

**MARINA BAY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 - 7:00-8:30 PM

**MBNC board in attendance:** Rita Mitas – President, Lynne Therriault - Treasurer, Amelia Morgan – Secretary, Kathy Watson-Volunteer, Elizabeth Heilman-Volunteer. Absent: Karen Williams-Vice-President,

**Rita Mitas, MBNC President**, began the meeting with some general information for the Marina Bay Community.

- **June 11<sup>th</sup> Ferry Fest and 5k Run**, reminders emails were sent to MBNC members and posted to the MBNC site.
- **Juneteenth parade June 18.** The parade line up at 8:00am at Booker T. Anderson Community Center (960 South 47th Street Richmond, CA 94804). **Festival begins at 11:30AM and ends at 6:00PM Richmond, CA at Nicholl Park.**
- **July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks Celebration:** The community will be enjoying music, food, and the stunning view of the bay at Marina Bay Park while enjoying fireworks. Call (510) 620-6793 for more information.
- **Sept MBNC Candidates Night:** Candidates running for mayor of Richmond will be at our Sept meeting. Come and join us to hear what their statements are and ask questions. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is the General Election.
- **Dumpster Day Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>- Monitors needed.** Go to this site to see what is acceptable or not acceptable to place in dumpster: <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4190/Neighborhood-Dumpster-Days>
- Please visit the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Site for information about what is happening in Marina Bay and find info on prior MBNC meetings: URL is: <http://marinabaycouncil.org>

**Officer Fuller – Beat 1 Marina Bay Report beat hours 3pm-1am**

- There were 46 calls for service- resulting in 9 people taken in for psychic evaluations, one auto and one petty theft out of 46 calls.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks- Richmond police are still understaffed and are partnering with San Pablo, El Cerrito, Kensington, and Pinole for the 7/3 Fireworks.

## Carlos Castro, Supervisor with Streets Maintenance Division

- Carlos is the Supervisor for the Construction & Maintenance Dept. - responsible for among other things: potholes, paving, street sweeping and missing street signs etc.
  - He can be reached by email: [carlos\\_castro@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:carlos_castro@ci.richmond.ca.us)
  - Joe Leach is the Public Works Director in charge of funding and staffing email: [joe\\_leach@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:joe_leach@ci.richmond.ca.us)
  
- During the Q/A period several questions were asked re: Who to call for other issues:
  - **Engineering Dept.** Call or email for new installations, i.e.: speed bumps, new signs for bike lanes etc. Engineering will do a study and site survey first.
    - Email: [engineering@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:engineering@ci.richmond.ca.us)
  - **Q-Why there are so many problems with traffic lights going out at Marina Bay Parkway and Regatta:**
    - Email: [cornell\\_hughes@ci.Richmond.ca.us](mailto:cornell_hughes@ci.Richmond.ca.us)
  - **Q- I have some questions about paving quality in MB and neighboring areas.**
    - Email: [carlos\\_castro@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:carlos_castro@ci.richmond.ca.us)

## Gayle McLaughlin; District 5 City Council member

- Gayle gave an update on the sale of Pt. Molate. The City council decided at the March 19, 2022, council meeting against selling Point Molate to a Southern California developer (SUN CAL) to build a massive development there, saying the “company didn't prove it could meet the financial requirements of the development.”
  - SUN CAL, on June 2, sues Richmond over blocking the \$45Million sale of Pt. Molate.
  
- Gayle spoke about the unhoused situation in Richmond and said the city was working on a few options.
  - SOS is a nonprofit and works with people to get them jobs/safe housing etc.
  - County Public Works department working on getting money for housing., One-year free rent for families while they look for work
  - Many ideas are floating around: i.e., **Public Bank. A Town Hall Date will be coming to discuss this topic. Discussed the possibility of a Farmers Market or Foodieland Market in Marina Bay - more to come!**
  
- Budget for next fiscal year will be presented to the city council NLT 6/28.
  - The current budget has a surplus
  
- On 6/21 there will be a public hearing for the lighting and landscaping Assessment for Marina Bay
  
- During the Q/A several questions were asked.
  - Q. There has been illegal garbage dumping on the 580 East ramp, who is responsible for cleaning that up?

- A. Gayle talked to Public Works and let them know about that illegal dumping on the onramp to 580 East when traveling south on Harbor Way with hazardous materials (paint cans and such). This will be handled.
- Q. where can we find out more about Public Banks
  - A. <https://publicbankeastbay.org/contact>
- Q. When will Marina Bay get their own local food market?
  - A. Gayle plans to bring that up at the July council meeting. She will get back to Rita when she has a date.
- Q. What is the potential for Chevron moving the refinery? Or perhaps if there could be a credit from Chevron; some should go to paying for zero emission vehicles for Richmond residents like Electric Cars and eBikes to offset the refinery pollution - could Chevron provide a gas tax relief to be paid directly to the citizens of Richmond to help offset the increasing gas tax; being Chevron Refinery is our neighbor!
  - A. If Chevron were to move, Richmond would ask for a phased down approach. And a transition from fossil fuel to renewables.
  - A. Gayle will ask about a “Chevron gas credit”.

As you can see, a lot was discussed at this meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:33 pm

Amelia B. Morgan, Secretary MBNC

