

# **MARINA BAY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020 7:00-8:30 PM**

**Harbormaster's Meeting Room, 1340 S Marina Way**

Meeting started at 7:05pm

## **Introductions**

**Board members in attendance:** Rita Mitas - Candidate for President, Anita Mermel - Candidate for VP, Lynne Therriault - Candidate for Treasurer and Amelia Morgan - Candidate for Secretary.

**Attendee introductions:** 19 people introduced and the associations they resided in.

## **Beat Officer's Report**

- Lt. Brian Gard introduced himself. He oversees the City's Southern District and has been with the City since 1999 becoming very familiar with the City's problems past, current as well as successes. He provided an update on Richmond Police Dept's new organizational structure. Currently Marina Bay doesn't have assigned local beat officer. Lt. Gard will oversee temporary assignments to Marina Bay. Marina Bay should have an assigned local Beat Officer soon.
- Lt. Gard suggested that all residents download the following app (search for the CITY OF RICHMOND MOBILE APP, follow directions to install.) Use APP to report any non-urgent incidents, potholes, street lights out etc. Each city office in Richmond looks at this app as soon as they arrive to work. The app also has a follow up process to ensure things do not get forgotten.
- MARINA BAY STATISTICS for the last 90 days
  - Calls for services: 23
  - Auto thefts 2
  - Robbery 1

- Arson 2 cars
- suspicious people walking thru complexes

## **Announcements** — Voting in of the 2020 nominated MBNC Officers.

No nominations came from the floor. Current candidates for the board were voted in unanimously (Margarita Mitas – President; Anita Mermel – Vice President; Lynne Therriault - Treasurer and Amelia Morgan - Secretary.)

**Presentation** — Councilmember Ben Choi spoke to our community about the most recent adopted City Council Election Districts and changes to Marina Bay. Effective Jan 20, 2020 Richmond went from “Member at Large” voting to “District Voting”. There are now 6 Districts and each district will be able to vote for the candidate of their choice. Marina Bay is in District #5 and this November, 3 districts will have elections: Districts 1, 5 and 6; the remaining district elections will be held in November 2022.

He explained how the areas are now organized and for further redistricting information (see the City of Richmond’s website: <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3849/District-Elections>. He also explained why the districts were organized in certain ways. Basically, Richmond is trying to have a better and fairer distribution of the populations in Richmond.

**Open Forum** – An opportunity to engage with neighbors about issues affecting our community.

- A concern was raised about the Zeneca cleanup plan and the inclusion of Zeneca into District 5.
- Several questions raised about Pt. Molate and announcement of “Save Pt. Molate Ballot”.

\*\*\*Coffee was provided by our local Starbucks! Thank you so much.

## Meeting ended 8:43pm