

## Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

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The January 9, 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 made the usual announcements related to the MBNC's work and provided other relevant information.

**Beat Copy Report:** Officer David Longacre, our "Beat 1" Beat Officer, reported that in the last month, there were no new bicycle thefts reported in our neighborhood. There was one reported crime in our area, a burglary at Esplanade and Melville Square, which was likely associated with a vehicle, based on the location of the occurrence (parking lot). He also reported that there had been a series of mailbox thefts in other areas of Richmond, including Pt. Richmond, and asked if any of our communities had experienced similar issues. No one present indicated they were aware of any such thefts in their subdivisions. There was a discussion of the traffic impact of the new bypass, including reports of some large trucks finding it difficult to negotiate the new route.

**Election of Officers:** The Secretary presented the slate of officers seeking election for 2013. Each of the current officers was seeking the same position they currently hold:

- Stan Anderson, President
- Ruth Zablotsky, Vice President
- Bob Carr, Secretary
- Pat Kiely, Treasurer

To allow all officers to continue to serve, it was also proposed that the Bylaws be amended to add the following verbiage to Article VIII, Section 2:

*"...provided that an Officer may be elected for an additional term if no other person has been nominated for that position."*

The proposed slate of Officers and the proposed amendment were adopted by acclamation.

**Underpass Project:** Chad Smalley, Project Manager for the City of Richmond on the underpass project, provided an update on the Officer Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project. He graciously acknowledged the efforts of the community and MBNC to convince the State to reverse last summer's determination that funding for the project should be redirected and was clear that this community support was responsible for getting the project back on track. The funds have been restored by the State and Chad is currently working to finalize the necessary applications to convert those commitments to actual funds. He anticipates that final approval from the Finance Commission should be received in March allowing the bid package to be published. If acceptable bids are received by February 26, the project should be underway in May/June. Note: CalTrans has provided an additional \$4,000,000 in funds to the project.

Other challenges have cropped up related to funding, allocation, authorization by City Council to agendize underpass-related items, etc. Agendizing is critical to the whole process and MUST happen ASAP because of the California Transportation Commission's meeting schedule.

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Chad also acknowledged that the city's website, <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=951> was not current and that communications with the community will be an important element of the project. It has since been made current and readers of these minutes should click on the link provided. The contract vehicle for community outreach will be a part of the forthcoming funding. He also acknowledged that cultural artifacts had been encountered during the utility rerouting phase and an important component of the project is the evaluation of any historical artifacts encountered during excavation or construction. As many residents already are aware, our neighborhood was a Native American settlement a long time ago.

Chad said that if the funding is approved and the contract on schedule, the closure of Marina Bay Parkway should be expected in September or early October. As indicated in all the previous few years' meetings about this, with full road closure Marina Bay Parkway would be closed for about 18-20 months, considerably shortening the construction from the time required if only one side of the Parkway were closed. He indicated that there will be further discussions with the community regarding the work schedule for certain phases, so as to keep the community informed during periods when rail operations are suspended.

Chad asked that the community provide ongoing neighborhood support, vis-à-vis the City Council. He can be reached at 510-412-2067 or [chadrick smalley@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:chadrick_smalley@ci.richmond.ca.us)

**Membership:** Janie Nutt, of Promontory, staffed a registration table for all those who wanted to submit payment for their 2013 dues.

The next regular Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting is February 9, 2013. As one of tonight's speakers was to discuss harbor dredging but could not attend, the speaker has been rescheduled to be one of February's speakers.

Please check the home page of our website for current agendas, 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  
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