

Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

The January 11, 2012 meeting of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council was called to order by MBNC President Stan Anderson at 7:36 p.m. following the completion of a meeting by Sunset Pointe homeowners who were having their Annual Meeting in the same location. Round-robin self-introductions were made. Most of the SP owners stayed on at Stan's invitation to discuss a matter that was pressing for the SP community.

As our Beat Officers were not present due to a homicide and stabbing elsewhere in the City (on South 20th Street), Stan used the time to hear and respond to the concerns of Sunset Pointe residents. Sunset Pointe has recently been experiencing a sudden spate of crime in their subdivision. There was a "rash of break-ins" both day and evening, mail theft, car break-ins and a car theft. There was much discussion about security, prevention, the nature of the crimes committed, whether or not to hire private security, whether or not residents even reported these events to the RPD, changing the gate code which has been the same for over ten years, etc. Several non-SP residents participated in the discussion as well. Stan stated he would pass on all the residents' concerns to Sgt. Opdyke and urged SP residents to not leave their gate remote controls in their cars and to report all incidents to RPD.

Stan made several announcements, particularly one about the City's apparent intention to change from PG&E's electrical power service to Marin Clean Energy, an alternative energy provider, instead of PG&E for the City's electrical power. "Opt out" forms will be sent out to the public. Marin Clean Energy would need an 80% participation level to make it viable for the entire city. Stan asked the group if they'd be interested in having a speaker at a future meeting to discuss clean energy. There appeared to be a substantial positive response to having such a speaker.

Engineering Services is participating in, and inviting volunteers, to the Point Pinole shoreline clean-up on Monday, January 16th from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Participants will meet at the bus stop next to the parking lot at Point Pinole Regional Park. The Watershed Project will provide tools and gloves and will provide free refreshments as we work hard to help clean up our coastal environment. If you have your own pair of gloves and a bucket, please bring them so that everyone can have a chance to pitch in. Also, please bring your own reusable water bottle if you have one, wear comfortable clothing, and sturdy closed-toe shoes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This event qualifies as Community Service hours. Please see the Stormwater's webpage under Engineering Services Department of the city's website for more information <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1735>.

Stan reported on some of the City of Richmond's Code Enforcement statistics across a wide range of categories.

There is a "live-work" residential complex planned for Marina Way, across from the Kaiser facility (not the hospital but an office building near the railroad tracks that crosses Marina Way).

By California state law, smoking is not allowed in multi-unit housing and must occur at least 25' away from the housing.

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SPEAKER: Keith Dubari, Recreation Director, Richmond Natatorium (“The Plunge”) introduced a City of Richmond Recreation Dept. employee to speak about the programs at The Plunge and to present via PowerPoint the various features of The Plunge and its five major program areas. The Plunge reopened in 2009 after a 20 year closure and rebuilding process and lots of fund raising. Please refer to the News & Articles section of this website for a story about the Grand Reopening. The article is accompanied by photos showing the event as well as the interior of the Plunge. Copies of the Rec. Dept. Activities Guide were left for the attendees.

Next Meeting is Feb. 8, 2012. The Annual Election of Officers will occur at that time. Stan Anderson is rerunning for President; Pat Kiely is stepping down as Vice President and Ruth Zablotsky is running for V.P.; Barbara Norrish is stepping down as Treasurer and Pat Kiely is running for Treasurer; Ruth Zablotsky is stepping down as Secretary and Bob Carr is running for Secretary.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Ruth Zablotsky, Secretary
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