

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
April 18, 2007**

The April 18, 2007 meeting of the RHNA Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mary Dalsin. Welcome and introduction of all attendees were made.

The following people were present at the April 19, 2007 meeting:

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I. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the March 21, 2007 meeting were presented. After recommendations for revisions, the minutes were approved.

The next RHNA meeting will be May 16, 2007.

II. Community Issues

A. Earth Day, April 21, 2007, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Mr. Fenton reported on the status of the RHNA's 5th Annual Earth Day Event. Projects will occur at RH School and Recreation Center, McCrea Park, Jordan Park and Peralta Creek. Reminders will be sent on the RHNA list server.

B. OUSD School Assignments and RHNA Letter

Ms. Yocom reported on the most recent events regarding assignment of displaced neighborhood families to RHS. OUSD assigned an additional 25 children to RHS (16 identified as neighborhood families and 9 out-of-neighborhood siblings). New issues arising out of larger school include class size and additional portables. Based on prior RHNA survey, this issue likely will arise in future years.

Ms. Dalsin reported on the status of the RHNA letter to OUSD, which is still being developed. The letter is intended to ask why OUSD did not follow its assignment policy,

to ask about future plans, to express support for neighborhood schools and to document RHNA's interest.

The Board discussed how RHNA might work with various groups interested in issues relating RHS. Suggestions included: having a Board liaison to OUSD, having a workgroup composed of representatives from interested groups to discuss how to work with OUSD.

In response to a discussion regarding the existing perception that RHNA opposes portables, moved and seconded: RHNA supports adding [a] portable which is "green", painted and maintained to accommodate neighborhood students, with the recognition that background information may exist of which the Board is not fully aware. The motion carried.

Also discussed was a proposed newsletter article regarding what RHNA is doing to work with OUSD.

III. Board Business

A. June Newsletter

The deadline for submitting articles is noon on Monday, April 23, 2007. The Board reviewed the list of newsletter articles.

Seeking New Editor(s)—Review of Denise Davila's proposal. The Board reviewed Ms. Davila's proposal for producing future newsletters. The newsletter liaison is Mr. Cowan. The Board discussed the need for a newsletter editor and committee and methods of recruiting volunteers. The Board will post a recruiting note on the list server and in the June newsletter. At the June meeting, the Board will propose articles for the newsletter slated for September, 2007.

B. Review of Committee Chair Positions

The following list of Committees and Chairpersons was reviewed and approved:

Landscape (Earth Day; Daffodils) – Randy Fenton
Jordan Block Sale – Randy Fenton
Welcome Neighbor – Oliver Stoss
Newsletter Liaison – Richard Cowan
Newsletter Advertising – Paul Silk
Newsletter Folding Party Coordinator – Kurt Wendelburg
Core/Neighborhood Watch/Street Contact Coordinator – Chris Burgardt
National Night Out – Chris Burgardt and Kurt Wendelburg
Lincoln Square Project – Kurt Wendelburg
Volunteer Coordinator – Angelo Parrinella

The Board discussed adding a committee to work on RHS issues. The discussion recognized that RHNA has a liaison with PTA but may need to a forum for future RHS families if they are interested. Facilitating a meeting also was discussed.

C. Annual Picnic May 5, 2007

The Board discussed the Annual Picnic which is being hosted jointly by RHNA and Dad's Club following the RHS walkathon. The salsa band "Kara Bali" will begin playing at 3:30. Volunteers are needed for set up (Noon to 3:30), table duty (e.g. taking tickets—at least one Board member for all shifts) and clean up (approximately 6 p.m to 7 p.m.).

D. Laurel Planter Sponsorship Update

Ms. Dalsin reported that we are still awaiting news on the status of the Laurel plaque and its location. The check has been cashed.

E. RHNA Organizational Filings

Mr. Lai reported on RHNA's organizational status. Mr. Lai and Ms. Doyle are working together on updating organizational filings and need assistance in finding archives, in particular old corporate bylaws and incorporation papers.

F. RHNA Yahoo Group

Ms. Dalsin and Mr. Gubser are serving as moderators for the yahoo neighborhood list server. Mr. Burgardt moderates the Board list server. Discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Welcome Neighbor.

Mr. Stoss reported on packets that have been delivered and discussed additional deliveries.

B. Newsletter Advertisements.

Ms. Dalsin reported for Mr. Silk who has 7 advertisers for the June newsletter. The projected revenues will be \$1270.

C. Landscape.

Mr. Fenton reported on the follow-up to the Cal Trans landscape failure. Three years ago Cal Trans spent \$500,000 to replace landscaping a the clover leaf around Highway

13 and Redwood Road. Subsequently, the irrigation system failed and the new plants died. Cal Trans has committed to repair the landscaping, but is behind schedule.

Mr. Fenton also reported on the Jordan Road Block Sale which will be held on June 2, 2007 and will be discussed in more detail at the May Board meeting. Board members are asked to bring donations, particularly small items. The block sale usually raises \$1000.

D. RHNA Signage.

Ms. Dalsin reported on the estimates for purchasing re-usable banners. A second estimate was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the purchase of a vertical banner measuring 3 x 6 and a horizontal banner measuring 2 x 6 for \$102 and \$153, respectively, unless a lower price is available, in which case, the purchase at the lower price is authorized. The motion passed.

E. Traffic Update.

This discussion was postponed to the May meeting.

F. Community Safety.

1. City wide Emergency Preparedness Event will occur on Saturday, April 28, 2007.
2. National Night Out.

G. Treasurer Report.

Ms. Dalsin reported on behalf of Ms. Doyle. RHNA received additional dues of \$1,000 for a total of \$6,155. This is \$200 less than last year. So far this year, RHNA has spent \$4,500. Producing the newsletter has cost approximately \$3000. Currently, the checking account balance is \$4,200. In addition, RHNA has a C.D. of \$8,900.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Mr. Fenton to pay \$84.76 for color ink to use for the landscape redesign. The motion carried

V. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn. There was no opposition and the April 18, 2007 meeting of the Redwood Heights Neighborhood Association was adjourned at or about 8:30 p.m.