

**Russian Hill Neighbors  
Board Meeting  
Home of Carol Ann Rogers  
Monday, May 2, 2016**

Attendees

- Emily Harrold (president), Greg Carr, Mike Moylan, Richard Cardello, Carol Ann Rogers, Par Hanji, Greg Polchow, Tracy Jaquier, Phoebe Douglass, Al Greening, Tina Moylan, Jovanne Reily, Helen Doyle

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Board President Emily Harrold

**Executive Committee Reports**

- President's Report: Emily
  - Request for feedback on the Annual Membership Meeting: Overall, it was a successful meeting. Input was that participants wanted to know current membership numbers, what RHN spends money on, had concerns about neighborhood safety, and mentioned that the meeting should start with food and drinks then commence with the meeting portion. RHN should continue to reach out via phone and mail because quite a few people do not get the e-blast and appreciated getting reminder phone calls about the annual meeting. We should make calls for membership renewal and perhaps about the safety fair. Alex Clemens was a wonderful keynote speaker.
  - Proposal for new position on the board: Chair of the Special Events Committee. This position fills a void and Tracy is willing to help. Motion by Emily to create Special Events Committee Chair. Second by Mike. All in favor, motion approved. Tracy will write a paragraph summary of the position.
  - Update on President's transition: Tina attended many citywide meetings and she has been introducing Emily who will continue to meet with leaders and build those relationships. State Assemblymember David Chiu would like to come to our retreat in July or the September RHN board meeting.
  - WF 365: Emily, Tina, and Gregg attended a meeting with Whole Foods on April 26. They wanted to get all supporters together to talk about project and they are encouraging all supporters to go to the public Middle Polk Neighborhood Association meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Paulus Lutheran Church. WF365 will be a topic for discussion then.
  - Middle Polk CBD: Middle Polk announced they are starting the process to form a Community Benefit District (CBD). Emily reached out to Moe Jamil or MPNA and Suzanne Markel-Fox in an attempt to communicate and learn more. Par reached out to Bow Wow Meow and Flip for feedback but

did not get much information. The CBD seems to be successful in other neighborhoods in keeping streets clean, etc. RHN would like more information and will continue to reach out to find out more.

- MPNA Social with RHN: Moe and the MPNA suggested a social with us at robberbaron on Polk Street. Board members will be happy to attend; inviting the entire RHN membership may be too big of a group.
- Friends of the Urban Forest: Richard explained that Friends of the Urban Forest is proposing ballot initiative to have the city take back responsibility for maintenance of all street trees. Currently, the city takes responsibility for caring for very few trees. Three years ago, DPW proposed to turn responsibility for maintaining these few trees on City land, over to the adjacent property owners. RHN wrote to supervisors expressing concern about the idea. FUF would like to meet with RHN to discuss. Greg P. and Emily will meet with FUF and share the info with the board. Richard will initiate the meeting and copy Emily and Greg. They may also reach out to the membership.
- 1023 Vallejo Street: RHN board received a letter from the owners of 1023 Vallejo Street expressing concern about RHN acting as fiscal agent for the historical review process. (Carol Ann has left the room and is recusing herself from any involvement because the house is a neighbor.) As an organization, we have been involved with history and preservation in the past including sponsoring and helping to form the Vallejo Crest Historic District, of which the house is a part. We've had trouble scheduling a meeting following the standard process of DZLU and the owners have not allowed site meetings. They have agreed to attend the June 21 DZLU meeting although they feel RHN has already taken a stance. We have not. We are interested in historic preservation parts of the project.
- Secretary's report: Christine
  - Motion by Emily to approve the April minutes. Second by Tracy. All were in favor. April minutes approved.

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- Safety: Tina
  - Safety event will be Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm at the Old First Presbyterian Church (1751 Sacramento Street) and Tracy will help to plan. Please attend and spread the word. It is open to the public.
- Membership: Emily for Adam
  - Emily will email the current membership numbers. Richard: we should establish a multiplier for what 'Household' memberships should represent.
- Merchant Engagement: Par
  - Hoodline is doing pilot program offering a widget people can add to website and it will curate stories just for that neighborhood. Eventually they want to reach out to merchants and create a welcome packet. Do we want to display on RHN web page? It could help us get new members and publicize our events and spread the word about what we are doing but

should we be concerned it would appear we are endorsing something?  
Board members will look at the site and discuss at the next meeting. Par  
will send samples.

- Helen: The next Cheers social is happening on Monday, May 23 from 6-8pm at Bar Nua (561 Columbus)
- Par: Biondivino and Za want to be involved in social committee. Helen: we have something planned each month from May through September. Perhaps we can partner with Biondivino in October. Emily will interview Za Pizza for a merchant member profile.
- Carol Ann: Perhaps RHN should consider having executive session as a tool. Other organizations use it to discuss personnel or legal issues, etc. and will often have a meeting then go into executive session. Perhaps we can identify categories, such as those that may have legal consequences, and talk about them in an Executive session then take action in board meeting. Emily will look at it and can talk about putting together a proposal.
- Emily: meeting adjourned. 8:33 pm.