

## **Marina Bay Neighborhood Council Minutes of July 8, 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.

- 1. Beat Officer's Report:** Due to a sudden rash of crimes in the City, all officers were patrolling the streets and none were available to attend and deliver the Beat Officers report.
  
- 2. Richmond Plunge:** Richmond Plunge volunteer David Vincent discussed the current efforts for fundraising to complete work on renovating the Plunge. There is a matching grant program that now exists. The goal is to get at least \$500,000 in matching grants. David Vincent encouraged each member of the Marina Bay neighborhood to contribute at least \$1 each minimum and make a great impact. The Plunge was badly damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. A new feature of the renovated plunge will be a 160' x 60' indoor heated pool. It will be the most modern pool in the United States with ultra violet technology that will not have the effects of chlorine getting in the eyes or fading swimwear. On Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM there will be a tour to offer a sneak peek of the Plunge renovation and it is open to the public. There is also an award winning documentary that was produced about the Richmond Plunge and it can be ordered at [www.RichmondPlunge.org](http://www.RichmondPlunge.org).
  
- 3. Northern California Sea Scouts:** An update was provided by Jon Sargent on the Northern California Sea Scout program and the work being done in Richmond.
  
- 4. Street Camera Program:** Deputy Police Chief Ed Medina and Jon Sargent talked about the success of the Street Camera Program. Highlights of the program:
  - The design of the system took 2 years.
  - The system was collaborated with ADT Security Systems.
  - The camera system is very advanced.
  - The cost is approximately \$6,000 per camera.
  - The most expensive element is the wireless system that bounces information back to the police department. This also helps to keep the system safe and ensures that the system is only viewed by the Police Department.
  - Thus far, it has been a very successful system for the City.
  - The Shot Spotter is a separate, stand-alone system. The street cameras have the capability to work with many other technologies such as the Shot Spotter.
  - There is a separate 40 camera system at the Port of Richmond.
  - So far, 2 cameras have been damaged.
  - There is a life-span of 4 to 5 years on each camera.
  - The system has the capacity to hold up to 120 days worth of footage, but right now the system is only holding up to 90 days worth of footage.

Ed Medina also spoke briefly about the new License Plate Reader vehicles the City is using. There are two vehicles that have 4 cameras each. The vehicles find stolen cars by viewing license plates and running through the system. The reader retrieved 4 stolen cars on the first day out.

- 5. Assessment Ballot:** The ballots to vote on the Marina Bay Landscaping Assessment were mailed out. If a replacement ballot is needed or it was never received, contact Jenny Carter with Willdan Consulting Firm at (800) 755-6864.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Niccore Rapp, Secretary