

Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

The February 13, 2013 meeting of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council was called to order by MBNC President, Stan Anderson, at 7:30 p.m. Round-robin self-introductions followed. Stan announced that one of the two scheduled speakers, Michael Williams, had informed him that the presentation regarding the dredging project in the harbor was not ready and would need to be rescheduled. Stan also noted that the second scheduled speaker was not present. While waiting for the Menlo Energy speaker to arrive, Stan outlined a number of developments in the community, including the planned opening of "Assemble" [new restaurant] at the Craneway Pavilion (in the old Boiler House location) and reported on his meeting with the Project Manager for the Meade Street Bypass in which he reviewed concerns about lighting, striping and the road surface along most of the route for the detour.

Monthly Crime Report: Officer David Longacre, our "Beat 1" Police Officer, reported that in the last month there were two reported crimes in our area: both were auto burglaries where windows were smashed and articles taken from the vehicle. One occurred in a homeowner's driveway at The Breakers and the other was in the Salute Restaurant parking lot, in the middle of the afternoon. He also reported that someone had broken the glass on the door at Amini's and stolen the coin-operated dog treat machine. He responded to a number of questions regarding material being dumped along the road and acknowledged that catching an illegal dumper was very unlikely. He noted that the City responds to requests for cleaning up dumped material in a timely manner.

The Speaker from Menlo Energy, Kim Pfaff, did not arrive. A number of concerns were expressed about the planned facility including noise, odors, and potential for discharges to the Bay.

The meeting was opened for a general discussion of developing issues in Marina Bay, including the desire for more retail stores, progress on the ferry proposal, a new live-work development to be called Artisan's Cove, and located on Marina Way South, and a proposal for a new single family home complex at the end of Harbor Way.

Moody Underpass Project: The latest timeline has bids being opened in March and the proposal presented to the City Council in April. If successful, that would allow groundbreaking in May with the closure of Marina Bay Parkway scheduled for September. The City's website for the project has recently been updated. Chad Smalley, the Project Manager, has offered to answer inquiries and brief the MNBC as needed as the project moves forward. He can be reached at 510-412-2067 or by email to chadrick.smalley@ci.richmond.ca.us; please also see: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=951>

The next regular Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting is March 13, 2013. Watch for the Agenda Please check the home page of our website for additional agenda information, news, past minutes, calendar items, articles, etc. See also <http://ca-richmond2.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=2013> for general information about Richmond.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bob Carr, Secretary
Marina Bay Neighborhood Council