

Russian Hill Neighbors Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2019

Host: Carol Ann Rogers Co-host: Alice Alioto

Attending with RSVP – (21) Alice Alioto, Isabell Alzate, Bob Bluhm, Lauren Bohlin, Richard Cardello, Lorena Calgani, Gregg Carr, Phoebe Douglass, Tina Hinckley, Tracey Katayama, Joyce Kucharvy, Ian Maddison, Matthew Mansfield, Michelle Montz, Mike Moylan, Tina Moylan, Laurie Petipas, Jovanne Reilly, Carol Ann Rogers, Steve Taber, Greg Polchow

Absent: (2) Tim Covington, Tracy Jaquier

Excused with notice - (3) Lucretia Rauh, Christine Welland, Judy Junghans, Al Greening

6:40 Call to Order

Executive Committee Reports

President/Executive Committee Report: Carol Ann Rogers

- Tracy Katayama will resign as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee. Ian Maddison will be the Membership Chair.
- Introduction of Isabell Alzate appointed as Chair of Social Committee by the President.
ACTION: MOTION/SECONDED/APPROVED to ratify President's appointment of Isabell Alzate as Chair of Social Committee
- Congratulations to Board Member Phoebe Douglass and Geoff Potter, winners of this year's NEN award as the "Most Inspiring Public Works Volunteers." Ceremony to take place Wednesday, February 6, between 6-7:30 PM at the City Hall Rotunda, with music and a reception to follow 7:30 – 8:30 pm
- An opening remains for the Chair of Families with Children Committee. An announcement in the newsletter has generated some interest.
- Bylaws Update – Executive Committee has provided comments. CAR will circulate a draft for the Board's review before the March 4th Board Meeting. Any changes to the By-Laws must be approved by the Membership, and this should be accomplished at the Annual Meeting to be held in May.
- Annual Meeting Plans – Rather than April, the Annual Membership Meeting will move to May, after the end of the fiscal year when financials are complete. Tina Moylan is working on the speaker. Four dates in May have been submitted to accommodate potential speakers. The Annual Meeting Agenda consists of a Social Hour, Speaker; and Review of Financials and Vote to Revise By-Laws. The police captain and supervisors will be invited to mingle during the social hour. The location must be finalized. Isabel, Social Chair, will coordinate with the President.
- Vice President Greg Polchow and President Rogers met with the North Beach Neighbors Association President, Danny Sauter to discuss ways in which the neighborhoods can work together. There is often overlap on issues, and both

associations have similar decision-making processes. RHN will continue to keep the lines of communication open. Current issues include the proposed Central Subway expansion into North Beach, Navigation Centers, Pot-Belly Trash Can Program, among others. North Beach's monthly meetings are open to anyone and are held at the Joe DiMaggio Center.

Treasurer's Report – Joyce Kucharvy sent financials in advance of the meeting.

- The new CRM for membership continues to be tested without any major issues.

Secretary's Report – Michelle Montz

- Approval of December 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION/SECONDED/APPROVED to accept the December 3, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports

Transportation Report: Steve Taber

- The Lombard Street Community Meeting on January 30 was attended by Board Members Hinckley, Petipas, Rogers, in addition to Taber. The city has attempted to address the vehicular and pedestrian congestion and safety concerns along Lombard St and surrounding streets, while balancing the needs of the residents and tourists. After numerous studies, the city is proposing a reservation/toll system to drive down Lombard Street. Many details need to be addressed such as access for residents, their guests, deliveries, etc.; human or automated regulation; potential for increased pedestrian traffic and appropriate bathroom facilities; safety; enforcement of existing laws and new laws, etc. Open Board discussion. The President said the organization needs to formulate its position. Currently, we are aware there is an issue, not just for SF residents, but for tourists, and it must be addressed.

Communications Report: Alice Alioto provided written report in advance.

- Updated website hoping to be launched as soon as February 14th. It has been streamlined and modernized, which includes the renaming some Committees. Thanks to Mike Moylan for his hard work.
- To appear in the newsletter, information must be submitted to the Communications Committee by the 18th of each month. (communications@rhn.org)

Merchant Report: Lauren Bohlin

- The March Merchant Mixer, which includes RHN and Polk District Merchant Association, will be held on March 20 at 7:30 pm at St. Frank – 2340 Polk Street, with the hope to inform potential merchant members about the organizations.
- Send Lauren contact information on potential Merchant Member candidates.

DZLU Report: Bob Bluhm provided written report in advance.

There are several projects that are front and center, which include:

- Navigation Center – while a proposed center is not located with RHN boundaries, Supervisor Peskin asked for RHN’s consideration. DZLU is thoroughly researching the issue and trying to get a tour scheduled of an existing center before a position, if any, is taken.
- Senate Bill 50 – Scott Weiner’s legislative effort to encourage housing closet to transit jobs. This may not affect RHN, but it is vague and will be monitored until details are finalized
- 915 Northpoint -proposed four-story housing development located across from Ghirardelli Square. Jamestown, the developer, has requested RHN support. Reviewing to understand if it is being constructed in accordance with zoning, and if any position from RHN is warranted.

Social Report: Isabell Alzate provided written report in advance.

- In her first meeting as Social Chair, the committee tried to plan the year ahead by scheduling one event per month. There are currently 19 committee members, and she is open to suggestions for events.

Families & Children: report included in President’s report

Membership Report: Tracey Katayama and Ian Maddison.

- The 2nd membership renewal campaign is being mailed after a very successful 1st round, which resulted in 20+ new members. The President’s letters welcoming new homeowners resulted in 7 new members.
- CAR recused herself from the competition, but 5 new members were attributed to Lauren. She won the Membership Drive Challenge. Richard won an honorable mention with 3 new members.
- This is Tracey’s last meeting, and she was thanked for her contributions.
- Membership committee is seeking new members.
- Ian challenged the Board to set a goal for number of members.

Safety Report: None.

Neighborhood Improvement Report: Phoebe Douglass.

- There was a clean team event with District 2 and 9 RHN participants were in attendance.
- Butt Boxes have been installed on Polk Street, and it appears to be helpful.
- Efforts continue to work with North Beach Neighbors, with an event in Francisco Park likely.
- Due to potential weather, next month’s event will be limited to a small group and held indoors.

Parks Report: None.

Representative to Neighborhood Coalition Organizations Report: Matthew Mansfield

- It appears that SF Neighborhood Coalition may be winding down, but Matthew would like to continue attending monthly meetings for the Van Ness Corridor in 2019. Many coalition members have shifted their focus to the VN Corridor, and there are many neighborhood associations impacted having disparate interests.
- His title may change from CSFN Representative to Liaison to Neighborhood Coalitions.

History Report: None

Nominating Report: Tina Moylan

- Tina has been a Past President for a long time, and she will continue to assist.
- Tina and Carol Ann do not see much change in 2020 but continue to identify and nurture new leadership.

Open Discussion

Discussion around mechanical street cleaning on-going. RHN's position on mechanical and overall street cleaning is something to pursue with consideration given to modifications that will minimize the impact on its residents. Petitioning the cleaning on a block-by-block basis may be less impactful to residents. RHN may provide a link to the petition form in the RHN Newsletter. Tina Hinckley said 311 is where she had been directed to make specific requests, and the city must respond.

Adjournment – 8:55 pm

**Next Board Meeting:
MONDAY, March 4, 6:00 Dinner; 6:45 Meeting
Host Joyce Kucharvy; Co-host Michelle Montz**