

Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

The April 11, 2012 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 were made.

BEAT COP REPORT: Officer Josh Clark, our Swing Shift Beat Officer, was present and provided a report on activity in March. He acknowledged that the last report had not included statistics for February but said that he would ask that they be provided at the next meeting. He described four incidents reported during the period, two of which were later determined not to have involved any criminal activity. He also discussed efforts to protect the street lighting wiring which has been recently restored and reminded residents to call whenever they observe unusual activity. Call 911 to report a crime, but call 510 233 1214 to report activity which warrants attention by the police.

Recognition:

Alan Wolken, most recently the head of the Redevelopment Agency, is retiring after 18 years of service to the City of Richmond. The Council President presented him an award which featured a Proclamation acknowledging his many years of service to Marina Bay and to the City of Richmond.

Marina Bay Grade Separation, Meade Street Bypass and Officer Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass:

The Design Contractor provided an update on the status of the Meade Street Bypass and the Marina Bay Parkway Underpass projects. The updated information is now posted on the City's website at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=951>

Go to the bottom of the list for the 2012 update.

In summary: The utility realignments along Marina Bay Pkwy have been underway. PG&E is complete and AT&T is progressing. During this phase of the project, cultural remains have been encountered which will require coordination with tribal representatives and, depending on the extent of the material encountered, could result in increased costs for the project. Because the funding is limited, the project scoping has been modified so that certain elements will be optional if projected costs are exceeded.

The Meade Street bypass project is scheduled to begin July-September 2012 and is awaiting final approval by the City Council. That work will be completed before Marina Bay Parkway is closed to traffic. The current projection for the Parkway project is for the bids to be delivered by 4/24 and the contract finalized by July/August. The first phase of the Project could begin in September/October but will not require closure of the road until later this autumn. If the closure is in November 2012, the reopening would be projected for June 2014.

At the conclusion of the presentation, there was an extended discussion of alternate travel routes, transit options and work schedules. There are expected to be several weekends when the railroad will be shut down and the crews will work through the night; otherwise construction will be limited to daylight hours.

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