

Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

The August 10, 2011 was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Stan Anderson, President of MBNC.

Self-introductions were done in the usual round robin manner.

Beat Report:

Officer David Longacre provided the monthly Beat Report with neighborhood crime statistics. Things are still pretty quiet in Marina Bay. There was an auto-theft (a BMW motorcycle theft) on July 16 on Marina Lakes Drive at Marina Bay Community Assn. (in their 0-100 block).

Officer Felix Tan of the Marine Unit Patrol discussed water rescue and also answered questions about a possible homeless encampment on Regatta east of MB Parkway and north of the public tennis courts. Marina Bay's water areas are patrolled 80 hours per month. He emphasized they are not a "towing service" for boats that are disabled. The water patrol is being expanded from Pt. Isabel north past Pt. San Pablo. This effort is coordinated with numerous other agencies. RPD is also training the Richmond Fire Department to operate the RPD Water Rescue Boat. RFD will also be getting its own vessel in approximately one year. If you see or have any emergencies on the water, please call 911.

Jim Cannon addressed Levin-Richmond Terminal's concern with the City's General Plan. He presented a detailed PowerPoint to the group. Outside developers want to turn certain areas of the Port of Richmond into housing, and convert the roads in and out of the port into two lane streets, but the railroads want to keep the Port as it is: Port priority = "the General Plan must not allow residential, pedestrian or bicycle encroachment on the railroad switching yards in south Richmond." He also stated, "Maintaining efficient goods movement throughout Richmond is essential to the City's economic growth." Thus changing four lane roads to two lane streets would virtually cripple the port traffic. They have asked MBNC to support them at the City Council. A request was made for concerned residents to join a committee being formed for a short duration to assist with this matter.

Bea Robertson of the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council spoke next about the 5th Annual Rosie the Riveter Home Front Festival. The Festival will take place this year on Saturday, October 15 at The Craneway Pavilion from 11a.m. – 6 p.m. Admission will be free and there will be live entertainment, kids' activities, vendors, food and beverages for purchase, National Park Service Historical Displays, Bay tours, and the YMCA Home Front Run, among many other activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. Next Meeting will be September 14. Please check home page of website for details.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ruth Zablotsky, Secretary
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