

Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes, January 8th, 2020

7:02 pm: The meeting was called to order by Stephen Beard , MBNC President

Introductions: Officers in attendance – Stephen Beard, Anita Mermel, Margarita Mitas, and Karen Williams

Approximately 23 in attendance including 4 MBNC Executive Committee Officers, and 3 guests.

Beat Officer's Report: Not present

Announcements:

1. Sunday, Jan. 19th, 3 pm, at the Shores Clubhouse, "Are You Ready? Learning from 40 Years of Richmond Catastrophes". Marina Bay Neighbors CERT Team Leader Karen Fenton will share preparedness steps for your household
2. Richmond Art Center: Art of the African Diaspora Exhibit January 14 – March 13, 2020.
3. Lara's Fine Dining Restaurant is scheduled to open, Tuesday, January 14th, pending City inspection.
4. Richmond District elections information is on the Richmond website. Look under district elections for potential mapping of districts
5. Mountain Mike's is going to open in the old Botto's Restaurant in the CVS Shopping Center

Awards:

1. Marsha Mather from Rosie the Riveter Trust accepted the MBNC donation of \$1,000. The money will be used for Rosie's Girls 7th to 9th grade to attend summer camp. They learn skills in self confidence, leadership skills, and skills in carpentry and other fields, field trips, a four day outdoor skill session, etc. The girls also attend a Career Day at Kennedy High. Girls are mentored by past campers. She expressed deep appreciation for the donation.
2. MBNC contributed to the Bikes for Kids campaign for \$590. which is run by the Richmond Rotary Club Club with the Fire and Police Departments.
3. Marie Banis from Commerical Sports Service. accepted a check for \$1000. This is a work center for people with special needs that provides training in skills that will enable them to seek jobs.

Election of Officers:

Stephen explained a short history of officers for the MBNC. It was decided to postpone elections until February 2020 due to lack of applicants. For this Council to continue to provide support for our community volunteers are needed for the Executive Board to serve in 2020.

Presentation: Darlene Drabkin, U. S Census Bureau

Wonderful presentation of the U.S. Census (taken every ten years) happening this year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending in June. She gave historical data; why the Census matters; basis for re-apportionment of Congressional Seats and state redistricting of legislative

boundaries; answers are protected by Law - Title 13 of the U. S. Code; services that are based on the Census; Census can be completed on the internet, phone, paper form, or in-person; 12 languages in addition to English will be provided; who are the hard to count; questions asked on the Census; and 2020 Census jobs \$25 -\$30 an hour (2020census.gov/jobs) or 1-855-JOB-2020 or 2020CENSUS.GOV

Open Forum:

1. Member of Sunset Point presented an issue of traffic speed control - one lane each way with no stop signs, crosswalk, no speed bumps, etc. Sunset Point is going to ask the City for a speed bump and requesting a recommendation from the MBNC. The area in question is along

Peninsula Drive from Shimada to Vincent Park. Information was provided for the MBNC

Executive Board to approve.

Adjourned: at 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Williams, Secretary, MBNC