

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, December 3, 2015
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 5:12 p.m. Board members present were: Don Gilmore, Aaron Morgan, Andrea Bailey, and Annie King-Meredith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

There are various corrections to the minutes of November 13, 2015. 1) On top of page 8, John Steere work at the “CCC Watershed Program” rather than “CCC Wastewater”. 2) The Watershed Program will not be creating a crew for on land clean-up’s “but rather they are shifting existing budgeted to fund community-based on-land cleanup team(s); and they 3) are not “in the process of seeking money for funding of clean-up projects, “but” in the process of issuing a request for proposals to establish a community based on-land cleanup program.”

Board member Annie M. King makes correction on page two, fourth paragraph. Annie says that she sat for an hour not an hour and a half. It was two hundred and forty eight cars that ran the stop sign, instead of forty cars.

Andrea Bailey makes correction on page four, sixth paragraph. She implies that her name was misspelled. It should be Bailey instead of Baily. On page seven the fourth paragraph, pertaining to a stipend for Ms. Sain, it should be \$75.00 a session, not \$75.00 an hour.

After all corrections were made, the agenda and the minutes were motioned to be accepted by Annie, second and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linetta Cooper/Community Resident stated that the members of the NRMAC board needed a microphone at the table. Don stated that public comment was not the proper time to make that suggestion.

Andrea Bailey/Chevron announces that Chevron has an entry level training Regional Occupational Program (ROP). This is being sponsored by the CCC Office of Education in Partnership with Chevron. The two trainings that are being offered are: Industrial Maintenance Mechanic (IMM) and Process Plant Operator (PPO).

All interested students should attend an informational session to learn about the ROP courses and related careers. Information will be presented about the enrollment process and required assessment. Students must meet the following criteria: At least 18 years old, possess a high school diploma or GED, pass a basic math and reading comprehension assessment, have a valid CA driver's license. For questions, call the program hotline at: (925) 942-3467.

Willard Lewis of the North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church announces the Shred Event, Saturday, December 12th, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1427 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. Yates/CCC Sheriff's Department: Lt. Yates reports for the month of November 2015. There were 408 calls for service, forty reports, ten arrest, twelve assault with deadly weapons, and four homicides.

There was a shooting at Sunset Market, located on the corner of Chesley Ave, and 5th Street. One person was pronounced dead as a result of the shooting.

Lt. Yates reports that he had his people come out and monitor the stop sign, that board member Annie has concerns about.

There is a new resident officer in the community, Officer Christine Hunter. She will be introduced at the next NR MAC meeting. The sheriff department will have another officer in place by January. The event, Shop With a Cop will take place December 15, 2015.

Board member Aaron asked about the shootings, which have recently taken place in the neighborhood.

Lt. Yates stated that they are working on solving the crimes. He also says that there was a stabbing on Market Street the other night. There is an on-going rivalry among the shooters.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONTINUED

Lt. Yates/CCC Sheriff's Department: Lt. Yates announces that there is a new program within the department entitled the (P7) program.

Board member Don Gilmore asked how coordinated is the CCC Sheriff's and the CHP. Lt. Yates says that he cannot speak for the CHP.

Don asked if Supervisor John Gioia has talked to the city manager, about trying to do some type of in-depth coordination with the CHP and the CCC Sheriff's Department.

Board member Aaron asked what are they doing to establish a relationship with the community. Board member Annie stated that in the past, they would often meet with Lt. Moreland.

Robert Rogers stated that Supervisor John Gioia is working hard in conjunction with others, trying to replace those deputies that we lost. Board member Annie says that a CCC Sheriff's Department officer named Cerrita, (she used to patrol in North Richmond) is being transferred to the RPD, and she is looking forward to coming out to the North Richmond community.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Mark Howe on potential new business in North Richmond: Mark Howe is a business man in North Richmond. He brought the old Rheem Plant in 1998. Currently he has purchased a piece of property located at 2200 Central Street, North Richmond, CA.

Mr. Howe plans on locating a development plant on the property. There are existing buildings, on the property and he plans on remodeling those buildings into a production plant.

Board member Annie asked Mr. Howe if he still was the owner of the Rheem Plant. He answered yes and that he has about three hundred employees at that site.

Question was asked, how a person get employs at Mr. Howe's company. He stated that they used to have the First Source Hire, it did not work out.

Board member Andrea asked about the proposed building, that he is going to re-hab. What would the rental cost be. He answered about \$10.00 per square foot.

Stan Hakes, Executive Director of Recyclemore, community welcome introduction: Mr. Hakes introduces to the NR MAC an agency entitled (recyclemore). Recyclemore is a local government agency officially known as The West Contra Costa Integrated Management Authority/ (WCCIWMA).

It is a joint agency created by the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo, and Contra Costa County CA, charged with making sure the region is in compliance with CA State Law "AB939", which mandates reducing the amount of material going to landfill by 50%.

Mr. Hakes would like to make sure that all post material of recyclables are taken out of the neighborhoods. He would like to show his face in the participating communities, and make his self-known. He says that he is trying to work and help the neighborhood.

Sal Vaca of RICHMONDWORKS on employment and training opportunities associated with solar field project: Mr. Vaca announces that Richmond Build are now recruiting for their upcoming training program. They are offering free construction and HAZMAT job training for Richmond and San Pablo residents. Participants have the opportunity to be trained and certified in the following positions: HAZ Whopper 40, OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR, Construction and more. Energy Sufficient Certificates will be issued.

To qualify you must: be a Richmond or San Pablo resident 18+ years old. Have a high school diploma or GED, Have a valid CA driver's license (no DUIs), Have a social security card/right to work status. Pass basic math and reading test. Pass agility and fitness test. There are upcoming employment opportunities for the Solar One and the Chevron Modernization Projects. Classes start January 11, 2016. Please call (510) 621-1780 to reserve your seat or sign up at the One Stop Career Center (330 25th Street, Richmond, CA.

Board member Aaron asked: how many slots do they have available. The answer is that they have (30) slots available per class.

Cynthia Jordan/Community Resident: Cynthia announces that there is a need for a four way stop sign at the intersection of York Street and Alamo Ave. Recently there was a tragic accident, at that intersection. Over the years there have been fatal accidents at that location. Community residents asked her to present this issue to the NR MAC board.

Board member Annie stated that this issue was looked into years ago. One side of the street is County and the other is City of Richmond. Chairperson Don Gilmore asked about the traffic patterns in North Richmond. He also stated that there are several areas in North Richmond that are county and city. Don asked does the board need to recommend this issue to Supervisor John Gioia, to get a study of some type of a plan of action. This request will be looked into.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSTION AND/OR ACTION

Randy Figueiredo/Discuss AND MAKE recommendation REGRDING PROPOSED PRODUCTION FACILITY AT 775 Brookside Drive: Mr. Figueiredo announces that he is looking at developing the property at 775 Brookside Drive, North Richmond, CA. The proposed facility is entitled the Nanawall Production Facility. They will be manufacturing folding and sliding window products. This facility will primarily be doing assembly work. They will be putting the pre-cut product together. They already have one building on the site. They are looking to expand the operation. The company is growing/work is steady. The majority of their employees are long time employees. They have grown with the company.

Board member Aaron asked if they will be doing any more hiring. Chairperson Don Gilmore stated that we are trying to get training and get people connected to jobs. Don stated that we will probably be reaching out to them about jobs.

Robert Rogers states that we need an approval or disapproval from the board members, about this company expanding their operations.

Don says that he is looking for a percentage of their First Source Hiring to look at North Richmond Residents as possible employees.

The NR MAC board recommend that they be part of the hiring process, and motion in favor that the company move forward. This motion was first, second, and approved.

DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding MR MAC 2015-16 budget allocations.

A two year budget for the NR MAC was passed two months ago. Last month an amendment was made toward the recommendations. Now there is some type of discrepancy, Lloyd Madden/Director of Neighbor Hood House of North Richmond express concerns, because he had created his budget for NHNR, thinking that NR Mac would be allotting him \$1,200 for use and rental of the facility, 515 Silver, Richmond, CA , where the NR MAC meetings are held.

Originally the board was intending to compensate Ms. Sain for her overtime, for keeping the building open during the NR MAC meetings.

It was stated if we do give Ms. Sain a stipend for her overtime during the meetings, it would be created out of another portion of the budget. Chairman Don Gilmore states that Ms. Sain, is a full time employee of NHNR and does not get paid for being here overtime.

Board member Annie suggest that they do a closed session on the issue.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CONTINUED

DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding NR MAC 2015-16 budget allocations:

A motion was made to have Chairman Don Gilmore speak to Mr. Madden about his statement pertaining to the budget. This motion was second and agreed upon.

Board member Aaron recommends that we have some type of fund raising event.

Chairperson Don Gilmore recommend that we have our retreat to discuss things. A date will be scheduled in the future, perhaps in February of 2016.

OTHER AGENCY /PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports that Supervisor John Gioia has been working hard on the Verde School Hoodie and Book Drive. They have received a ton of support from the community. Seven thousand dollars is their goal, and they are well on their way to achieving that goal.

A party celebrating the event, will be hosted: December 9, 2015 at the Supervisor's office, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. You are also welcome to bring a kids book or a donation in the form of a check (if you care to).

Fred Jackson's brother will be acting as Santa Claus this year.

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: Don announces that they are still in the process of acquiring funding for the Heritage Point Development. The proposed plan includes (42) apartments and a healthy food store. The Cap and Trade application is due in February of 2016.

Another proposed project the Legacy Court, which will consist of (43) units, to be located at Fred Jackson Way, between Duboce Ave. and Willard Ave. That project is coming along as scheduled.

They are working with the CCC Housing Authority to come up with a plan for the Las Deltas Housing Units. The NR MAC want to see if they can get Supervisor John Gioia to define exactly what's going to happen to the Las Deltas Housing Units? It is time to look at that issue again.

Home buyers workshops are being conducted every other month. They are working with the City of Richmond to help people renovate homes.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Carla Orozco-Community Service Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla announces that the North Richmond Green Newsletter (January Edition) is being developed. A planning committee is being formed to help organize the 6th Annual North Richmond Green Festival, which is scheduled for April 2016, in light of Earth Day.

North Richmond Green Team Project (Community Program): Youth and adult residents were organized to participate in prep work for the second phase of development of the native plants garden at the Family Services Center community garden. The prep work took place on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. About (20) residents participated.

Five resident workers known as Eco Captains, Eco Cadets, or Eco Ambassadors are scheduled to lead a native planting project at the Neighborhood House of North Richmond Multicultural Senior and Family Services Center on Thursday, December 3, 2015. The resident workers will teach (20) youths known as Eco Scouts how to properly plant about (50) native plants in the community garden.

Board member Annie asked Carla, due to the heavy rain that took place today, did their projects for the day get washed out. Carla say's no, there was a break in the weather.

Board member Aaron asked Carla: is there a Twilight Basketball League this year. Carla said no, but that sounds like a good idea.

Rochelle Monk/City of Richmond –Love Your Block: Ms. Monk announces that the Love My Block program is focusing on the area of Chesley Ave. and around Kelsey Avenue., in North Richmond. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. On December 15, 2015, the Love Your Block Grant Closes.

Annie King/NR MAC Historical Committee: Annie says that she has spoken to Lloyd Madden about being on the committee. There are several other North Richmond residents that she wants to participate on the committee. To name a few: Ms. Watson, Mr. Ellison, Joe Barrett, NR MAC members, Doug Harris, Robert Rogers, Jessie Slocum, Cynthia Jordan and Donald Hampton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is hosting a fair well party Chief Chris Magnum. The party will be on December 22, 2015, at the Hilltop Mechanics Bank. Everyone is invited to attend,

Meeting adjourned at: 6:50 p.m. **Next meeting:** January 7, 2016 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
515 Silver Ave. Richmond, CA

