

**Marina Bay Neighborhood Council  
Minutes of January 10, 2007 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Virginia Finlay. Other officers present were Barbara Norrish, Vice President, Pat Kiely, Secretary and Gregg Lustig, Treasurer. As usual, introductions all around were made.

**1. Beat Officer's Report:** Both Sgt. Dave Harris and Officer Tod Opdyke, representing the continuity of community policing, addressed the gathering of Marina Bay neighbors. Officer Opdyke stated that:

- a. While there had been a rash of residential burglaries over several months at the Marina Bay at Marina Bay subdivision, surveillance had been increased and there were no new incidents reported during the last month.
- b. A rape did occur in Marina Bay. The individuals knew one another and drugs were found to be involved. The police are in the preliminary stage of preparing for the prosecution of the assailant.
- c. Regarding "reckless driving on Bayside Drive (doughnuts and speeding)", the police don't like speed bumps as they are both noisy and an eyesore. As an alternative perhaps a planter might work or a WW II memorial that would reinforce the history of our area that hasn't yet been memorialized in Marina Bay. Bayside Drive could be turned into a traffic calming circle. Both the Fire Department (for safety requirements) and the Park District should be consulted as well as the neighboring subdivisions regarding the desirability of such a measure as well as theme and plans.
- d. The crime statistics remain well below the average in the city. There were 75 normal "service calls" which are not necessarily crime calls. The average in other parts of Richmond is 450-600 calls per month.

Sgt. Dave Harris reminded us that the squeaky wheel gets the grease so we should feel free to email the officers to "let us know what you need".

There was a request from the floor that the traffic roller trailer be sited on Marina Bay Parkway. Once again, we have been warned that the traffic police details come after the placement of the sign and tickets will be issued as needed!

**2. Election of MBNC Officers:** Virginia Finlay, Barbara Norrish, Pat Kiely and Gregg Lustig were unanimously voted in to continue in their current positions for one more year.

**3. Two Day Celebration at Marina Bay:** Judy Morgan, President of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and Sandi Genser-Maack, Director, Communication & Events for the Chamber, explained that Richmond's annual Festival by the Bay is being re-imagined and retooled and will be reintroduced as The Richmond Home Front Festival. The festival will be held on the weekend of September 29-30, 2007. A graphic designer has been selected to come up with a new logo, and it is expected that the new celebration will bring national attention to Richmond. It is hoped that Richmond will be seen in a whole

new way because of our history. It will also bring lots of traffic and noise and disruption for Marina Bay residents! President Finlay pointed out to the presenters that sound reverberates throughout all of Marina Bay because the water carries the sound and pleaded “is there a way to keep the decibels down?” Further, she pointed out, music can be anywhere in the city, not just in Marina Bay; for example, in Sheridan Park or at the dock of the Red Oak Victory Ship. The gathering was assured that sound people will be hired and they will be advised of the noise issues. President Finlay called for volunteers for the various committees. Pat Kiely will be representing the MBNC. The Home Front theme will serve as an umbrella for other events that will occur all along Richmond’s southern shoreline; the most important of these being the Grand Opening of the Rosie the Riveter WW II Home Front National Historical Park.

**4. Beer and Wine License:** La Donna Toliver, one of new owners of WingStop, a quick-serve franchise restaurant (on-site service as well as take-out as opposed to fast food) that will be opening at 2171 Meeker Avenue, presented their concept and menu. They also provided samples of their new fare to the attendees. WingStop has requested a conditional use permit from the City in order that beer and wine might be served at the restaurant. A vote was taken to support the request for the use permit with 2 members of the audience abstaining. They will be open from 11 AM to 10 PM 7 days a week.

**5. BioRad Laboratories:** Joe Griebstein, Health & Safety Manager of BioRad addressed the issue of groundwater extraction and a treatment pilot study at 3110 Regatta Boulevard in Marina Bay. He pointed out that BioRad has been a local company since the 1950’s and is now a worldwide company with 5000 employees. Apparently, there has been a contamination spill under BioRad buildings. This is a common problem in industrialized areas. They plan on pumping the site for 20 years (the site is like a dishwashing sponge with soap in it - the soap keeps on dispensing) to keep the contamination from going into Meeker Slough or toward the homes situated across from the Slough. The slough is currently fenced off and the pump cannot be heard by the surrounding communities. The pilot study will include installing two groundwater extraction wells that will extract and treat the contaminated groundwater. The water will be pumped out the well and passed through a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) system to remove contaminants. The State of California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substance Control is providing the oversight for the groundwater extraction and treatment pilot study. For further information go the DTSC website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). Go to “Cleaning Up Contamination” at the top of the webpage, then click on “Find a site near you”, type in Richmond, then click on BioRad.

**6. Old and New Business:**

- a. President Finlay announced that, with the new year, the MBNC needs liaisons from each subdivision to the Council.
- b. She emphasized the importance of the “Town Hall” meeting that will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regarding the Grade Separation (overpass/underpass). Cost estimates are now available and survey will be taken of the communities preferences and concerns during the meeting. The meeting is being co-sponsored by the Richmond Redevelopment Agency and the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council.

- c. The Council meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled in lieu of the Town Hall meeting.
- d. Representatives from The National Park Service and Richmond's Police Chief, Chris Magnus will be the featured speakers at the March 14th MBNC meeting.
- e. The Redevelopment Agency continues to work on resolving right of way issues so that construction can commence on the Meade Street (Emergency Evacuation) Bypass.
- f. The Richmond Police Department will start moving to the Dicon site in Marina Bay incrementally in about three months time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Kiely  
Secretary, MBNC