

**RHN Board Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2016**

Russian Hill Neighbors is a voice for residents and merchants to preserve and advance neighborhood character and quality of life through collaboration, volunteerism, and celebration of community.

Attendees

Tina Moylan, Emily Harrold, Phoebe Douglass, Gregg Carr, Greg Polchow, Laurie Petipas, Ian Maddison, Joyce Kucharvy, Richard Cardello, Helen Doyle, Steve Taber, Jovanne Reilly

Tina called the meeting to order at 7:4pm

Executive Committee Reports

- President's Report: Tina
 - We are set with Alex Clemens from Barbary Coast Consulting as our keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting on 4/20. The new SFPD Captain John Jaimerena from Northern will be there, as well as Captain Lazar, and Supervisors Peskin and Farrell. Alex Clemens will speak about the importance of neighborhood groups in making change in San Francisco. We would like to do tabling at the meeting: Next Village, North Beach Citizens, SF SAFE, Francisco Park, Central Subway, SFCUU, and perhaps Shared Schoolyard. 6pm is the RHN portion of the meeting when we will vote on our new officers and bylaw change. 6:30pm is the buffet dinner and 7pm are the speakers. Joyce: can some people come early to help move tables? Adam and Mike will help.
 - Slate of Officers eBlast: one more directorship is open. Carol Ann is becoming Vice President, Christine Welland will be Secretary, Sarah Abbott will be Director and Chair of Families with Children. Also, Mike will serve as a Director and continue as the Chair of Communications & Marketing.
 - Membership: additional merchants have signed up. Mike will include the list in the next e-blast. We received a good response from our mailing campaign to residents. We are just down 70 memberships from last year.
 - Incredible work by DZLU over the past few months, particularly over WF365 and the Anti-Formula Retail proposal.
 - Families w/Children – doing well and the committee will be a line item in the next budget.

- Secretary's Report: Emily

Motion by Emily to approve the March meeting minutes. Second by Ian. Minutes approved. Christine Welland is our new Secretary and she will join us at our Annual Meeting.

- Treasurer's Report: Ian

Motion by Tracy to approve new budget. Second by Tina. Motion approved. There was a discussion about PayPal revenue and Assets, a Faye Park donation, and a breakdown of Restricted Funds (Ian will send).

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- Neighborhood Improvement: Greg
A Neighborhood Sweep happening this Saturday, April 9 at 9:30am at the NE corner of Leavenworth & Union. I am talking to DPW about instituting the Ambassadors program on our section of Polk. It would help the neighborhood if we had it. Also, I saw Kathleen Courtney's group met with Friends of the Urban Forest about planting trees in Russian Hill. There has to be a minimum number of trees for a planting. Are we interested in supporting this initiative and partnering with Kathleen Courtney's group? Yes. We are not sure where this will happen. Laurie: In past years, RHN would pay half the cost of a tree purchase and planting. Greg will speak to Friends of the Urban Forest and then we should include the details in an e-blast for residents to reach out and participate.
- DZLU: Richard
Please see details of DZLU's activities in the recently emailed report. We have one action item: approve the letter we have drafted expressing RHN's support for WF365. Motion by Emily to approve the letter. Second by Tracy. Approved. Mike will manage distribution: Land Use, Planning Commission, entire Board of Supervisors. Tina will send to *Marina Times* and other outlets.
- Families with Children: Emily
Our next Family's Night is set for Friday, April 15 at Helen Wills Park from 4-6pm. See other updates in email from 4/4.
- Phoebe: Let's conduct a phone tree to generate more attendees at our Annual Meeting. Ian will distribute names/numbers of members and let's make calls. Emily will print and post flyers (make sure to mention you must be a paid member to attend the meeting.)
- Helen: Dinner tomorrow night at Sam's Grill. 15% of proceeds go to Next Village. Anytime between 6-9pm. Join us!