

Minutes of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council

The March 9 meeting was called to order by MBNC President Stan Anderson at 7:35 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves. Stan then gave a short intro to why the MBNC exists and addressed how the MBNC is a liaison to the City on important projects, issues, etc.

Other MBNC officers in attendance: Pat Kiely, Vice President and Ruth Zablotsky, Secretary

Beat Officer's Report/Monthly Law Enforcement Report:

Our Beat 1 Cop, Officer David Longacre, reported the following neighborhood police activity:

- an auto theft at The Shores on Feb 19 on Lakeshore Court;
- a public intoxication arrest on Feb 26 in Melville Square;
- Amini's General Store had a strong arm robbery on Feb 26; Longacre said, however, that calling this a "strong arm" robbery was a stretch of the imagination as the person who was arrested was panhandling and roaming around the store opening bags of chips, etc. No one was hurt. The police were called, arrived quickly and arrested the man.

Asked about crime in the rest of Richmond, Longacre said that car thefts have increased.

Announcements

Stan made some general announcements about a city-wide book donation program, internet safety program at Nystrom Elementary, and spoke about what the Richmond Coordinating Council does.

Disaster Preparation

Stan stated that with only 3 roads in and out of greater Marina Bay, should a disaster happen, we'd likely be unreachable for a period of time by emergency responders, many of whom live in other Bay Area cities, thus the essential need for training and preparation of residents throughout the subdivisions. **CERT = Community Emergency Response Teams** are sponsored by the City to train and prepare residents. NOTE: this announcement and meeting were one day before the 8.9 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Thus, this is very timely.

Harvey Tai, of Anchor Cove Town Homes and CERT organizer for the neighborhood, reviewed training dates and classes for interested residents. The next training is at the Adult School, from March 29 – April 28, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. It is a series of 3 or 4 sessions. The City provides emergency equipment to participants after the training is completed. Concerned residents may also attend monthly meetings in our area on the second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 – 8:30. For the next CERT meetings, Angie Rowland of Tradewinds Sailing School, offered their space, after Harvey stated the CERT monthly meetings have been growing in size and they can no longer be held in people's living rooms.

CERT Classroom Trainings include:

- How to turn off utilities in a disaster
- How to take care of toxic materials
- How to stay in touch with neighbors

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- How to get pets registered
- How to suppress small fires
- How to perform triage
- Signposting to identify medical emergencies so emergency responders will know where to go first
- How to deal with our management companies
- What to store in each home
- How to use walkie-talkies and our local radio frequency because if electricity goes down, charging one's cell phone will be impossible and land-phone lines will likely be down too

Harvey said his next goal is to target local businesses and get them involved.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS VALUABLE PROGRAM, call Harvey on his cell....415-286-1085 or send an email to hctai@focalpointins.com.

PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE UNDERPASS PROJECT

Jacqueline Majors introduced herself briefly to the group but will be a speaker on next month's meeting agenda. She will provide answers, information, public relations, etc., about the underpass project for its entire duration. Going forward, she will come to our meetings regularly, to keep residents apprised of key items concerning the project. In the interim refer to the RELATED PROJECTS PAGE on our website for UNDERPASS information.

A new attendee at this meeting was John Hart, Senior Project Manager for Veolia Water, the company handling our neighborhood sewers. He spoke very briefly about the sewer relocation project in Marina Bay, and the installation of a pumping station during the underpass project (they are working directly with BKF Engineers on this). All work will be done seamlessly and will not affect residents. Veolia would also like to offer tours of their plant at 601 Canal Boulevard. NOTE: he also indicated their employees are all CERT trained and he would like to offer their assistance in helping to train neighborhood residents.

Our next meeting is April 13, and will include County Supervisor John Gioia speaking on county financial concerns, the aforementioned Jacqueline Majors, and Alan Wolken of the Richmond Redevelopment Agency.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ruth Zablotsky, Secretary
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