clean the streets, and neighbors do the sidewalks. We would like to see them on our side of Polk. Greg went to mid Polk to try to see how they did this. Greg wants to talk to DPW about how RHN does this.

Greg will go back to DPW and ask what it is possible in our neighborhood.

Feedback: The 311 the phone app is fantastic for the furniture that has been put out. They pick up within 4 business hours. Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, they go to breakfast and go out.

*DZLU*

Barbary tree removal: RHN reaffirmed our position that we want to confirm. Looking to September for a hearing on this issue. RHN will look to speak with the residents who want to take the trees away.

Uverse boxes continue to be monitored. Uverse box at Lombard and Leavenworth was turned down. It is somewhat hopeful, long challenging path.

Discussed crooked street traffic.

Undergrounding utilities: they continue /are an independent group, they are reaching out to other neighborhood groups to build this group. Ann Brubaker.

Cottages on Filbert: they are moving ahead. The latest is that they will be done about a year from now.

## **Other**

Carol Ann and Javanne: We should do something for Michalle who is leaving SF and California in July.

Ian presented the idea of a happy hour at Original Joes. Nafiseh presented gifting a Tiffany bowl. Nafiseh will take the lead on purchasing a gift. Ian presents a budget of 500 for an evening and gift. We will try to do something at Original Joes. Need to find a date when she is available. Javanne will reach out to Michelle and let Ian know. Ian will let everyone know what the date is after he reaches out to Original Joes.

Carol Ann: restricted account usage, membership (Dan has it written down and will send it to her)

Nafiseh: question to the board: there are other groups who are around Russian hill or active in Russia hill. Should we have liaisons to other groups? How should we coordinate? How do we communicate with the other neighborhood groups?

Carol Ann: We are a member of the neighborhood association coalition.

Other groups include: The Russian hill community association, Lombard hill association, Russian hill improvement, pacific avenue (pana) van ness to Hyde (purpose to keep height limit to 40 feet)

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.