

# Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

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The November 9, 2011 meeting of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Stan Anderson, President of MBNC.

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

Stan provided a short statement about MBNC as well as what the parent group, Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, does.

## **Beat Report:**

Officer David Longacre provided the monthly Beat Report with neighborhood crime statistics:

- Since the last report, near Sunset Pointe, at Marina Bay Parkway & Harbor View, there was a vehicular theft (flatbed truck, construction vehicle).
- In the 100+ block of Schooner Court, at The Cove, there was a domestic violence case.
- Also at The Cove, in the 0-100 block of Schooner Court (different building, unrelated to previous) there was a second domestic violence case.

## **Lyman Young, Disaster Preparedness for Marina Bay neighborhood:**

Mr. Young presented a PowerPoint slideshow to review some recent history of disasters and share some lessons learned.

Recent earthquake lessons have reminded us of the importance of:

- Family plans (contact lists, emergency evacuation and assembly points)
- Home safety
- Survival kits for 72 hours
- Plans for after the first 72 hours
- CERT Trainings

He reviewed details and salient statistics about the Loma Prieta earthquake that hit in the Bay Area in 1989, as well as the Northridge quake of 1994 that struck southern California. Also reviewed: Kobe, Japan quake of 1995; Christchurch, New Zealand quakes in 2010 and 2011 (where some areas that are much like our neighborhood sank by 8' or more and will not be rebuilt); Great Tohoku, Japan 2011 (Fukushima tsunami and earthquake of 9.0 magnitude). He compared all their statistics (Richter scale size, magnitude of gravitational force, type of quake, numbers of deaths, how many billions of dollars in damage, etc.).

In Richmond the biggest problem is the hazard of liquefaction in many areas where the ground will essentially turn to the consistency of soup. Marina Bay is in a severe liquefaction zone as the entire area is landfill. Liquefaction will be our major issue here (as well as many other parts of Richmond and Pt. Richmond).

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Major impacts will be: ground oscillation failure, disconnected surface blocks “floating on” liquefied soil, complete loss of soil-bearing strength which will adversely affect water and gas lines, etc., and differential settlement of the ground.

Issues addressed:

- Immediate term: first two days
- Medium term: 3 days to 2 weeks
- Long term: Over 2 weeks

He discussed what more we can do in our neighborhood to prepare for long term disaster:

- More of the basics: water, food, medical supplies, cash, satellite phones (cell towers will likely be down, along with land lines)
- Additional structural and seismic upgrades needed
- Neighborhood teams: organized / trained / practiced / equipped
- Clothing / shelter
- Fuels of all sorts -- safe storage is paramount; should NOT be indoors under any circumstance
- Sanitation (may well be the biggest issue as toilets will not work; this is often a cause of disease)
- Communications
- Positive mental attitude as depression can become severe after a disaster

### **National Institute of Arts & Disabilities, Debra Dyer**

Please see <http://www.niadart.org>. In Richmond the group is located at 551 23<sup>rd</sup> St., between Barrett and Roosevelt. It has been around for 29 years. Ms. Dyer presented a slide show showing the artists at work. They must be over 22 years of age to be accepted into the program. The group’s purpose is to empower artists with disabilities. Their next exhibition opens 11/19. Several of the artists have their artwork for sale in NYC galleries and elsewhere.

### **Solar Richmond**

This is a local non-profit that uses a “whole house approach”. Their speaker explained their rebate program, as well as different components of their energy upgrades. For more information, please go to [www.RichmondEnvironment.org](http://www.RichmondEnvironment.org) as well as [www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting is December 14 and is the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Potluck party; bring a dish to share.

Please check home page of our website for additional agenda information.

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