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Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes, June 12th, 2019

7:00 pm: The meeting was called to order by Stephen Beard, MBNC President

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves. Over 50 in attendance including our beat officer, MBLLC Liaison, 3 MBNC Officer, 1 Live-aboard and 5 guests.

Beat Officer's Report:

Joe DeOrian, our Marina Bay beat officer, gave the updated Marina Bay area stats for April: identity theft, domestic disturbance, burglary, auto burglary, tampering with vehicle, quality of life issue, mental illness issue, thefts. May: vandalism, identify theft, grand theft, domestic violence issue, court orders, mental illness, stolen vehicle recovery. Major issues are cars donuts and racing in our area. After-dark surveillance is being implemented and cars will be impounded for 30 days. RPD are assisting RV long-term parking (encampment) in finding other locations.

Announcements:

1. Speaker for July is owner of Cheers by the Bay (previous Salute building);
2. July 3rd Richmond fireworks in the bay;
3. Rosie the Riveter Home Front Festival, August 10th starting at 11 am at the Craneway Pavilion;
4. Richmond's Urban Forest Advisory Committee (UFAC). UFAC serves in an advisory capacity for City of Richmond's tree planning and tree care initiatives. Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month, 6 pm – 8 pm at Richmond Room, City Hall;
5. Trade in your old car and receive funds to purchase or lease a hybrid or electric vehicle. Grants range from \$2500 to \$9500. For more info go to BAAQMD.gov/CleanCarsforAll;
6. Nixle is Richmond's Official Notification System to get local alerts and advisories from the City of Richmond to your cell phone or email. Text your zip code to 888-777 or online at www.nixle.com;
7. The United States Urban Warrior Society-California Chapter will be hosting it's 5th Annual Indigenous People's Walk for Sobriety Saturday, July 20th; Medicare Health Fair for Seniors is June 29th, from 10 am – 4pm at the Richmond Senior Center. No cost health screenings will be provided; 8.) Richmond PAL (Public Activities League) is sponsoring Richmond PAL Casino Trip to Feather Falls and Thunder Valley, July 13th. Call 510-621-122 for more information;
8. Alcohol Prevention Coalition to reduce access to alcohol for youth in West Contra Costa county. For more info email Jacquelyne at jvera@bacr.org
9. East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is launching a community engagement survey, seeking public input, to help; inform the District's future priorities and directions. Share your thoughts on the EAST Bay parks and trails by completing a short survey at eastbayparksurvey.com/
10. There is no estimated date for completion for the Trash Capture Device Installation on Regatta Ave. It is delayed due to Comcast boring a new location;
11. The installation of the Moody Underpass Public Art is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 2020;
12. The Sheridan Point – Ferry Landing Public Art installation is to start after July 4th and dedication of the artwork sometime in October 2019;
13. Richmond Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan was circulated.

Presentation: Tradewinds Sailing School, Angie Liebert

Angie gave a brief history about Tradewinds that in 1962 was a boat brokerage and started sailing lessons. Current owners took over in 2005 and in 2009 moved to present location. They have 35 boats in fleet and boats can be chartered so you can have different experiences before purchasing your boat of choice. Sailing lessons are from beginners to advanced. They have a plethora of classes and there is a sliding schedule depending on boat of choice starting at \$175 a day to rent.

Presentation: Richmond Ferry, WETA (Water Emergency Transportation Authority), Thomas Hall, Public Information and Marketing Manager

Thomas Hall gave a video presentation including San Francisco Bay Ferry at a Glance. Emergency response role mission is to evacuate SF and east bay areas in case of an emergency. In six years the ridership has doubled from 1,500,000 to almost 3,000,000 which it will exceed in 2019. Fleet expansion includes 3 vessels under construction with 5 new boats since 2017 serving primarily Alameda, Oakland, Vallejo and Richmond. Capacity is 300 to 445 depending on the vessel. Boats are retired after 25-30 years of service.

Looking to the future other options including smaller boats and hovercrafts with more flexibility are being considered. Ferry rider surveys are done every 3 years by an outside party. The most consistent reasons for taking the ferry are to avoid traffic and parking 65%, ride quality 50 %, relaxing 50%, multitask 28%, faster, environment, sightseeing, no car, cheaper and other. The Richmond Ferry Terminal and service was a \$20 million project funded by State Prop 1B, Measure 1, and FTA grants. Service operations are estimated at \$4.4 million annually, funded through Measure J and fares. A new ADA Kayak Launch has been built at Marina Bay Yacht Harbor. The trip from SF to Richmond is approximately 35 minutes each way. Service will not change for the next 2 months. There will be a 3% increase on fares as of July 1, 2019. Ridership per day was estimated to be 450 per day and is presently 688 per day. The ferry will hit the 75,000 passengers mark this week and the ferry was averaging better than 840 per day in June. Weekend service plans have been drawn up and may begin later this summer. Mid-day service may also come later.

In case of a disaster the ferries would be used for transporting first responders and then evacuation. 4 crew are on each ferry. They are diligent, friendly and highly trained. Smaller vessels could provide late night services and more trips on the schedule. Electric hybrid vessels are being investigated. Goal for 2023 is zero or near zero emission vessels. 2025 is the expected start date for service to/from Berkeley at the old Berkeley pier. Thomas can be reached at hall@watertransit.org.

Keep riding the ferry!!!

Marina Bay Landscape & Lighting Maintenance District (MBLLMD): Nancy Kemper, MBNC Liaison

Ruth Zablotsky, a member of the Advisory Committee to the District, gave the report. two businesses, five homeowners, and our harbormaster make up the committee (currently there are no businesses on the committee). There is a new parks director who may be moved out of the district. Bathrooms in Melville square and Vincent park are now being locked at night due to vandalism. Current issues are trash pick-up consuming workers time; weed abatement equipment has been repaired; and the coming fiscal year assessment fees notification have been mailed out. The Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, 11 months a year at the Harbormaster's building. Homeowners in Marina Bay pay 58% of the budget for MBLLMD and the balance is paid by the city of Richmond.

Open Forum-Topics included:

1. a Farmer's Market in the Marina Bay community which will be discussed with the city of Richmond this month;

2. bike lane for Marina bay Parkway;
3. "Let's Talk" brochures were distributed by a representative from Assembly member Buffy Wicks. If you would like to receive electronic communications from her office visit a15.asmcd.org/letstalk
4. Ms. Dandie from the West County Warming Center addressed services for the homeless. If residents see individuals that are sleeping in the restrooms; going through the garbage; needing services; needing to be referred; needing medical services; needing help with SSI to connections to food stamps; needing help to get connect to our West County Warming Center Please offer them to call **211** after 6pm they can tell 211 where they are and they will be picked up at that location **ANYTIME** after 8pm every evening **EXCEPT** Sunday. They will be offered a warm meal for dinner they will have to leave the warming center between 6am and 7am in the morning and offered a small breakfast. After 7am there are showering services that can be provided and they can ask for case management. They also can ask 211 about services resources that are also provided throughout the county including shelters for single men, single women and mothers with children.

Thank you to Starbuck's for providing the coffee and Rubicon Bakers for the cupcakes.

Next meeting is July 10th, 2019.

Adjourned: 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Williams, MBNC Secretary