

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, December 7, 2021  
515 Silver Avenue - North Richmond, CA 94801

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. Board members present were: Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Cark, Lily Rahnema, Dulce Galicia, Beverly Scott, and Princess Robinson. Annie King-Meredith was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The board members reviewed the agenda and the minutes. Princess motions to approve the agenda and minutes. Lily seconds, all are in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cardell Hindler/Richmond Resident, announces that the Richmond Rotary Club invites all to attend their weekly meeting, on December 17th.

The guest speaker will be Angel Montoy/Fire Chief of the Richmond Fire Department. Donations are twenty-five dollars.

Princess Robinson is preparing for Black History Month. She is reaching out to the board members to come to Verde School on February 9th. She is looking for storytellers to speak about the history of Richmond and North Richmond.

Don says absolutely, feel free to reach out, and we will go from there.

Cynthia Jordan would like to thank everyone for their donations toward the Senior Thanksgiving Event, it was a great success. She is overwhelmed by the support received from the North Richmond community. The list of supporters is as follows: CHDC, NRMBC, Lily, Princess, Stephanie, Marena, Dulce, Tania, Joe, Elenor, Latecia, Robert Rogers, and Eric Zell.

Holiday gift bags were passed out door to door at Casa De Manana/Oakley CA, and gift bags were sent to New Hope Church in North Richmond. Turkey dinners were provided by the Oakland Food Works, thanks to Ms. Florence for her continued support.

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PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Cynthia says since Tania came on board, the board members were requested to submit their bio's. Upon reading the bio's, Cynthia realized that the newly formed NRMAC board consists of very

strong individuals. We have some highly educated members. Individuals with knowledge of the world, through their travels, jobs, and education. Cynthia looks forward to working with these individuals, in their quest to pursue their goals in making N. R. a great community.

Don thanks Robert Rogers for the work that he has done with the NRMAC, over the last six years. Thanking him for his commitment to the community. He is moving on to another community but he will always have roots here with us. At the same time, we welcome Tania. She is a familiar face in the community. Looking forward to the energy and commitment that she brings with her to the community. Tania thanks Don, and says that she looks forward to working in her new position.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

(none)

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

(none)

#### PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Presentation on Corrine Sain Dedication by Donald Gilmore: Don reports that the board did approve to continue the effort to look into naming the Senior Center in honor of Ms. Sain. They are currently looking into what the signage would be, and he will bring the information back to the board. He will have more in the coming months to talk about what is being planned for that event. Cordell comments on Ms. Sain. He states that Corrine has been a true advocate for the N. R. community.

#### OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Tania Pulido, District Coordinator/Office of Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Tania invites everyone to the annual Verde School Holiday Party. This year's party will be presented virtually via Zoom. This year's theme is: What are you hopeful for in the New Year?

The party starts at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link information may be obtained by going to Supervisor John Gioia's website.

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#### OTHER AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED

Tania announces that there will be a clean-up tomorrow along Brookside Drive. There will also be abatement in the area. There is a lot of focus on Brookside Drive, because of the bad existing conditions.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC; Don reports that they are still trying to do the funding for the Legacy Court Project. The project consists of three lots on the city side of FJW. CHDC was successful in getting some funds from the county, toward that effort. CHDC is working with other organizations, trying to bridge the gap in funding.

The resource center improvement is closer to completion. The task force from the NRMAC board will be reconvening and moving forward with their planning.

Still have down payment assistance from CHDC for first-time home buyers. For people that are interested in buying a home, numerous financial plans are available. Have the down payment assistance, for electric and hybrid cars. Feel free to reach out for that as well. Continuing to work with the community. If Tony is here from Las Deltas He could report on any updates.

Henry asks did the City receive the funding for the upgrading of Shields and Reid Park. Don asks Tania to look into that and bring the information back to the NRMAC.

Victor Jimenez/Community Service Coordinator/Mitigation Fee Funded:  
Did a task force walk in N. R. Today was focused on Giaramita and Fifth Streets. Sent out N. R. news letters. Will put information on the website on how to dispose of waste products.

Princess Robinson/Corporation Richmond: Have a virtual webinar seminar, coming out every month. The next session will be held on December 16th. Basically if you are interested in developing or launching a corporate enterprise, seminar instructions are on coaching residents to develop a non-cooperative business. These businesses are structured to benefit the workers. Information will be sent out to Tania as soon as possible.

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#### OTHER AGENCY/REPORTS CONTINUED

Dulce, Richmond Land: Announces a N. R, Holiday/Xmas light display in N. R. The display is located on the corner of Market and 6th Street. The date for this event is December 15th, from one until six p.m. Santa will come down to Verde School, with his presents and music. Then there will be a procession via Giaramita to Sixth and Market to do the light display. Will do some Giaramita visioning, and will conclude with hot drinks, photo activities, screen printing and lot's of community holiday fun. This year's theme is entitled: Rooted in Home, the display will run from Dec. 15 thru 27. Along Giaramita there will be a display of signage and poems, for the people to look at.

Janie Holland announces December 18th and 19th, they will have Xmas food basket giveaway at the Senior Center, 515 Silver Avenue. The sign up process is presently closed. Janie gives a shout out to Mr. White for coming out and attending the NRMAC meeting at the Senior Center tonight.

Mr. White has a question, he used to live on the Countryside of N. R. and now he lives on the City side. He wants to know if Marena Brown will be starting up the council meetings any time soon. Marena says meetings will be starting up in January.

Princess says that there was an item on the agenda last month, about the proposed development next to the Urban Tilth Farm. There was a split vote on the item, wondering when they will be coming back to the NRMAC. The developers will be coming back to the NRMAC with more information at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022  
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
515 SILVER STREET  
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