

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
515 Silver Avenue-North Richmond, CA 94801
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m., board members present were: Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Clark, Beverly Scott, and Annie King-Meredith. Junnie Tate Sugar was absent, due to a death in the family. We send out our deepest condolences and concerns to the Sugar family. May they have a safe trip, going and returning.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

There was not an agenda to be approved; at the last month's meeting there was not a quorum present. Although the meeting proceeded as usual, it was an informative meeting only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roxanne Carrillo Garza, MSW/Healthy Richmond Hub Manager: Roxanne made a presentation at the meeting, explaining that she was the local representative for the Healthy Richmond Office, located on 1452 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA 94801. She is also the Healthy Richmond Hub Manager, also a part of LISC Helping neighbors build communities. Roxanne has worked in this community in the past. She played a major role in this community, while working with the Healthy Communities Project, and the Healthy Communities for Public Health Project.

After adventuring upon several other careers, she is so elated to be back at work in the community. If you wish to welcome her back into the community, or just talk to her, she may be contacted at (510-307-5747).

REACH Fellowship made a presentation to Ltd. Moreland; an award of appreciation was presented to him. They were thankful for the support that he has given to them over the last couple of years. The CCC Sheriff's Department has made the REACH community based organization, feel welcome and safe in this community.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORT

Lt. Jon Moreland/CCC Sheriff's Department: Burglary has dropped slightly in the area. This statement was also announced on the Chanel Four Evening News. They said that perhaps crime was down, due to the efforts of the CEASE Fire Programs.

For the West County and North Richmond area, in the month of March 2013, there were (481) calls for service. There were (68) reports, (32) select crimes in North Richmond, for the North and West County the total was (94) reports, and (19) arrests were made.

As we know there has been a rash of home burglaries, and strong arm robberies in the community. The CCC Sheriff's Department is on the brink of stopping these crimes. They are applying direct and sticker enforcement toward the problem. Several arrests have been made, and six sets of fingerprints have been recovered. There seem to be a particular group of individuals that is responsible for the series of crimes. Lt. Moreland's Department works with the District Attorney Office on these cases.

The Sheriff's Department has provided funds to the Baseball League, to help obtain supplies, for the team. This month is National Destructive Driving Awareness Month. Please be mindful, when you text while driving. Encourage others not to send texts to individuals that are in the process of operating and driving a vehicle.

Officer Gordon/California Highway Patrol: During the first week of March a burglar was caught in the act of burglarizing a home. Officer Gordon will be adding an additional officer to help in patrolling the community. Officer Gordon spends a lot of time at the Shields and Reid Park; do to complaints, called in by the employees at the center.

For the Month of March 2013, (24) traffic tickets were issued. There were (10) parking citations issued, six vehicle impounds, and six vehicle recoveries, (36) verbal warnings, and six arrests. One arrest was for an outstanding warrant, the other was for evading an officer, and three were for driving under the influence.

People driving unregistered vehicles, will be given a verbal warning the first time they are stopped. The second time if you are stopped by a CHP Officer your vehicle will be impounded.

Shields and Reid Park will be undergoing a renovation this summer. Hopefully the CHP is recommending and pushing for a skate park. That would be nice for your youth. This community has a great need and demand of recreation activities, for the youths to participate in.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND /OR ACTION

NOMINATE and VOTE for OFFICERS for 2013-2014 for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. An election was held, among the board members, as a result Don Gilmore will continue on as chairman, and Dr. Henry Clark will be the vice-chairperson.

PRESENTATIONS

REACH Fellowship Update/Bishop Santiago, E.D., presents a report of their operations during the last year. The Bishop states that REACH has a mission to transform lives of residents, by providing job-training, employment and medical education. They are also here to support those in need, regardless of race, age, gender, and socio-economic background. Reach also provides a greater focus on assisting HIV/AIDS infected homeless and /or impoverished women by empowering them to become self-sufficient. They have made great progress, since they established their program in this community.

CHDC/Don Gilmore has worked briefly with the REACH s staff, in an effort to acquire a building located at 1722 Fred Jackson Way. Funding has been identified for the purchase of the building, upon approval work will start on the building in about three weeks. This building will be used to house one of the many programs that REACH has to offer. REACH is excited about this endeavor, and they will host an open house, at the appointed time. REACH also has received funding from the Healthy Richmond Initiative.

STEM Project Presentation/Angela Moore, Center for Human Development:

Angela comes before the MAC to present her youth group that she has been working with in the STEM Project. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This program is designed to tutor the youth in the sciences. It is intended to increase young minds into the higher educations. They will be learning biology, community gardening, environmental science, and technology.

The program received a grant in September 2012, from the Chevron Company; unfortunately the grant money ends in June 2013. All are welcome to come by the Shields and Reid Park, and review the projects that the youth have been working on.

West County Waste Water District Update/E. J. Shalaby: The waste water district was formulated in 1921, they are celebrating (90) years. The board of directors has adopted a master plan for the next (200) years. (\$100) million dollars will be invested into the intra structure, over the next five years. The administration and finance department is recommending a grant to replace the sewage pipes that runs to the streets.

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West County Waste Water District Update/E. J. Shalaby:

A foul and disturbing odor has been coming from one of the holding ponds, at the treatment plant, since December 2012. North Richmond residents have been having problems, in trying to locate the source of the smell. Complaints have been made, nothing has been resolved. At the meeting tonight, the source of the bad odor was revealed. The Waste Water Treatment Plant, has been aware of this problem from its origin. Jim Smith of the BAAQD was also aware of this problem. It appears that the City of Richmond sent over, some un-treated sewage materials to the North Richmond Plant (via) pipe-line. Thus far nothing has been done to dispose of the horrible smelling materials. The water district plans are, (to let nature resolve the issue). They also have plans to cap off the holding pond.

This action will create another Super-Fund Site in the North Richmond community. All of this does not sit too well with the residents of the community. The community feels like they should have been warned of this problem months ago. They feel like the water district is wrong in the actions that they took, by not alerting the community of the issue. Jim Smith is also wrong in his actions for not bringing this problem to the community's attention. Jim attends the MAC meeting almost every month. Jim Smith/BAAQD was asked to provide an environmental impact study of the (material that's being held) at the over flow pond, that's located at the treatment plant.

Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC)/Don Gilmore:

The week-end coming up will be the last day for free income tax preparation. Next month Don will give a presentation of the status of the Community Heritage Point Project. The community will be highly interactive in the planning procedures.

CHDC has submitted an application, for repairs on the Multicultural Senior Center Building, located at 515 Silver, Avenue. A study has to be made on the building, to decide what has to be renovated or re-modeled. Presently, we know that the roof is in need of repair.

Community Services Coordinator (Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR)

The Basket Ball League has ended for the season. One of our teams went to the championship play-offs. A banquet dinner is in the planning stage. Project Pride will be taking the lead on the Basketball Program, although it is implemented by the NHNR. Not only did they play basketball, the youths were involved in beautification projects, and eco workshops. The youths participated in environmentally based eco workshops, they learned community gardening, an environmental justice concepts. A workshop on tips and strategies, on how to plant flowers and other varieties of vegetation, will be upcoming, and will be held at the Shields and Reid Park. The issue of illegal dumping of old discarded tires in the neighborhood is still persistent. If you see any ill-legal dumping, please feel free to call Carla at (510) - 776-7568.

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Bay Area Air Quality Management District Update, Jim Smith: A workshop will be held at the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts in Richmond CA. The topic of the workshop is entitled “New Draft Rule for Refinery Emissions”. The date is 4/24/13 starting at 6:00 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend, committee support is needed. Projects to be worked on are: making regulations on the fence-line air monitoring, and of course refinery emissions.

Jim Smith is campaigning to push a senate bill: Senate Bill 691. He is in favor of this bill and urges everyone to write to Senator Hancock in the bills favor. The next hearing on this bill will be held at the State Capital on 4/23/13 or in May 2013, he is not sure of the exact date.

Jim Smith will return to next months MAC with a report and findings, pertaining to the problems that are occurring at the waste water treatment plant.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is welcome to attend the planning committee meeting, for the 4th Annual North Richmond Music Festival. The tentative date for the festival is July 20th, 2013.

Involvement of and by the community at the planning stage is of great importance. Hope to see you at the planning committee meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2013, 250 Chesley, located at the (old NHNR building), 5:00 p.m.,

Please contact Carla Orozco at (510) –776 7568. for more information. We need your support, come out and support what your community members are doing to help enhance and better your community.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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