

Minutes of January 12, 2011 Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting

Meeting called to order by outgoing MBNC President, Virginia Finlay, at 7:35 p.m. Other officers present: Barbara Norrish, Vice President and Ruth Zablotsky, Secretary.

Ms. Finlay started the usual round robin of self-introductions for everyone present.

BEAT OFFICER'S REPORT

As Officer Rick Krug, our regular Beat Cop, has been part of a department-wide assignment rotation, we were introduced to the new District Commander for the Southern District. Captain Anthony Williams, a 24 year veteran with the RPD, introduced himself. His last four years were in the Northern District and as he stated, he has had one whole week down here in the Southern District and indicated he's looking forward to working in our area. Note: email and phone numbers are available [here](#), for all Southern District RPD officers.

Then we met our new Beat Cop, Officer David Longacre, who said for the last two months there have been very few problems, except in what is known as the Santa Fe neighborhood (area bounded by W. Ohio Ave., Harbour Way So., Hoffman Blvd., Cutting Blvd. and S. 1st St., and shares zip code 94804). Officer Longacre reminded everyone that the greatest problem we face is property crime.

The statistics for the last two months in greater Marina Bay are:

1. One auto theft in the 0-100 "block" of Marina Lakes Drive, Marina Bay Community Association
2. One domestic violence arrest, in the 0-100 "block" of Marina Lakes Drive, Marina Bay Community Association (this was an ongoing problem situation). Note: the individual remaining has since moved
3. One home burglary on Harbor View, Sunset Pointe
4. One vandalism incident on Harbor View, Sunset Pointe
5. One accidental shooting (at the "Breakers"?)...the person shot himself in his own foot

FINAL DESIGN PLAN PRESENTATION FOR THE OFFICER BRADLEY A. MOODY MEMORIAL GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT (on Marina Bay Parkway at the RR tracks)

Alan Wolken, Redevelopment Director, with the Richmond Redevelopment Agency, gave a short synopsis of the project's long history and then brought us current. 95% of all documentation required to get the project started has now been approved and it will be ready to go to bid in April and the contract awarded thereafter; construction can then begin in the summer. Wolken provided a quick overview of the results of the public vote (which favored the "enhanced" plan: shorter construction time due to full road closure of the Parkway between Regatta and Meeker, enabling funds "saved" by having shorter construction horizon to be spent on various enhancements). NOTE: residents of The Anchorage will of course have access to their community.

Wolken quickly noted that enhanced lighting, enhanced landscaping, enhanced irrigation and enhanced "gateway" elements are being added to the project thanks to the successful vote in favor of road closure plus enhancements. Wolken reviewed separate bike paths and pedestrian sidewalks on both sides of the Parkway, the police memorial park on the east side of the Parkway, the pump station to pump out ground water that will arise during construction; he also reviewed the road closures which as mentioned at prior presentations, will begin at Meeker. Detour signage directing people coming into Marina Bay to head west on Meeker, etc., will be put in place. Trains and buses will still function throughout all phases of construction.

Ferry service, another important project, will ONLY go in once the underpass is constructed. The Ferry Terminal would be at the Harbor Master Building. An EIR is progressing at this time. The local architect for the terminal is Marcy Wong. Projected dates for ferry service are 2014-2015. Redevelopment Agency currently has the funding for it. Also being planned: 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial development along our waterfront (location is already marked by visible signage).

Next, David Gates of Gates & Associates Architects reviewed the enhanced landscaping plans, the design of the gateway, portals, parkway police memorial park in greater detail and showed the drawings. Trees will be densely planted to create an attractive windbreak. New drought resistant, colorful plantings were shown (in schematic form). The Memorial Wall for the police memorial park will be polished carnelian, with mounted wall plaques for fallen RPD members, and designs were shown.

Railings will be laser cut specialty railings, made of galvanized metal, with evocations of water to tie in to our coastal environment. Lighting will be subtle and done in soft volumes. There will be recessed metal artwork in the stone or concrete monoliths.

Within the next four to six weeks preliminary work will begin on the east side of the parkway: tree removal, early utility work, rerouting of lines, etc. Coordination with Dept. of Health Services is already underway.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominees for 2011 seats on the Council:

- For President: Stan Anderson, Bayfront Townhomes
- For Vice President: Pat Kiely, Northshore Condominiums
- For Secretary: Ruth Zablotsky, Marina Bay Comm. Assn.
- For Treasurer: Barbara Norrish, Bayfront Townhomes

There were no other nominations from the floor for any of the positions.

Each candidate introduced themselves and then a vote was held. All present raised their hands when asked if they wanted to vote for the four candidates; no hands were raised to object; no hands were raised in abstention.

COUNCIL BYLAWS REVISION

The "Bylaws Subcommittee" consisting of various MBNC officers and community liaisons edited and updated the Council Bylaws. The purpose was to add the names of all subdivisions not heretofore mentioned in the Bylaws, to more carefully define what constitutes a quorum, to eliminate redundancies, to restate the manner in which agendas will be delivered (due to the elimination of U.S. Mail delivery of postcard-printed agendas), etc. Both "old" and "new" versions of the Bylaws were passed out to anyone interested, and a few questions from the audience were answered. The edited version was voted for favorably, with no objections, no abstentions. The newly edited 2011 version is posted on this website's ABOUT page "sidebar".

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Virginia reiterated that a Council representative is needed to replace outgoing rep, Ellen Schultz, on the Advisory Committee to the Landscape & Lighting Maintenance District. Any interested parties were invited to inquire.

She also indicated that at next month's meeting each outgoing officer will provide an overview of their 2010 accomplishments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ruth Zablotsky, Secretary
Marina Bay Neighborhood Council