

Russian Hill Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Home of Tina Hinckley

Attendance: Sarah Abbott, Alice Alioto, Bob Bluhm, Lorena Calcagni, Richard Cardello, Greg Carr, Phoebe Douglass, Tina Hinckley, Tracy Jaquier, Tracey Katayama, Joyce Kucharvy, Matthew Mansfield, Michelle Montz, Laurie Petipas, Greg Polchow, Lucretia Rauh, Jovanne Reilly, Carol Ann Rogers

Absent: Tim Covington, Helen Doyle, Al Greening, Judy Junghans, Mike Moylan, Tina Moylan, Steve Taber, Christine Welland

The President called to order at 6:45 pm.

President/Executive Committee Report:

- **MOTION:** To elect Michelle Montz as Board Secretary. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**
- RHN Bylaws – Appointment of Jovanne Reilly as RHN Advisor on Bylaws by the President. Additional discussion to circulate Bylaws to new Board Members.
- President proposed to amend the Bylaws to allow some changes without requiring approval from membership. The goal is to allow the Board to take certain, minor actions throughout the year and not wait for the one Membership meeting.
- Appointment of Membership Co-Chair and RHN Director Ian Maddison by President was approved by the Board.
- President stressed the importance of robust committees and to build communities from the ground up, like a pyramid. She has been reaching out to committee chairs encouraging their follow up with members interested in volunteering on their respective committees. For any members who have not been contacted, the president will send a letter to those members. Committee Chairs should provide feedback to her.
- Open positions are for the Families and Children’s Committee Chair and Merchant Liaison Chair – Any ideas, please contact the President privately.
- The president passed a list of 2019 Board Meeting dates for hosts and co-hosts to sign up.
- President mentioned vulnerabilities of RHN and Technology. Be sure to carefully review all emails to ensure it isn’t spam.

Treasurer’s Report:

Budget, review of financials *Report sent in advance under separate cover by Joyce Kuchavry.* She intends to provide a Dashboard that provides the state of finances for every meeting in the future.

Secretary’s Report: Approval of August 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION:** That the Board approve the

Committee Reports

- **Transportation:** Steve Taber reported that RHN belongs to the Van Ness Corridor Neighborhood Council as part of the neighborhood associations. Bus Rapid Transit is 400 days behind. RHN Transportation has been advocating for a subway.
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- **DZLU:** Bob Bluhm (*See written report under separate cover*) Whole Foods is slated for a 9/27/2018 Hearing. Public Testimony was closed in April. Their attorneys and real estate team have been frustrated with the duration, but are moving forward. RHN has a letter drafted to send and will encourage people to write letters by the 19th of September in support of the re-development. (NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, the hearing was postponed to October 4th.)
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- **Social:** No report. The President said the Symphony event on September 6th was terrific and thanked Joyce for organizing it. Next year, there will be two nights for community organizations, likely in July or August. It is sponsored by Wells Fargo. .
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- **Communications:** Alice Alioto–Content is due on September 17th for the October meeting. There will be an interim Call to Action on the Whole Foods Hearing. Committee found a New Social Media Person and the new priority will be Instagram after Facebook and Twitter. They are no longer focusing on Next Door. The Website is being updated, subject to budget constraints.
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- **Families & Children:** Sarah Abbott attended her last meeting as Board Member and Committee Chair. She will be involved in Family Day and Neighborhood Clean Up scheduled for 9/22, posted on Next Door. Will donate \$150 from Budget for Polk Street Merchants with Annual Halloween Walk. It will be used for decorations for kids and flyers.
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- **Membership:** Tracey Katayama – Membership renewals are coming due and she will work with Joyce on QuickBooks. Volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes beginning early October. Discussion on how to reach new members. President suggested that each Board Member ask 10 new people to join. May need to identify our target group/audience. This could tie into our Branding.
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- **Safety:** On September 20th at the Hall of Justice, the District Attorney’s Office is sponsoring a Public Community Safety meeting to discuss concerns about public safety and prosecution data. Any interested Board members are invited to attend.
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- **Neighborhood Improvement:** Phoebe Douglass reported that Saturday, September 8th was LOVE YOUR CITY DAY. Discussion about the dumping of furniture, in particular, Hyde Street Residents mentioned this issue. Many suggested calling ‘311’, using their App, and using the word “Glass” often warranted a reaction. Additional ideas are welcome. The next Street Sweeping event, co-sponsored by the Neighborhood Improvement and Families with Children Committees is the morning of September 22nd. Meet at Helen Wills Park. There will be free ice cream for participants. Sterling Park is scheduled for October 13. Washington Square Park had a party on September 8th. Lucretia Rauh mentioned that Washington Square Park will be closing for a new irrigation system in January and should last for six months. The decision was to close the entire park to complete the work faster. The improvements will improve the environmental sustainability of the park, among other improvements. RHN has supported the full park closure.
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- **Parks - Christine Welland – MOTION:** To make a donation to pay for a picnic table for Helen Wills Park from the restricted funds held by RHN for the park. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED.** Carol Ann will check to see their might be some recognition for the contribution, but it is not a condition.

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- Coalition for SF Neighborhoods; Matthew Mansfield – SB 828 is being evaluated, thought it will not have a significant impact on our neighborhood.

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- Merchant Report : Nothing to report

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- History: Al Greening, nothing to report.

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Old/Ongoing Business – The Board continued discussions on how RHN can best support the fundraising efforts of the Francisco Park Conservancy. RHN Board wants to make a significant donation to the park since it serves the neighborhood. **MOTION:** To donate \$15K by December 31, 2018 to help meet the challenge grant. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

New Business:

The Board discussed the Resilient Neighborhood Presentation and Neighborhood Emergency Rescue Team (NERT) training from attendees. Thinking about long-term strategy for the neighborhood.

Adjournment was at 8:45 pm

Next Board Meeting -MONDAY, October 1, 6:00 Dinner; 6:45 Meeting, Tracy Jaquier’s, 900 Green Street; co-host Greg Polchow.