

**Russian Hill Neighbors Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, May 5, 2014, 6 p.m.**  
**Home of Nafiseh Lindberg, 1535 Pacific Ave.**  
**Co-host – Jody Meisel**

**Attending:** Lynn Jacobs, Dan Holligan, Carol Ann Rogers, Sarah Taber, Steve Taber, Phoebe Douglass, Michele Borges, Nafiseh Lindberg, Ian Maddison, Jody Meisel

**Not Attending:** Tina Moylan, Mike Moylan, Greg Polchow, Jovanne Reilly, Al Greening, Laurie Petipas, Steve Kendrick

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by president Dan Holligan at 7:08 p.m.

## **President's Report**

*RHN Annual Meeting Recap:* Dan reported that approximately 70 people were in attendance for the RHN Annual Meeting, held on April 24. Attendance was less than last year, when the SFMTA Polk Street Streetscape project was a major hot button issue. In an effort to improve attendance next year, it was suggested that:

- An Annual Meeting Chair be named; Nafiseh kindly volunteered to assume this role
- The membership list be divided up among Board members, who, with sufficient advance notice, will make meeting reminder calls to members.

Dan stated that SFMTA Director, Ed Reiskin, who was unable to attend the Annual Meeting, would like to meet with the RHN Board at some point soon. It was suggested that he might be able to schedule an appearance prior to an upcoming Board meeting.

*Neighborhood Improvement:* Dan reported in Greg Polchow's absence. The next street sweep will be Saturday, May 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at La Paloma Café located on Union and Leavenworth. La Paloma will be providing breakfast. Phoebe raised the issue of the Faye Park clean-up schedule possibly overlapping with the RHN street-sweep schedule.

*Lombard Hill Improvement Association:* A test of a weekend traffic ban on Lombard St. between Larkin and Leavenworth is scheduled to run for 4 weekends, beginning on June 21.

*SFPD-SAFE:* At the request of Tina Moylan, Dan announced that the SFPD-SAFE Gala will be held at Original Joe's on May 15.

*RHN Email Address:* The new email address rhnsf.org is not working. Until further notice, Board members are requested to send messages to both the old and new addresses.

*New Polk St. Restaurant:* A new Japanese restaurant opening on Polk St., Kinjo, requested a letter of support from RHN. Dan proposed that we submit the letter, and Ian seconded. Sending of the letter was approved.

*Volunteers/Board Positions:* Erica Kwiatkowski attended this evening's social hour. She is interested in joining the Board as V.P., and she has a friend who may be interested in taking on the Merchant Liaison position. Nafiseh suggested that new Board members be paired with a Board "mentor" to help them learn the ropes. Michele suggested that the Membership responsibilities be shared. Sarah offered to pitch in with Membership "grunt work" and Michele offered to do the same while she is still in town. Dan nominated Erica Kwiatkowski for V.P. and Sarah seconded. The Board unanimously approved Erica for the position.

*Annual Retreat:* Dan proposed three dates – June 28, July 13, and July 17 – for the RHN Board's Annual Retreat. Board feedback will determine a firm date. Dan

suggested one discussion topic for the retreat - Designation of restricted funds – and requested further topic submissions.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Carol Ann Rogers moved to approve the April minutes and the Annual Meeting minutes. Ian Maddison seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ian Maddison announced that the 2014-2015 Financials would be ready for the next Finance Committee Meeting to be held on May 22.

Ian reported that he and Greg Polchow had reached out to FUF regarding maintenance of the Hyde St. corridor trees. According to FUF, DPW is responsible for tree maintenance in this area. Ian and Greg have scheduled a meeting at DPW offices for May 16. Ian has also scheduled a meeting with Kathleen Courtney, president of Russian Hill Community Association, in hopes of coordinating efforts on this issue.

### **Committee Reports**

*Transportation:* Steve Taber reported on:

SFMTA Polk St. Streetscape Project: RHN Board is in opposition to the proposed 7-9 a.m. parking ban on the north side of Polk between Union and McAllister. At a meeting including RHN, Polk St. merchants and DPW, all were agreed in opposition of the parking ban.

Central Subway Project: Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) is opposed to the Central Subway extension. In mid to late summer, the SFMTA is scheduled to release its report on the project. At that time, RHN, armed with the SFMTA report, will attempt to obtain CSFN support for the extension.

*DZLU:* Carol Ann Rogers submitted the DZLU Report to the Board in advance of the meeting. She elaborated on the following issue:

1000 Block of Broadway Tree Protection: There has been a recent attempt to reactivate a permit for removal of four mature trees on the south side of the 1000 block of Broadway, which had been appealed by RHN in 2006. DZLU recommended that RHN reaffirm its position in support of protecting mature trees from removal and that RHN President Holligan send a letter to the Board of Appeals. Ian motioned that the sending of the letter be approved, Dan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to authorize the sending of the letter.

*Social:* Jody Meisel proposed holding the next Cheers event on the last Monday of June. Discussion ensued on:

- The possibility of changing monthly Cheers from a Monday to a date later in the week
- The purpose of the gatherings and how determination of weekday and venue are influenced by the intent of the get-together
- The feasibility of sending a reminder email to the RHN membership a few days in advance of the event

It was decided that the next Cheers will be held on the last Monday in June at Bell Tower on Polk St.

### **Other**

Phoebe Douglass reported the recent death of a long time Tel-Hi staff member and offered to obtain information about making a donation in her memory.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.