

# Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting

## Meeting Minutes, July 10th, 2019

**7:02 pm:** The meeting was called to order by Stephen Beard, MBNC President

**Introductions:** Attendees and officers introduced themselves.

Approximately 62 in attendance including our beat officer, MBLLC Liaison, 5 MBNC Executive Committee Officers, and 3 guests.

### **Beat Officer's Report:**

Officer B. Marweg, (bmarweg@richmondcpd.net) gave the Beat Officer's Report area stats for Marina Bay for the last month: There were 5 incidents; one deadly weapon charge on 6/19; and 31 traffic citations.

Many attendees were concerned about traffic issues in our community. The reporting officer said that the Traffic Engineer for the city of Richmond should be contacted for dangerous traffic routes and speeding in our area. This matter will be discussed at the next MBNC Executive Committee meeting as requested by many residents in attendance.

### **Announcements:**

1. July 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm -Rally for "Coal Out of Richmond", Civic Center Plaza in Richmond (before the City of Richmond Planning Commission considers the Richmond Coal Ordinance starting at 6:30 pm after the rally). To read the ordinance and learn more about the health effects of coal and petroleum coke dust, visit the No Coal in Richmond website [www.ncir.weebly.com](http://www.ncir.weebly.com)
2. July 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm – 3pm at Point Molate: Nature Nerd Bioblitz #2. For more information go to [info@whollyh2o.org](mailto:info@whollyh2o.org)
3. July 21<sup>st</sup>, 3-4:30 pm – "Marina Bay Neighbors Fire Disaster Survival"; meeting at the Shores at Marina Bay Clubhouse: Richmond deputy Fire Marshal, Eric Munson, will cover a range of topics, including a Q&A session with free handouts.
4. August 17, 2019; West County Fire Drill for users of FRS/GMRS radio users by the Marina Bay Emergency Communication Center. For more info call 510 236-8460 or text 510 701-7443
5. Felix Tan has announced that crime has been going down in the Richmond area at the recent Richmond Neighborhood Committee meeting.
6. Nixle: Richmond's Official Notification System; get local alerts and advisories from the City of Richmond sent directly to your cell phone or email. It is quick, easy, secure and free. Text your zip code to 888-777 or online at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Website is [www.ci.richmond.ca.us/nixle](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/nixle)
7. Richmond Fire Department has a brochure: Ready, Set, - Evacuation Preparedness. For more info [www.ci.richmond.ca.us/79/Fire-Department](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/79/Fire-Department)
8. Richmond's California's New Fair housing Law applies to low-income housing and those renting under the Section 8 rental program. For more information contact Bay Area Legal Aid at 510 233-9954
9. AC transit fares changed July 1, 2019. Visit [actransit.org](http://actransit.org) for complete details on the new fare policy.
10. Effective September 1, 2019, the maximum allowable rent for rent-controlled units in the City of Richmond will increase by 3.5%. For notice templates, FAQs, and more information: 510 234-7368; or visit [www.richmondrent.org](http://www.richmondrent.org); [rent@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:rent@ci.richmond.ca.us)
11. The Richmond Department of Children and Youth is seeking 15 Richmond and North Richmond residents to serve on the inaugural Oversight Board and attend monthly meetings for the Richmond Fund for Children

and Youth. Application deadline is August 30, 2019. Apply online at [www.richmondyouth.org](http://www.richmondyouth.org) or visit 450 Civic Center Plaza (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) to pick up an application. For more information call 510 620-6523.

**Presentation: Cheers by the Bay, Owner Lara Choe**

Owner Lara Choe spoke about her new restaurant, Lara's Fine Dining, opening this Fall in Marina Bay. There will be a full service bar, including 6-8 craft beers, and specializing in good quality seafood, as well as other dishes, on the menu. There will also be a daily Happy Hour. Restaurant hours will be 11:30 am to 9:30 pm 7 days a week with brunch on the weekends.

There is a 20 year lease so she expects her restaurant to be a stable long-term addition to our community. Group meeting rooms will be available. Ms. Choe is open to ideas from our community.

**Presentation: Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Plan, Abraham Sheppard with Placeworks**

Placeworks, a private consulting company located in Berkeley, was contracted by the city of Richmond to plan the first phase of a four-year project titled Complete Streets Plan ending in 2020. The plan will provide valuable transportation connections for people to walk, drive, cycle, or use transit from the bridge to the ferry more easily. It will enhance pedestrian amenities include flashing beacons and high-visibility crosswalks, landscaping and seating, attractive sidewalks, corner burnout, and pedestrian lighting. The plan will enhance bicycle amenities include colored bicycle lane markings, Cutting Boulevard (Richmond) conceptual rendering, bike signals, Richmond greenway, and bike racks. Other enhancements include public plazas, lane reductions, landscaped median and traffic calming. Now in the initial stage of getting public input of the plan, with plan adoption expected a year from now.

Discussion topics included: funding of the plan and clarification that current funding is just for the plan, not for the implementation; congestion of traffic; bike lane conditions; bus service connection; bus amenities to encourage bus use; safety issues for pedestrians; bike share station; bathrooms, etc.

Abraham Sheppard can be contacted at [asheppard@placeworks.com](mailto:asheppard@placeworks.com); more info and the Complete Streets Plan are available at the project website (includes Online Survey) [www.ferry2bridge2greenway.com](http://www.ferry2bridge2greenway.com). To take a short cell phone text survey text "active" to 510-900-5861.

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

Nancy Kemper reported on the work being currently completed. 5 crew workers maintain 400 acres. There have been 3 Park Supervisors in 2019. The crew is back on schedule after completing extensive weed control.

**Open Forum-Topics included:**

1. Regatta Avenue re-opening is still unknown
2. Speeding in Marina Bay area

Thank you to Starbuck's for providing the coffee.

Next meeting is September 11, 2019.

**Adjourned:** 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Williams, MBNC Secretary