

## **Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Minutes of June 10, 2009 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Virginia Finlay. Other officers present were Pat Kiely, Treasurer and Niccore Rapp, Secretary. As usual, self introductions of those in attendance were made. During this time, surveys were filled out for the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front Festival.

1. **Beat Officer's Report:** It was reported that there was a significantly low amount of calls for service. The call breakdown for the past 60 days:

- 1 Burglary
- 1 Car Theft
- 1 Domestic Violence Incident – **Suspect Arrested**

Concerns were expressed to the Beat Officer about speeding on Marina Bay Parkway. It was suggested that a radar sign is placed on Marina Bay Parkway. It was also suggested that speed bumps are considered for Marina Bay Parkway as well.

Virginia Finlay stated that at the last meeting she recently attended at the Richmond Police Department, it was said that Marina Bay is considered the safest place in the City.

Lastly, the question was asked if Richmond will be losing any Police Officers and the response was “no”.

2. **2009-2010 City of Richmond Budget Report:** City of Richmond Vice-Mayor Myrna Lopez and the budget staff presented information contained in the 2009-2010 Budget Report and Strategic Plan. Representatives from the various departments were present at the meeting including, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, Redevelopment, Library, etc. The highlights of the budget are as follows:

- The City has but back spending by not filling vacant positions.
- Richmond residents can expect City services **NOT** to suffer.
- There will be an increase in library hours, recreation hours, and the number of Richmond police officers.
- 187 new police officers have been approved and the goal is 200. The City would like to have 2 police officers per 1,000 residents.
- Two challenges facing the City budget are the property tax loan for over \$2 Million to the State of California that would be paid back to the City over 3 years and cuts of over \$1.9 Million to the fuel tax returns received by the City.
- Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the budget will be presented to the City Council.
- There is \$7.2 Million in paving projects.
- 34 police cameras have been installed throughout the City

- An additional 8 police officers have been added to the police department
- Civic Center City Hall has moved back into original building
- An \$88 Million contract has been made with Honda and the Port of Richmond

Next, staff members discussed the City's 5-Year Strategic Plan. The highlights are as follows:

- The goal of this plan to outline the City's priorities.
- The priorities of this plan include:
  - Infrastructure
  - Safe and Secure Community
  - Economic Vitality
  - Sustainable Communities
  - Effective Government
- The Strategic Plan will go before the City Council in September.
- The City is setting up a website to track the progress of each project in the Strategic Plan.
- Some of the Strategic Plan projects have already been started.
- Other goals include attracting and retaining businesses in Richmond and creating transparency in local government.

More Strategic Plan information can be found on-line at:  
[www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Finance/5YSBP](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Finance/5YSBP)

- 3. EL-DAC Update:** An update was provided by a representative of the EL-DAC committee:

  - There was a reduction of items from the original plan.
  - A fixed rate contribution by the City was established where the City would provide a 40% contribution and the residents would provide a 60% contribution.
  - There will be an advisory committee/commission established that consists of 5 out of 9 members being residents appointed by the HOA.
  - The Executive Board supports the Assessment.
- 4. Boilerhouse Restaurant Announcement:** The Boilerhouse restaurant in the new Craneway building (old Ford Motor Plant), is scheduled to open on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served and brunch on weekends. Information about upcoming Boilerhouse grand opening events can be found on their website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Niccore Rapp, Secretary