

## **NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

515 Silver Avenue - North Richmond, CA 94801

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

### **Minutes**

\*Due to COVID-19 the meeting was accessible via Zoom to all members of the public.

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. Board members present were: Dr. Henry Clark, Lily Rahnema, Beverly Scott, Princess Robinson, Don Gilmore and Annie King Meredith.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

The agenda and minutes were reviewed by the board members. Don motioned to approve the agenda and the minutes. Beverly second, all are in approval.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (none)**

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY/REPORTS**

Lieutenant Tracy Mollenbernd/RPD: Reporting for the month of December 2020. Reports that there have been shift changes, within the department. Changes in the level of service have also been made. Lieutenant Tirona has been named the new Assistant Chief of the RPD.

Janie asked the Lt., who are the officers that are assigned to the N. R. Community. The officers are: Sargent Melgoza and Officer Pann.

Don asks, are there any written statistics to share? Lt. Mollenbernd says that he is filing in for an officer, and stats presently stats were not available. Dr. Clark says that he heard yesterday on the news about a 7/11 being robbed in CCC. That the suspects may have been from Richmond. Dr. Clark says that normally when the suspects are from Richmond, N. R. residents are apt to be suspected as committing the crime. Lt. Mollenbernd says that the robbery occurred in Bay Point.

Cynthia asked for an update on the homelessness situation. Answer: Michelle Millan is working with the homeless situation. Castro and 7th Streets, in N. R., has a large homeless population. Obviously, the COVID-19 situation is being taken into consideration, around the encampments.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED**

The main problem is enforcing the covid-19 mandates, that are in effect. The wearing of masks and social distancing. Crime around homeless shelters is extremely high.

**OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS**

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert thanks everyone for another successful Verde School Annual Xmas Event. Each child received two books, school supplies, and a tote bag that was provided by Chevron. Joe Pullido, Chevron, and Eric Zell were amongst the largest donors. Thanks to Janie from CHDC for helping to facilitate the event.

COVID-19 is rampaging thru-out the state, the county, and our country. Vaccine rollout has begun. The health department is getting vaccines to the inmates at the county detention facilities and to our most vulnerable. Hoping that we can return to normal life. Encourage people to get tested and vaccinated. Continue to be safe, wear a mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.

Henry asks if the higher grades started to attend Verde School. The answer is the 7th grade started last year, and the 8th grade this year.

Don asks will the Center for Health start giving out vaccinations. Don says that we will have the NRMAC retreat, as soon as we can schedule it.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: The Neighborhood LIFT Program & Down Payment is available, for potential home buyers. The program will start up on February 1, 2021. The program reduces out-of-pocket costs when buying a home. The program provides the potential home buyer with \$25,000, toward the purchase of a home. For those that are interested, you are encouraged to come to the CHDC office, to get educated and certified. Go to the CHDC website for more information.

Henry asks what's the progress on the resource center at Heritage Point. Don says that a company named Engeniud is being consulted.

Janie Holland, Community Engagement Specialists/CHDC: Janie is standing in for Falisa Orozco,(Community Coordinator). Announcing that the holiday season's food distribution was a great success. The event was held at the Senior Citizen Building in North Richmond. Four hundred and fifty families were served. A special thanks to Richmond Wholesale Meats, Arlington Architect Company, HK Architect and Chevron.

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FJW & 7th Street has been cleaned up. There was a lot of trash and abandoned cars. The property is located near the RR tracks, the agencies did not come out to help remove the trash. Although they were requested to do so. It was a combined effort from the Richmond Sanitary, City of Richmond Code enforcement, and local residents.

Annie wants to piggyback on Janie's report. She says that this certain piece of property has been discussed before. There is a large accumulation of trash, she is talking about heavy-duty trash. Furniture, tree branches, and an abandoned vehicle.

The accumulation of trash has grown from the front of the property, all the way to the back of the property. The location is near 1730/ FJW.

Princess asks Janie, are dumping vouchers still available. The answer is yes, come by the CHDC office for more details. Don asks if the dumping issues are being brought up at the mitigation meetings. The answer is yes. Dr. Clark asks are the meetings being held on Zoom. The answer is, yes they are.

Bishop Edwina Santiago, Director REACH Fellowship International: Bishop announces that they did a light cleanup at 1600 - 1800 FJW. They picked up light trash, in October and in December. There are still a lot of discarded tires on the properties. They passed out over 5,000 face masks, to residents and the homeless. Have been doing meals and distributing them to the seniors.

Cynthia asks about abatement pertaining to the littered properties, in the community. Janie says County has been contacted, and Andrew from the county is on the problem.

Lily Rahnema, Community Engagement Manager/Chevron Richmond: Lily announces the availability to apply for the ECIA Competitive Grant Program. This grant is funded through the Chevron Modernization Project Environmental and Community Investment Agreement, which was entered between the City of Richmond and Chevron.

The grant funds programs that support community, youth, and youth sports. Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations on an annual basis and awards will range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. For all questions or concerns regarding the ECIA Grant please contact ([eciagrants@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:eciagrants@ci.richmond.ca.us))

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Lily also announces the opening for accepting applications for the Chevron Black Employee Scholarship Program. Since 2004 the Chevron Richmond Black Employee Network (BEN) has awarded scholarships to deserving high school students from the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Henry asks will there be a celebration of the Black History Program this year.

That answer is not available at the moment.

Don Gilmore says that Chinyere Madawaki, Director for the NR Center for Health is here, he would like for her to update the NRMAC on the center. Chinyere was having difficulty connecting to the meeting, she presents later on during the meeting.

Don also states that he would like for Chinyere to make regular presentations to the NRMAC, pertaining to the status of the center.

Dr. Clark would like for the Service Integration Program, to make regular presentations to the NRMAC.

### **PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations**

Will Nelson, Principal Planner/CCC Planning Department: Mr. Nelson presents Envision Contra Costa 2040. Envision Contra Costa 2040 is a comprehensive review and update of the County's General Plan. The process began in late 2018 and the final document will be adopted this year.

The general plan serves as a constitution for decisions concerning land use planning and expresses a community's long-term vision for its future development. All decisions on planning matters (rezoning, subdivisions, use permits, etc.) must be consistent with the adopted general plan.

The existing plan is thirty years old. Since then there have been lots of new laws, it's time to update. Items such as land use maps, zoning codes, climate action plans, etc.

The community has the opportunity to voice their opinion on the planning. Workshops will be held in the communities, prior to finalizing the plan. Presently the planning department has met with, Richmond Land, Richmond Our Power Coalition, and Healthy Richmond. Ideas from Healthy Richmond's Roll Out Plan are being taken into consideration. NR is a disadvantaged community. Investments are prioritized. All heavy industry will be replaced with light industry.

**PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued**

Annie asks if the open space in N. R. is being taken into consideration. The Las Deltas site is to be determined. Mixed land use is planned along FJW., Market Ave. and Chesley. Priority for N. R., getting rid of heavy industry and bringing in business. The timing to adopt the plan is the end of 2022 and may go into 2023.

Questions and statements: Edwardo Martinez/Director Richmond Land says: N.R. has an interest in single-family housing, tiny housing, and shared housing. Should not be limited to commercial. Should focus on Market, Giarameta, and Chesley Streets. He states that N. R. is one of the areas that has affordable housing.

Kaprice James, says she has been learning about land development, and she is working with Richmond Land. She basically has the same interest as Edwardo. She feels like CCC is not meeting its housing needs. She also has an interest in affordable living solutions and land-use solutions.

For further information:

Will Nelson may be contacted at 925-674-7791 or [willnelson@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:willnelson@dcd.cccounty.us)

Chinyere Madawaki, Director/North Richmond Center for Health, COVID-19 Update:

The COVID-19 testing site is open for testing. The site has moved inside of the health center building, in the courtyard. The days and hours are, M-F 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. T W Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. The nurses are doing about 15 tests a day. It is being encouraged that you make an appointment. The roll-out of the vaccine is in effect at the Regional Medical Center in Martinez.

William Lu, Senior Vice President Development, Centerpoint Properties, and Eric Zell, Principal/Eric Zell & Associates: Presenting on the N. R. Warehouse Project, located at 506 Brookside Drive./FJW. Requesting approval of a development plan which includes:

Approval of minor subdivision tentative parcel map, in order to consolidate 20 parcels into 3 large parcels. Demolition of the existing structures, foundation, asphalt, concrete fence poles, and retaining walls. Potential build to suit tenants.

Construction of three tilt-up warehouse buildings, totaling 555,537 sq/ft.

Insulation of 129,719 sq/ft. Of landscaped areas.

438 auto parking spaces and 266 trailer parking spaces.

Off-site roadway/pedestrian improvements

**PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued**

Drainage improvements are on-site and off-site.

The annexation of one or more parcels into the W. County Wastewater District.

The annexation of subject parcels into Community Facilities District (CFD) 2010-1 formed for the Countywide Street Light.

Removal of (8) trees.

Grading of approximately 168,000 cubic yards (37,000 cut and 131,000 fill).

Soil remediation due to previous agricultural uses on site.

Project Issues: Aesthetic Visual/Air Quality/Biological Resources/Geologic, Seismic Noise/Traffic Circulation/Tribunal Cultural Resources and Water Quality.

One hundred percent solar investment. Will provide money to the county to implement solar projects.

Commitment to zero emissions from vehicles.

Consideration and within compliance with the local Verde Elementary School.

Goals:

Long term access holder-making property better. Investment in the community.

Promote local hiring.

Questions and comments: What type of tenant will occupy the property? Annie says the presentation is exactly like the first presentation, that was presented to the NRMAC. She appreciates that no changes or deviations were made. She also appreciates the union wages and the consideration toward the community.

Once the tenant is identified, will make another presentation to the NRMAC.

Action: Approve or disapprove project: Beverly move that we accept the presentation. Annie seconds, all are in favor. Passes.

Daniel Barth, Executive Director/Safe Organized Spaces: Continue to work on homeless sites located at Castro Street in N. R.

Carlos Lemus, Project Manager/Healthy Richmond: Still doing Youth Surveys and working on Vision for 2040 Project.

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Robert announces a job opening for the Mobile Tool Library. The pay is \$16.64 an hour.

This position is Mitigation Fee funded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting  
Tuesday, February 2, 2021  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
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