

## **Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes, October 9th, 2019**

**7:06 pm:** The meeting was called to order by Anita Mermel , MBNC Co-Vice President

**Introductions:** Officers in attendance - Anita Mermel, Suzanne Nielsen and Karen Williams, who introduced themselves.

Approximately 21 in attendance including our beat officer, 3 MBNC Executive Committee Officers, and 2 guests.

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

Highlights for the month of September:

1. Sept 1 - harassing telephone call
2. Sept. 9 - Ticket at Marina Bay Regatta
3. 2 grand thefts Sept. 5 and Sept. 14 - Melville Square and Bayside
4. Sept. 17 - Auto burglary Melville Square
5. Sept 23 – Vandalism
6. Sept. 18 - Collision
7. Sept. 6 - Shooting at a vehicle on Marina Bay South

**Announcements:** No announcements

#### **Presentation: Artisan Kitchen, Owner and Manager Lianne Ingham**

Highlights:

1. Lianne opened the Artisan Café in 2007. Her original plan was to build a commercial kitchen available to herself and local chefs, but 6 months after opening she added the front café in response to neighbors asking her to serve breakfast and lunch.
2. Her commercial kitchen, in back of the café, supports chefs who need licensed cooking space to perform their work as caterers, sell artisanal foods at farmers markets, etc.
3. Recently she applied for a liquor license, which takes approximately 3 months to get approved. Once approved, she plans on offering dinner service several times a week, perhaps 5-8 pm. The menu will vary by the week and what is in season.
4. Lianne's is proud that her menu offerings feature local and seasonal produce, breads, cheeses and other ingredients.

**Presentation: Home2Suites Proposal, Marcia D. Vallier, President, Vallier Design Associates, Inc.**

**Highlights:**

1. Ms. Vallier presented both the architectural components of the project as prepared by Dale Johnson, lead architect for the project, and the landscape plans prepared by her firm. Her visual presentation included details of the site, a T-shaped lot, located next to CVS. Plans for the Hilton Home2Suites Hotel include a four story, 48 feet tall building with a total of 102 rooms varying from king studios to one bedroom units plus adjacent spaces available in the future for retail stores or offices.
2. Amenities planned include a fitness center, an outdoor pool, bike lockers for public and hotel use, outdoor seating, picnic tables and meeting rooms.
3. The design process has taken into consideration the aesthetic effect of the building on the community, all urban design standards mandated by the Richmond Bay Specific Plan, and blends with the brick facades of the CVS and Starbucks' buildings. Landscaping plans include a coastal plant palette with a variety of trees, evergreen shrubs, grasses, etc, and a plaza space with an "urban edge" feeling
4. Construction, once all the approvals, studies and drawings have been completed, will take approximately 2 years.
5. The Design Review Board will meet November 13, 2019 in the Richmond Civic Center to review these plans. The project design team kindly requests that the MBNC consider submitting a letter of support to the Design Review Board before this meeting.

**Open Forum:**

1. Elizabeth Dortsch discussed the "No Coal in Richmond" ordinance to be considered November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, by the Richmond City Council. She asked for support from neighbors in the Marina Bay area by signing the petition and/or attending the City Council meeting.

**Adjourned:** at 8:30 pm

Karen Williams, Secretary, MBNC