

**Marina Bay Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Virginia Finlay. All other MBNC officers were present: Barbara Norrish, Vice President, Pat Kiely Secretary and Gregg Lustig, Treasurer. As usual, there was a round of self-introductions by all attendees.

1. Beat Officers' Report: Officer Tod Opdyke and Sgt. Dave Harris were present. Officer Opdyke reported that there were 77 calls for service from the Marina last month. Twenty six were calls for assistance, eight calls were for false home alarms and the most serious call was to report a suicide. Seventy seven calls would be considered to be "low volume and low crime areas produce a low volume of calls. He also noted that Sunset Pointe and the new Marina Bay Community Association (not to be confused with the Marina Bay Northshore Condominiums) have started Neighborhood Watch programs. Historically, Neighborhood Watch programs have enjoyed success in the areas where they have been established. Officer Opdyke reminded us once again that **when using a cell phone** do not call 911 but call 233-1214 directly to be connected to the Richmond Police Department Dispatch Unit. He also commented that "things got stalled" with the Police Department move into the Dicon location at Marina Bay and that the move will most likely happen in August or September. Community members wishing to receive a weekly e-mail report from Chief Magnus can contact EMedina@richmondpd.net to be put on the recipient list for the weekly newsletter update. Once again, Officer Opdyke urged us to communicate with the police and stated that we are "doing well because of community participation", and commented that "we are down 40-50 officers so we are hoping the ad campaign regarding recruitment of new officers is successful."

2. Ferry Service Plans: Ian Moore, Senior Associate, and Eric Eidlin, Planner/Urban Designer of the firm of Design, Community & Environment consultants (for the Water Transit Authority, one of the regional transit agencies), presented development concepts for potential ferry service in Marina Bay in 2009. They pointed out that all of the stakeholders, in both the business and residential communities, need to agree on the viability of ferry service and well as location of a ferry terminal because this is a consensus driven process. The consultants are continuing to meet with neighborhood groups, business leaders, advocacy groups, developers and property owners, government and public agencies and various yacht harbor management firms. Currently, there are eight new routes being planned in the Bay Area including sites in the cities of Hercules, Berkeley and Richmond. Their slide show presented various traffic route alternatives for access to the ferry and various ferry terminal location alternatives. Possible sites for the ferry terminal included both an extension ramp off the restaurant pad located between Salute's Ristorante and the Harbormaster's Office or location of the terminal at the

Harbormaster's Office. Proposals for routing traffic to the terminal included cars using the very narrow Esplanade with continued access through the Anchor Cove subdivision or down Marina Way South. The slide show generated a great deal of discussion and alternative suggestions for both location of the terminal and routing of subsequent traffic passing through the community.

The need for an underpass to be located at Marina Bay Parkway between Meeker Avenue and Regatta Boulevard was also discussed rather briefly. As of the date of the meeting the Water Transit Authority had not made the building of an underpass a requirement for ferry service at Marina Bay.

Because there were so many questions and the presentation generated so much discussion, President Finlay called for a vote based on the question "Do you want ferry service in Marina Bay?" Of the 43 attendees 30 people voted in favor of ferry service, 6 individuals voted against the service and there were 7 abstentions.

Next steps: There will be a full stakeholders meeting in the near future, and then after additional refinement, the project will be presented to the Richmond City Council during the summer months. After review by the Council the project will be submitted for environmental review. Someone commented that "ferry service could change the dynamic dramatically down here."

3. Old and New Business: David Forbes and Frank Taylor of Club Nautique introduced their new business which is now open in The Boathouse. Club Nautique teaches sailing and rents boats and are open 7 days a week. Saturday, June 9 is their grand opening from 11AM to 5PM (with the \$20 donation being used for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society). In future, there will be discounts for services offered to Marina Bay residents.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kiely
Secretary, MBNC