

# Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

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The July 13, 2011 Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Stan Anderson at 7:35 p.m., followed by self-introductions of everyone present. Officers present: Stan Anderson, Ruth Zablotsky, Barbara Norrish. Not Present: Pat Kiely.

Stan made several announcements concerning the most recent meeting of the Richmond Coordinating Council (the body of all of Richmond's Neighborhood Councils).

- Chevron is pursuing a revised renewal project and this time around the City is supporting it. They will do a presentation to our group in a couple months. They are offering a community tour of their premises on September 10; if you are interested you must register by September 1.
- The Mayor's Office is working on a "municipal I.D." program.
- Crime stats are down in all categories.
- The City Manager indicates we have passed the first stage for being considered for the new campus of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories (we are one of 6 locations being examined for the campus). This new location for LBNL will consolidate several facilities and have 800 employees. **There is a very important town hall meeting on this which will be held on July 21 at Richmond Auditorium in the Civic Center from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be food and entertainment and you are encouraged to come.**
- Richmond's goal for 2020 is that NO trash will flow into the Bay from our community.
- The next Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for September 17, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and will convene in Shimada Friendship Park; lunch provided.

**Monthly Crime Statistics:** Officer David Longacre gave the monthly incident stats: There were two identity theft incidents...one was in Melville Sq. on June 23 and another on Bayside Court in Marina Bay Condos on June 15. Also, there was an armed robbery in Vincent Park following the fireworks on July 3. Finally, bullet holes were discovered in the front window glass on July 1 at the DiCon offices on Regatta Boulevard. Still being investigated.

NOTE: PROGRAMMING CHANGES TO 911 CALLS: thanks to GPS technology, a 911 call from your SmartPhone will now go directly to local dispatch centers. E.g.: if you are in Pinole and need to call 911, your call will automatically route to Pinole Police. Or if you are in El Sobrante, your call will go to El Sobrante, etc. Of course you may still dial 510-233-1214, then select "2" or "0" if you are not the owner of a SmartPhone or if you are dialing from a landline.

**Richmond's 20 Year Master Plan -- Director of Planning and Building Services, Richard Mitchell, from the City's Planning Division:** Mr. Mitchell gave a fantastic presentation with no audio or visual aids, just lots of reference books and documents and a great ability to convey ideas. He provided a timeline of the City's work on General Plans: the first General Plan for Richmond was drafted back in 1994 and it was just a huge document, with only text. The next General Plan was drafted in 2006 and was also a huge document, but in light of all kinds of technical advances, etc., the last GP consisted of text and

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diagrams, maps, graphics and showed the influence of technology on all aspects of the General Plan for Richmond.

Now, in 2011, using “Form Based Codes” and various other resource documents and references to reshape how urban areas are conceived, there will be yet another new General Plan for Richmond, which is capable of being updated several times per year as needed.

The context of the 2011 General Plan is:

- Plan the future vs. planning for the future
- Smart growth
- Transit oriented development
- A green/sustainable City of Richmond
- Brownfield remediation
- Neighborhood restoration
- Attracting new employment
- Modernization and beautification

The new GP is broken up into 15 chapters:

1. Economic Development
2. Education and Human Services
3. Land Use & Urban Development
4. Circulation
5. Housing
6. Community Facilities and Infrastructure
7. Conservation, Natural Resources & Open Space
8. Energy & Climate Change
9. Growth Management
10. Parks & Recreation
11. Community Health & Wellness
12. Public Safety & Noise
13. Arts & Culture
14. Historic Resources
15. National Historical Park

This plan, versus the older plans, is all about conceiving neighborhoods where everything is “by design” instead of by happenstance, and this means creating walkable neighborhoods which contribute to crime prevention as it means people out and about on the sidewalks, have front windows facing onto streets,

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etc. and various other means of rebuilding the urban fabric. The Plan reconsiders how housing, commerce, transit, shoreline, rising sea levels, etc. are all part of the picture.

In August, the new Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and General Plan will be released. The Planning Commission will begin the process of adopting (or, not adopting) it and there will be a series of public debates.

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PAGE AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR THE TIMELINE.**

**Mike Arronian, Coordinator for the Linked Learning Program of the West Contra Costa Unified School**

**District:** Mr. Arronian presented a PowerPoint explaining what the Linked Learning Program is as well as the Ivy League Connection, which occurs mostly during the summer months. Their philosophy: if you want a great community, you must have a great school system. They provide a different and more integrated approach to learning than is typical. And there is a vocation track and a college track. You can read more and see the PowerPoint at [www.wccusd.net](http://www.wccusd.net).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next month's meeting is August 10, same time, same place. Please check home page of website for details.

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



## Anticipated Richmond General Plan Adoption Timeline

Richmond Planning Division – July 6, 2011

**\*\*\*Please note all forecasted dates are subject to change\*\*\***

Task		Date
Completed	Public Release of Draft General Plan Elements 1 through 4, 6 through 15 and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)	February 14, 2011
	45-Day Public Comment Period on Draft General Plan and DEIR	February 14 – March 31, 2011
	Planning Commission DEIR Comment Hearing	March 17, 2011
	Planning Commission Study Session Meeting Public and Commissioners may provide comment on Draft General Plan Elements 1, 3 through 4, 7, 9, 11 and 12	April 7, 2011
	Planning Commission Study Session Meeting Public and Commissioners may provide comment on Draft General Plan Elements 2, 6, 8, 10, and 13 through 15	April 21, 2011
Upcoming	Prepare Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and Final Draft General Plan	April 22 – August 12, 2011
	<del>City Council Presentation on General Plan Status</del>	<del>July 26, 2011 Cancelled</del>
	Release FEIR and Final Draft General Plan	August 15, 2011
	Planning Commission Action Meeting Commission to provide a formal recommendation on the Final Draft General Plan and FEIR to City Council	September 1, 2011
	City Council Action Meeting City Council to take action on FEIR and Draft General Plan	October 18, 2011
<p><b>General Plan Element No. Key:</b>            1 – Economic Development; 2 – Education and Human Services; 3 – Land Use and Urban Design; 4 – Circulation; 6 – Community Facilities and Infrastructure; 7 – Conservation and Open Space; 8 – Energy and Climate Change; 9 – Growth Management; 10 – Park and Recreation; 11 – Community Health and Wellness; 12 – Public Safety and Noise; 13 – Arts and Culture; 14 – Historic Resources; 15 – National Historical Park</p>		

For more information please visit the Richmond General Plan Website:

[www.cityofrichmondgeneralplan.org](http://www.cityofrichmondgeneralplan.org)