

Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Minutes of February 13, 2008 Meeting

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

There was a change to the printed agenda due to Chevron not being able to attend due to notification that the Bay Area Quality Management District scheduled a community meeting about the Chevron Energy and Hydrogen Project for the same day and time as our MBNC meeting. Chevron has been rescheduled to appear at our April meeting.

1. Beat Officer's Report: Officer Tod Opdyke stated that, since the Police Department move to Regatta Blvd., the crime stats are a mess because all Richmond calls now get credited to 1701 Regatta Blvd. which, of course, skews the results for the Marina. A new report will be implemented because the numbers are so disproportionate. In the meantime, he was able to report that there were 27 calls for service last month which is "really low" and "not much as far as crime goes."

Officer Opdyke went on to say that people are calling in about suspicious individuals on the Bay Trail "which is good." Also, that we have been doing really well regarding "crimes of violence" for the last two years = 5 total. He reiterated that the biggest thing we can do is communicate with the cops and our neighbors, know the habits of our neighbors and neighborhood and call the police if anything appears out of the ordinary. Be aware of our surroundings and take reasonable precautions.

As for police manpower, they are better than they were a year ago, and that Dispatchers are needed (they are on the hot seat all the time which causes a lot of stress but that it is a challenging job with lots of overtime pay) but that the emphasis is on getting officers. The CHP is currently supplementing our force.

Speeding has increased again on Marina Bay Parkway so Officer Opdyke will request the electronic wagon and/or motorcycle cops. He pointed out that 92 out of the last 100 tickets given were to Marina residents!

2. Report of 2007 MBNC Officers: As is customary, the officers for the previous year given an annual report of their myriad duties:

President Virginia Finlay stated that it “was a very busy year.” The MBNC brought the community the following topics and people:

- Beat Officers, who join us most of the time
- kept the community apprised of preparations for the Homefront Festival and the launching of the Rosie the Riveter National Park,’
- Cannery Buildings – plans have gone by the wayside because of additional contamination at the site,
- opening of Club Nautique
- ongoing rental and development of Ford Building
- National Park Service activities
- Watershed Project
- CERT Training – very valuable
- TRAC updates
- RPAL activities and updates
- Information about the Police Dept. move
- The Mayor, Fire Chief and Police Chief all paid us a visit
- the Annual Holiday Potluck Party
- the grade separation issue (could be \$40 million)
- ferry service
- Master Plan for Marina Bay parks (inventory and work plan for our infrastructure)
- Security meetings
- RNCC meeting attendance
- work with subdivision liaisons and the Executive Board

Gregg Lustig presented the Treasurer’s report in the form of the annual MBNC Statement of Revenue and Expense for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Pat Kiely reported on the duties of the Secretary – along with a plea for someone in the community to step up to the plate and volunteer to be the Secretary for the next two years. Perhaps even two people could share these duties.

President Norrish reported on suggested agenda items for the future:

- Chevron in April
- Marina Bay Parks
- Zeneca site update
- Artisan Kitchen presentation
- AMR (American Medical Response)
- Biodiesel fuel project
- election year (Richmond officials who are running again this year)...

...and she is open to hearing suggestions from our residents for agenda items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned early at 8:35PM.
Respectfully submitted:

Pat Kiely, MBNC Treasurer
(and Acting Secretary)

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