

**Russian Hill Neighbors Annual Meeting**  
**Old First Presbyterian Church, 1751 Sacramento @ Van Ness**  
**Thursday, April 24, 2014**

**6:00 – 6:50 p.m. - Social**

**6:50 – 8:00 p.m. – General Meeting; Panel Q&A**

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**General Meeting**

**President Dan Holligan** welcomed all attendees and convened the meeting. He presented the following:

- Call for vote on six proposed revisions to RHN Bylaws. The revisions were reviewed, voted on and approved.
- Call for volunteers to fill RHN Board positions ( Vice-President and Secretary) and Committee Chairs (Membership and Families with Children).
- Call for vote of approval for three new Board members: Tracy Jaquier, Director; Greg Carr, Director; and, Nafiseh Lindberg, Vice-President. Tracy and Nafiseh were in attendance, while Greg was not. A vote was taken and all three were approved.
- Announcement of new updated website [www.rhnsf.org](http://www.rhnsf.org)

**Treasurer Ian Maddison** reported that RHN is solidly in the black for fiscal year ending April 2014. Ian provided an accounting of restricted funds currently available for several Russian Hill parks. Ian also stated the RHN is working to partner with DPW on a plan to care for and maintain trees in the Hyde St. corridor. Dan made a request for donations to the general fund.

**Supervisor Mark Farrell** reported on the overall state of the city:

- Positive statistics on job growth and employment
- Housing supply/demand imbalance
- Annual budget meetings upcoming

**Supervisor Farrell** then commented on issues relevant to Russian Hill:

- Francisco Reservoir Project
- Lombard St. traffic congestion
- AT&T sidewalk boxes

**SFPD Northern District Captain Greg McEachern** reported:

- City crime overall down vs. last year; substantial decline in homicides
- Pedestrian safety - priority issue
- Increased number of Police Academy graduates will lead to increased number of

foot beats

**Amy Chan**, representing **Supervisor David Chiu**, stated that Chiu is currently working on housing affordability issues, and will be joining Farrell and other Sups in upcoming budget planning sessions.

**Jerry Robbins** and **Julie Kirshbaum** from SFMTA arrived and were introduced. **Larry Stringer** from SFDPW arrived and was introduced.

**Panel Q&A - Captain McEachern, Jerry Robbins, Julie Kirshbaum, Larry Stringer**

Audience questions on the following issues were addressed:

- Motor vehicle traffic - moving violations involving running of stop signs and red lights; texting and talking on cell phones while driving
- Interaction of bicycle/pedestrian/motor vehicle traffic
- Reasons for this year's decline in homicides
- Smash and grabs perpetrated on tourists' vehicles
- Local burglaries
- Electronic "time of arrival" notices at sheltered bus stops
- Lombard St. traffic congestion
- Polk St. Streetscape Project
- Mechanical and/or manual street cleaning in Russian Hill
- Bus routes; frequency of buses
- Cable car back-ups at circuit ends (Powell and Hyde Sts.)

**Adjournment**

Dan Holligan closed the meeting at 8 p.m

**Attendance: Approximately 80 persons**