

**RHN Board Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2015**

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

Tim Covington, Phoebe Douglass, Emily Harrold, Mike Moylan, Tina Moylan, Laurie Petipas, Greg Polchow, Carol Ann Rogers, Sarah Taber, Stephen Taber

Tina called the meeting to order at 7:59pm.

Executive Reports

- President (Tina)
 - The Sexual Assault Safety Panel went incredibly well. Victims spoke up, awareness was raised, and the psychologist was extremely helpful (she received a standing ovation.) SAFE received 25 phone calls to visit homes and provide tips on staying safe. Mark Farrell will conduct a similar event on September 22.
 - Thank you to Leslie Alspach from the Francisco Park Conservancy for presenting to us earlier tonight on the status of the Francisco Park project. This was extremely informative. We look forward to more updates moving forward.
 - Reminder: the League of Women Voters / RHN D3 debate is taking place on October 1. We need volunteers. The event will be filmed by SFGovTV.
 - A renegade flier appeared in the neighborhood saying something to the effect of 'Russian Hill Neighbors Support Supervisor Julie Christensen'. The group which produced the fliers did not intend to convey RHN, the organization, supports Supervisor Christensen but it came across as such with the capitalized letters.
 - Regarding both the candidate debate and the renegade flier, Steve commented we should be conscious that as a non-profit organization we can not support any candidates. The board should pass this as a resolution so it is very clear to everyone. Motion by Steve to create a resolution that, in accordance with federal law and our policy, Russian Hill Neighbors does not support political candidates. Second by Carol Ann. Motion passed.
 - Lucretia requested RHN submit a letter to the Planning Department in support of replacing the water fountain at Washington Square Park on the Union Street side. Motion by Tina to send this letter. Second by Sarah. Motion passed.
- Secretary (Emily)
 - Motion by Emily to pass the July Board Meeting minutes. Second by Sarah. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- DLZU: Richard sent out a report via email on September 11. No questions from the Board.
- Communication & Marketing (Mike)
 - Let's get clarity on RHN's financial involvement with the San Francisco Coalition to Underground Utilities (SFCUU). Originally we said RHN will act as the fiduciary for them. Then, should they open their own account and be their own 501c4? We have at least \$2500 in donations received and earmarked for them. They are currently on our membership form and donation page. Carol

Ann: if we take money in and give it to SFCUU, it can only be used for activities related to the 501c3 tax code. It can not be used for lobbying efforts, for example. Steve: we took money in as a trustee for charitable purposes. Let's give SFCUU the money and tell them the restrictions. They need to agree they will only use the money for charitable purposes and sign an agreement to this effect. Laurie: let's have them sign this agreement so future donations are covered. Mike: let's send them a check for all donations we have received for their cause. We will remove RHN as being a receiver of donations for SFCUU.

- Can a real estate agent be a merchant member of RHN? They are independent contractors. After some discussion, it was decided real estate companies can join as RHN merchant members, but individuals can not.
- Mike sent information around about producing the Smart Park posters. For less than \$200 we can create 500 signs with the RHN logo. Crime is definitely on the upswing in our area. These posters will help inform the significant number of tourists, especially, to leave nothing in your car when you park it, etc. Ambassadors on Lombard Street could hand it out, but we don't want to stick the posters on cars as they may end up on the street. Motion by Mike to print the posters. Second by Tina. Motion passed.
- Families with Children (Emily)
 - The Kids Safety Fair event is all set for this Saturday, September 19 from 10am-12pm at Helen Wills Park. We received the permit from Rec & Park. The SFPD is confirmed to bring two dogs, a Harley motorcycle and a squad car. We will have a bounce house, snacks, and give-aways for kids. Thanks to Tina, VIPs including Chief Greg Suhr, Commander Ann Mannix, and Supervisor Christensen will come by. Now, we need to make sure we get a large group of kids and families to attend! Please spread the word and share the PDF flyer with friends and families in the area.
 - I drafted a survey on issues families in Russian Hill face and they decide whether to stay and raise their families here. I will share it with anyone who is interested. Ideally we can finalize it and gather the results before the November election. The data could be interesting.
 - The North Beach Library loves the idea of an event with Jennifer Bertman, author of the middle-grade book 'Book Scavenger' on Saturday, November 21 at 1pm. So, it's a go! Social: Report sent out.
- Social (Sarah on behalf of Joyce)
 - Joyce emailed an update on the committee's activities on September 13.
 - Can we organize dinners with RHN and other organizations? After some discussions, yes - let's try it for a one-time experiment.
 - RHN will fund the RHN holiday party and attendance should really be limited to RHN members. Please bring a wrapped toy for a child and Tina will deliver the donations to a charity.
 - Yes, RHN can put a \$100 deposit on a walking tour. Sounds like fun.
- Transportation (Stephen)

The central subway project is moving quickly. Three things are still needed: get the central subway on track to be in the 2017 County Transportation Authority Plan, we need a technical study and citizen outreach going and it's underway, we need to acquire the Pagoda Theater as a station site. I will keep you updated on each.

Tina adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.