

**THE MARINA BAY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 MEETING**

The September 12th, 2007 meeting of the MBNC was called to order at 7:30 PM by Secretary, Pat Kiely. Gregg Lustig, Treasurer, took minutes for the evening. Pat called for introductions of everyone present.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you, especially our new neighbors, that in October the MBNC will be announcing the annual search for a Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for MBNC Officers for the coming year. Not only that, we would like to see some “new blood” on the Council so, all of you who are already members, attend the meetings and read these minutes, are invited to think about becoming a little more active in your neighborhood association by volunteering to run for any of the offices mentioned above. Please feel free to talk to any of the incumbents who would be happy to share a more complete idea of their volunteer duties with you. It probably takes fewer hours than you think, so please inquire and PLEASE THINK ABOUT HOW YOU MIGHT HELP OUT! Thank you.

1. Ford Point Development Plans for The Craneway & Liquor License

Application: Troy Peterson from Orton Development said that the building is 80% leased. Powerlight, a solar panel company, is taking the place of Wine.com at the Ford building. A small café (salads, soups, sandwiches) that will eventually be a full service restaurant is also coming on board. There is currently a demand for food service, but the owners are not sure of how big the demand will be. Plans calls for Sunday brunch and sunset dinners eventually. Orton attempted to get a coffee company at the building, but negotiations with Starbucks, Peets, and a Hawaiian coffee company all fell through. Orton will own and operate the cafe in the beginning. The Craneway will be used for various large scale events and will be open for the Home Front Festival/Rosie events at Marina Bay on September 28, 29 and 30th. It will also house the museum for Rosie the Riveter as well as the Visitors Center for the National Park. An approval of the Application for Alcoholic Beverage License was given by the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council. Everyone in attendance was in favor of the application except for 3 no votes and 2 abstentions. The hours of the café will be 7 AM to 10 AM for breakfast, 11 AM to 2:30 PM for lunch and 4 PM to 10 PM for dinner which initially will include bar service. At this time, there are no plans for a nightclub.

2. Beat Officer’s Report: Officer Tod Opdyke gave his Beat Report. . The police moved to Regatta Boulevard in August. Officer Opdyke said the Marina is in good shape and that the stats were “about normal,” generally and that there were 37 calls for service, up from 26-28. There were 3 suspicious persons, 1 prowler, 6 disturbances of the peace in the neighborhood, 2 auto burglaries, one grand theft (over \$400), 2 911 disconnects, petty thefts and other miscellaneous calls. There was nothing new to report on the theft copper wiring except that two individuals that were

arrested carrying 10,000 feet of wire were arrested, jailed, booked and bailed out. Security gates were briefly discussed. Nationally, it is shown there is not much difference residing in a gated community versus an ungated community. Everyone still has to be careful to lock their cars and not leave valuables sitting out in plain site. To report suspicious activity, from a hard line telephone, call 911. Officer Opdyke reminded us once again that **when using a cell phone** do not call 911 but call 233-1214 to be connected directly to the Richmond Police Department Dispatch Unit.

As for the spate of 11 shootings in Richmond, there is no known rationale for them. There are leads, and the issues could be drugs and/or turf disputes, but there is no logical mentality. It could also be a feud between the northern and central part of the city which results in retaliatory shootings. Unfortunately innocent bystanders get caught in the line of fire. He also said that 10 new officers just came out of the police academy (out of 400 applicants) and, if we are lucky, two or three will stay.

- 3. Trails for Richmond Action Committee (TRAC) Update:** Bruce Beyaert discussed the Bay Trail which in time will circle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. In Marina Bay the trail is considered to be the Class 1 category. It was begun in 1987, by 1989 all of the affected communities were on board. To date, 290 miles have been completed. Various agencies build and repair the trail. It is for hiking, biking, walking, etc. The Richmond part of the trail is well developed and there are class 1 and 2 categories of trail within the city. Currently 24.5 miles are completed in Richmond and most of the trails are maintained by the city or Park Service. At West County Landfill, a different agency is working on the trail. There are a dozen shoreline parks in the city of Richmond. There is a new trail guide that was sent out to everyone. Signature Properties has copies of the guide for free at their sales office at Anchor Cove. There are ½ miles of new trail built in Brickyard Landing by Toll Brothers. Additionally, there are 3 miles of new trail being built, 2 miles on Canal, and 1 mile near West County Landfill. There is work going on to get an easement so the trail can get you from Point Richmond to Point San Pablo easily.
- 4. Final Home Front Festival Update:** Diane Hedler and Pat Kiely reported. Saturday morning at 11:00 AM the festival begins in the park. The area of the park reserved for the festival will be fenced off. There will be an admission fee of \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and seniors. There will be a bistro, a stage for kids, and other activities and events. Regatta will be used for parking for entertainers and will be closed off as well. There will be a guard on duty at night. Friday activities include a kick off at the Craneway from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Ambassadors representing Chambers of Commerce from all over the state have been invited to this event. Friday evening is the Rosie the Riveter Trust Dinner; the admission is \$500 a table or there are individual seats available for \$150 each. There will be a woman's band playing as well as a keynote speaker. On Saturday and Sunday there are many more events scheduled for everyone's enjoyment. Refer to the Home Front web site at: <http://www.homefrontfestival.com/> for more information. There will be shuttles to Shipyard #3 during the festival.

During the general discussion, Diane Hedler mentioned the Coastal Cleanup activities scheduled at Marina Bay during September..

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th, 2007.

Respectfully submitted:

Gregg Lustig
Treasurer, Marina Bay Neighborhood Council
Acting Secretary for the meeting of September 13, 2007