

Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

The June 13, 2012 meeting of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council was called to order by MBNC Vice President, Ruth Zablotsky at 7:35 p.m. Stan Anderson, President, was not in attendance. Council Treasurer, Pat Kiely, served as Secretary in lieu of Secretary Bob Carr, who was traveling.

Round-robin self-introductions were made. All subdivisions were represented. A reminder was issued by Ruth Zablotsky that the MBNC is seeking new members. The dues are still only \$10 per person.

BEAT COP REPORT: Officer David Longacre, our “Beat 1” Beat Officer, commented that the surveillance cameras in Marina Bay will be handled by the Harbor Master.

In the recent reporting period, there were four calls for service: an ID theft on Shoreline Court, one domestic violence incident, and two auto thefts. A metal theft arrest was made on the 13th of June as the thieves were leaving Marina Bay on the freeway bridge.

In response to a question from the audience, a traffic engineer will be required for a crosswalk on Marina Bay Pkwy connecting the area near the entrances to The Shores and Marina Bay Condos.

RICHMOND’S SISTER CITY, ZHOUSHAN, CHINA: Jim Bates, Zhoushan Sister City Commission, stated and reported that the purpose of the Sister City Commission is to discuss the exchange of ideas and opportunities between the City of Richmond and Zhoushan, China, in the areas of economic development, education, public health and safety, culture, arts and tourism. Established in 1994 by then Mayor Rosemary Corbin, the Sister City Commission’s major effort during the past year has been in the area of business and economic development; the Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 2PM in the Shimada Room at City Hall. Friends of Zhoushan is a 501C3 Nonprofit Organization and is happy to receive financial pledges.

Officer Bradley Moody Memorial Underpass: Chad Smalley and Patrick Lynch of the Planning and Building Services Dept. of the City of Richmond, successor agency to the Redevelopment Agency, reported that the Governor’s office has suddenly ripped the promised funding from Richmond for the completion of the subject underpass. The Governor’s office took \$6 million which in turn impacts the \$30 million we would have gotten from the Feds.

The State Dept. of Finance has taken the position that the underpass project is not an “enforceable obligation” despite the investment of over \$2.7M in taxpayer money for design, over \$1.5M invested by

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utility companies for relocation work, the acquisition of property and easements for the project, and \$28,075,000 in grant funding already secured for the underpass construction.

Chad Smalley discussed the critical nature of the underpass to the proposed Richmond Ferry Terminal, to resolving life safety issues for Marina Bay residents, first responder [fire and police] issues due to train blockages, and the loss of potential jobs in a community that has 18% unemployment.

A sample letter to State Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner and State Senator Loni Hancock was distributed so attendees could take them back to their respective subdivisions for action. In addition, copies of a petition were handed out by Mr. Smalley for the same reason. All MBNC attendees signed the petition and also took blank copies of the petition for their subdivision residents. PROMPT ACTION IS REQUESTED; PLEASE RETURN (fax, in person, email, or snail mail) signed and completed petitions BY FRIDAY, JUNE 29 to Chad Smalley at City Hall, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond 94804, or chadrick_smalley@ci.richmond.ca.us, or fax: 510-307-8149, and keep those letters going to Skinner and Hancock.

Questions: Will the State capitulate? Will the City of Richmond litigate? Other cities are litigating on similar financial matters.

Next Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting is July 11, 2012

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