

Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

The June 12, 2013 meeting of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council was called to order by MBNC President, Stan Anderson, at 7:33 p.m. Round-robin self-introductions followed.

Law Enforcement Crime Report: Officer David Longacre, our “Beat 1” policeman, reported that in the last month, there were three reported crimes in our area: [1] Evening of May 22: 2 bikes stolen from the patio of a homeowner in the 600 block of Commodore Drive (at The Beach Townhomes). [2] June 1: a daytime theft from an auto parked in Melville Square; the female driver got out, put her valuables in the trunk, went for a run, came back and discovered that the car had been robbed. Officer Longacre urged people to be leery of putting valuables in their trunks when they are exiting their car in a public space as someone is usually watching (do it before leaving home). The last incident: [3] domestic violence on June 9 on Sand Dollar Drive at the Bayfront Townhomes subdivision.

Additionally:

- **Boat tied up at the Shoreline near Vincent Park and Sunset Pointe:** Sgt. Felix Tan, head of the marine division for the RPD, presented the long, convoluted saga of the City’s ongoing effort to remove the 35 foot boat beached next to Vincent Park’s sandy beach. He reported that the grounding was the result of the vessel breaking its anchor during a very high tide and that efforts to refloat the boat had been frustrated by damage it suffered while aground. The Coast Guard has inspected the vessel and determined that it does not pose a threat of discharging pollutants to the Bay. The City is planning to take possession of the boat and is looking for funding to cover the cost of its removal and disposal. He encouraged tonight’s attendees to spread the word regarding the City’s efforts because there has been much concern in the community that nothing is being done to address the problem. Various other parties and entities have been involved for many weeks now, trying to get the owner, a registered sex offender, out of our waterways. The “drop dead” date for the boat owner to get the boat out of there before it is taken away for destruction is June 24.

PG&E’s Position on Green Energy: The PG&E speaker had to attend a meeting of the PUC and did not attend our meeting; they may be on our July 10 meeting agenda which is just days before the opt-out deadline for Marin Clean Energy.

Update on Officer Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass: The project is to be presented to the City Council on June 18. The package was approved by the City Finance Committee on June 7 and although it had been taken off the agenda at one point it is now back on for 6/18.

NOTE: AT THE TIME OF THE POSTING OF THESE MINUTES, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PACKAGE AND THE PROJECT IS “ON”!!!!

Marijuana Collective: Jim Cannon of Levin Terminals spoke on this issue. A proposal for a marijuana dispensary (to be located near the Second St. rail crossing) is to go before the City Council, also on June 18. Because that location is a Quiet Zone with no train horns allowed to warn pedestrians, Mr. Cannon

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expressed concern regarding the risks of additional foot traffic along the rail line should this dispensary open there, and the audience was asked to advise the City Council of their opposition to the proposed location. See <http://www.marinabaycouncil.org/news-events/> on this website for a pdf of an aerial map showing the proposed location.

Artisan Cove: The owner and developer, David Spatz, of the new combination live-work and industrial-space development currently being constructed on Marina Way South, presented an overview of the project which was okayed to build during 2008-2009, but then the “great recession” happened. The economy has picked up and the project is well under way in terms of construction. It will have 64 units, some of which will be two story units with 1,056 square feet of work space on the ground level and a 760 s.f. apartment on the second floor. Construction is concrete block with brick facing. Rents will be around \$3,000 per month. The industrial spaces are being limited to certain types of businesses to protect the neighborhood from toxics, etc. NO UNITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE; all tenants will need a City business license.

Note: the explanation for the difference in square footage between the two floors in the live/work units is that the front area of the ground floor is open from roof to ground floor, thus creating a smaller second floor.

All units will require a business license for occupancy. Artisan Cove will also have a community center for meeting rooms, etc.

Richmond’s Urban Greening Master Plan: The City is completing an inventory of the Urban Forest which includes over 22,000 trees on city streets and in parks, divided into 13 zones. This tree survey will be a key element in the development of the Greening Plan which looks at both public and private green spaces. The Draft plan is expected in the Fall. Please go to the Landscaping & Lighting page on our website, <http://www.marinabaycouncil.org/landscaping-2/>, to view the PowerPoint in pdf format, presented this evening. NOTE: this is a joint project of both the Planning Department and the Parks & Landscaping Division.

Our next scheduled meeting is July 10, 2013. Please check the home page of this 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.

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