

Minutes of October 13, 2010
Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Barbara Norrish, Vice President

Self-introductions were done in the usual round-robin manner as the sign-in sheet was passed around to the larger than usual crowd.

Officer Rick Krug, our Beat 1 District Cop, provided an extremely short monthly report (due to evening's agenda) and related one recent incident of a car being broken into near Northshore Condos, on the street; a resident who heard it happening immediately called the police who quickly responded and arrested the perpetrator (who had the stolen goods with him). Officer Krug reminded everyone to remove GPS systems, laptops, anything else that is valuable and visible in the car, unless you are willing to have it stolen.

Sergeant Tod Opdyke was in attendance as well.

Richmond Mayoral Candidates Forum:

In alphabetical order: Council Member Nat Bates, Incumbent Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, John Ziesenhenné.

MBNC Vice President Barbara Norris gave each candidate 2 minutes to state why they are running for the office of Mayor.

Numerous questions were asked by the audience of the panel and the three candidates each had 90 seconds to reply in rotating order so that each one had an opportunity to answer first, second or third during the Q & A session. There were numerous questions about Richmond's budget, City Council behavior and how council meetings are conducted, education, development of new jobs and businesses, pension and health benefit escalations for City workers, Chevron, etc.

After the Question and Answer period, each candidate was given one minute to provide concluding statements to the audience. Ms. Norris thanked all the candidates.

Ms. Norris reminded the audience that a Bylaws Committee is needed and volunteers are invited to participate. A nominating committee is needed as well for the Council elections and, of course, candidates are needed to run for seats on the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Minutes submitted by Ruth Zablotsky, Secretary
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