

**Russian Hill Neighbors Board Meeting
Home of Judy Junghans
Monday, September 11, 2017**

Attendance

- **Attended:** Sarah Abbott, Bob Bluhm, Lorena Calcagni, Richard Cardello, Gregg Carr, Tim Covington, Phoebe Douglass, Helen Doyle, Al Greening, Judy Junghans, Tracey Katayama, Monique Olivier, Laurie Petipas, Greg Polchow, Jovanne Reilly, Carol Ann Rogers, Stephen Taber

- **Absent:** Par Hanji, Traci Jacquier, Joyce Kucharvy, Matthew Mansfield, Mike Moylan, Tina Moylan, Lucretia Rauh, Julia Strzesieski, Christine Welland

Thank you to Judy for hosting the Board meeting and preparing dinner and to Laurie for co-hosting.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Carol Ann Rogers.

New Board and Committee Appointments

- Vice President Rogers requested approval of Jovanne Reilly as Board Treasurer and Tracey Katayama as Chair of the Membership Committee.

- **Moved, Seconded, Carried:** To approve Jovanne Reilly as Board Treasurer and Tracey Katayama as Chair of the Membership Committee.

Executive Committee Reports

- **Vice President's Report: Carol Ann Rogers**
 - Police Commission Meeting: Vice President Rogers reported that there will be a police commission meeting at Grace Cathedral on September 20, 2017, that will focus on safety issues around Lombard Street on Russian Hill, generally. Several Executive Committee members have notified other local organizations about this police commission meeting. Carol Ann urged RHN Board members to attend the meeting.

 - Summary of Executive Committee Meeting: Vice President Rogers reported that the members of the Executive Board (Carol Ann Rogers, Tina Moylan, Richard Cardello, Greg Polchow, Jovanne Reilly and Monique Olivier) met on September 6, 2017 and discussed the following matters:
 - A formal RHN position statement on the proposed Polk Street MCD has been prepared and issued;
 - The matter of the proposed Polk Street MCD has been assigned to DZLU. Laurie Petipas will be the main point person regarding the proposed MCD;

- The current method of tracking membership (an Excel spreadsheet maintained by the Treasurer) should be replaced by a database. The Executive Committee would like to have a membership database selected and implemented this year;
 - The proposed date for the annual meeting is Thursday, April 19. The Executive Committee is currently looking for a keynote speaker and venue, and any suggestions are welcome;
 - The Executive Committee would like to organize a panel meeting addressing safety and homelessness on Russian Hill to be held in early November.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The financials have been deferred until the October Board meeting.
 - **Secretary's Report: Monique Olivier**
 - Secretary Olivier requested approval of the minutes from the August Board Meeting.
 - **Moved, Seconded, Carried:** To approve the August Board minutes prepared by Secretary Olivier.

Committee Reports

- **Families with Children Committee Report: Sarah Abbott**
 - Sarah Abbott reported that an RHN Family Night is planned for Friday, September 22, 2017, 4-6pm, at Helen Wills Park.
 - Sarah also reported that the Polk Street Halloween walk is planned for Saturday, October 28, 2017. It would be helpful to have RHN Board members come to Helen Wills Park and encourage RHN membership. Sarah requested \$150 for cost of this event.
 - **Moved, Seconded, Carried:** To ensure that there is a minimum of \$150 in the Families with Children budget for the Halloween event.
- **Social: Carol Ann for Joyce Kucharvy**
 - Tickets to the San Francisco Symphony community day on September 15 have been sold out. Thank you to Joyce and Matthew for handling this!
- **Merchant Update: Carol Ann for Julia Strzesieski and Par Hanji**
 - Julia Strzesieski has signed up two new merchant members, Brownies Hardware and Woods.
- **DZLU: Bob Bluhm**

- Verizon Antenna at 2215 Leavenworth: Bob Bluhm reported that the Board of Appeals (the “BOA”) voted 4 to 1 to deny the permit previously issued for a wireless antenna to be attached to a wooden pole located at 2215 Leavenworth, subject to bringing the issue back to the BOA for final drafting on September 13. The Board found the antenna to be very obtrusive on a sensitive site. The second appeals hearing on this matter will be held on September 13, 2017. The BOA is under heavy pressure from DPW and Verizon to approve the permit. Verizon is willing to move the antenna to a more secluded pole at the corner of Leavenworth & Greenwich, half a block south of the originally proposed site, in order to maintain its permit. Richard Cardello expressed that allowing Verizon to find an alternative location for the 2215 Leavenworth antenna could jeopardize further efforts to block antennae on wooden poles in San Francisco. Verizon is apparently not planning to put up any other antennae but other vendors, such as ATT, will be doing so.

- RHN Land Use and Development Principles (the “Principles”): A draft of the Principles, prepared by DZLU, was circulated to RHN members prior to and at the Board meeting. The Principles are meant to be a foundational document that expresses the views of RHN. They are intended for a broad audience, including developers, San Francisco supervisors, the San Francisco Planning Commission and RHN Board members. They include several distinctive aspects, such as: (1) RHN is open to exploring taxes on long-term residential and commercial vacancies (such as exists in Vancouver), (2) RHN encourages improving the balance of local business uses (currently there is a preponderance of bars and nail salons), and (3) RHN is in favor permitting the largest possible number of parking spots allowed for a residential building. Carol Ann stated that the Principles could be a basis for more official guidelines. The Principles would be put on the RHN website, used in talking with public officials, and possibly given to realtors. DZLU has approved the Principles and the RHN Board needs to approve them, as well.

- **Consensus: RHN Board members should submit any edits to the draft Principles to the Board by September 18, 2017. A revised draft of the Principles will be presented at October Board meeting.**

Ongoing Business

- **Conflict of Interest (“COI”) Policy: Steve Taber**
 - Steve Taber revised the COI policy to incorporate comments made by RHN Board members at the August Board meeting. The COI policy requires a member to disclose whether an issue serves their personal interest (rather than general public interest) or financial interest, prior to voting on the issue. We thank Steve for his efforts in drafting the COI policy.

 - Members would need to sign a form stating they had received and read the COI policy. These signed forms could be scanned and saved by Treasurer and/or in

Dropbox. Greg Polchow suggested using DocuSign for this purpose and he will look into using it.

- **Moved, Seconded, Carried:** To adopt the revised COI policy prepared by Steve Taber.

New Business

A film titled “Cherry Blue” is to be filmed on Green Street on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Carol Ann spoke with a representative of the film company who stated that the company would make a \$2,000 donation to RHN.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22pm

Minutes taken by Monique Olivier, Secretary

Upcoming RHN Events

Monday, October 2, 2017 – Board meeting at Tracy’s home (900 Green Street, #200)

Monday, November 6, 2017 – Board meeting at Tina and Mike’s home (1450 Greenwich Street)

Monday, December 4, 2017 – Board meeting at Richard Cardello’s home (999 Green Street, #903)

Sunday, December 10, 2017 (3-6 pm) – Holiday party