

## Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

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The April 10, 2013 meeting of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council was called to order by MBNC President, Stan Anderson at 7:45 pm. Round-robin self-introductions followed. Stan noted that our start time had been delayed because the room had not been unlocked so he asked the speakers to be aware of the time limitations. He announced that bids had been received and opened for the Moody Underpass project. The bids are being evaluated and if the City Council gives final approval in April, work could begin in May.

**Monthly Crime Report:** Officer David Longacre, our "Beat 1" Police Officer, reported that in the last month there were only a few reported crimes in our area including 2 identity thefts. The only major incident was the theft of the Harbor Master's electric cart from the Marina. He noted that his beat includes nearby areas where crime is much more frequent and by contrast Marina Bay is very secure.

**Writer Coach Connection:** This program provides one-on-one assistance to help high school students develop thinking and writing skills. The speaker showed a video describing the program and the difference it has made for students. He also answered questions regarding his experience as a coach. The program works with students in several East Bay schools and is looking for additional volunteers. For more information go to their website: [www.writercoachconnection.org](http://www.writercoachconnection.org) or contact Shelli Fried at 510-530-7600.

**Marin Clean Energy** ("MCE") has been authorized by the City Council to provide "Green Energy" to Richmond. Although PG&E will continue to distribute, bill, and provide repair service, it will be acquiring the energy from MCE unless customers Opt-Out and elect to continue as PG&E customers. The speaker noted that MCE provides two levels of service, one consisting of 50% Green Energy (Light Green) and one consisting of 100% Green Energy (Deep Green). In each case the measure refers to the source of the energy which MCE delivers to PG&E, not the mix of energy received by a customer. He stated that MCE rates are set on an annual basis by a Board made up of local elected officials, the Marin Energy Authority. While rates for Light Green were generally competitive with PG&E, direct comparisons are difficult because PG&E rates change several times during the year. If you do not opt **out**, you will be enrolled in Light Green. In any case you will continue to receive a bill from PG&E. Only the charge for generation will change. All distribution charges will remain the same. The community has received the first of a series of five mailings and decisions need to be made between now and July. For more information see the MCE website at [www.mceCleanEnergy.com](http://www.mceCleanEnergy.com)

The next regular Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting is May 8, 2013. Watch for the Agenda on the home page of our website. Please check the website for additional 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  
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