

Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Minutes of September 10, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Barbara Norrish. Other officers present were Pat Kiely, Treasurer, Niccore Rapp, Secretary, and Virginia Finlay, Immediate Past President. As usual, self introductions of those in attendance were made.

1. Beat Officer's Report: Officer Daniel Campos reported that there was a significantly low amount of calls for service. The call breakdown for the month of August:

- Total Calls for Service including audible burglar alarms in the Marina Bay Area: 42
- Total Audible Alarms: 12 (3 Alarms at one address within 3 hours)
- Total Police Calls for Service excluding audible burglar alarms: 30
- Of those 30 Police Calls for Service, here is the break down:
 - Commercial Burglary: 1
 - Auto Burglary: 1
 - Residential: 0
 - Auto Theft: 2
 - Miscellaneous: 26 (Disturbances, suspicious people/vehicles, etc.)

It was reported by a member that graffiti tagging was found in the Promotory on the inside walls in three places. Officer Campos recommended reporting these types of events to the Richmond Police Department.

2. Campus Bay Development: Tom Kambe representing Brooks Street presented an update of the Campus Bay clean-up efforts over the last two years. The Campus Bay site is owned by Cherokee Simeon Venture I, LLC (CSV). Brooks Street, A California-based real estate development and investment company, assists Cherokee Simeon with the development of the property. Campus Bay is an 87-acre property located south of Interstate 580, east of the UC Richmond Field Station. There was 100 years of industrial use on this site. Manufacturing operations ceased more than 10 years ago.

Currently, Brooks Street and CSV are working with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the City of Richmond, and the community to execute the environmental clean-up process. The key completion milestones thus far include:

- In 2007, a 3-year, \$12-million clean-up of East Stege Marsh, a 10-acre wetland located on the Richmond Shoreline. This provides a critical wildlife habitat.
- In March 2008, DTSC approved the Remedial Investigation on Lots 1 and 2.
- In June 2008, DTSC approved the Remedial Investigation on Lot 3.
- In August 2008, cleanup was completed on a portion of the Campus Bay site.

Moving forward, the next steps are turning Campus Bay into a resource for Richmond and a continued cleanup effort that includes completing the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) and the Feasibility Study (FS)/Remedial Action Plan (RAP). These processes are expected to continue through 2009. The new Campus Bay website is www.campusbayrichmond.com.

- 3. West Contra Costa Unified School District Parcel Tax:** Dr. Bruce Harter, Superintendent of the WCCUSD discussed Measure D, the parcel tax that will be on the November ballot. Measure D will allocate \$9.8 million to benefit classrooms across the WCCUSD. There will be no changes and no new taxes. Measure D is asking voters for a 5-year renewal of the existing parcel tax from Measure B. Homeowner's that are 65 or older may be exempt from the parcel tax **if** they file an exemption form with the WCCUSD. This form must be filed annually and must be received by WCCUSD no later than July 10th. Forms are available on the WCCUSD web site. There are approximately 4,895 senior exemptions. The funds from Measure D will focus on preparing students in the core subjects, libraries, computer training, after school programs, textbook funding, and keeping the schools clean and updated.

Some of the benefits thus far from Measure B funds include:

- Academic performance has increased
 - Expanding Arts programs with music, dance, orchestra, marching band, visual arts, etc.
 - 11 Career Academies
 - More emphasis on Advanced Placement Classes has helped
 - 10,000 students last year qualified for the Junior Achievement program
 - Many construction projects have been completed through out the WCCUSD
- 4. Contribution to Richmond PAL from MBNC:** By unanimous decision, it was voted to donate \$500 to the Richmond PAL
 - 5. 2008 Homefront Festival by the Bay:** Pat Kiely gave an update on this year's Festival that will take place on October 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The Festival was moved to Marina Way South. Entrance to the Festival is free, but the rides are not free. There will be tons of entertainment, including The Spinners on October 4th. Thus far, the food booths include BBQ, Thai, Chinese Dim Sum, Soul Food, Kettle Corn, Italian Ice, and Fried Fish. The committee is still working on getting a Health Food vendor as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Niccore Rapp, Secretary