

Summary of CHN Board of Directors Meeting
July 8, 2020

The meeting, held by Zoom conference, was called to order by Vice President Maryann Dresner at 7:00 pm. All directors were present except Bill Holtzman and Mark Ryser.

1. The Board unanimously approved the Minutes and the Summary of Minutes from the June 10 meeting.
2. Leslie Koelsch provided the Treasurer's Report, noting renewals since the last meeting. The balance in the general fund slightly increased; there were no material general expenditures.
3. At her request, Carolyn Kenady representing RescueSF and Dolores Heights Neighbors attended a part of the meeting, beginning at 7:15 pm., her purpose being to enlist CHN as a supporter/endorser of RescueSF. She informed the Board that RescueSF is a coalition of residents from across the city that is urging the City to address more aggressively the homeless problems. According to Kenady, RescueSF has enlisted the support of more than 40 neighborhood organizations including the Dolores Heights Improvement Club, informally known as Dolores Heights Neighbors. She cited statistics from a poll noting residents' views on the magnitude and urgency of the issue. According to Kenady, the three principal focus areas of RescueSF are: 1) inadequate behavioral health support; 2) ending the sleeping on the streets through acceptable accommodations and law enforcement; and 3) data availability and disclosure. Kenady agreed to provide additional information to the Board, Board members will review the information on the RescueSF.org website, and thereafter the Board will convene either at the next regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting in order to determine CHN's response to RescueSF's request.
4. Also attending a part of the meeting, beginning at 7:45 pm, was Sarah Katz-Hyman, Project Manager/Parks & Place, San Francisco Parks Alliance, CHN's newest designee from SFPA. CHN had requested support from SFPA for three of its neighborhood parks; that is, Corbett Slope, the triangle at Merritt/Market/Danvers, and the triangle at Ord/Corbett/17th. Sarah agreed to contact Leslie to arrange a visit to the three parks in order to discuss options for planning and support by SFPA.
5. CHN has completed an agreement with CHN's previous president to resolve previously outstanding issues.
6. The Board discussed the possibility of holding the September Membership meeting virtually, via Zoom. The matter will be taken up again at the August Board meeting.
7. Maryann reported that on behalf of CHN she had written to City Attorney Dennis Herrera regarding 253 States. No response has yet been received.
8. On behalf of the Board and CHN, Maryann will write Francisco Teixeira and Jeffrey Lais, neighbors, for their extraordinary work cleaning the Merritt/Danvers Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Approved August 17, 2020