

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 7, 2016
515 Silver Avenue – North Richmond, CA 94801
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Un-official Minutes/Lack of Quorum

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. Board members present were Beverly Scott, Annie King-Meredith. Board member LaShanda Tate arrived shortly after roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda was reviewed, not approved for lack of a quorum. The minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting, for lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director, Northern California Asthma Project/Breathmobile:

Mary reports on the 2015 end of year report. They served (17) schools last year and had (450) visits to the van. All statistics showed a decrease in ED Visits, Hospital Admits, and School Absences.

In NR they served (3) schools and had (115) visits. School absences went from 32% to 16% after visiting the van. There were 56% female and 44% male participants. The average age of the clients was seven years old.

Incentives were given out; all children received a \$5 Target card for each visit. Free flu vaccines were given to twenty four people. Economic Development, Jalin, Rebecca, Leslie, Houg were hired and Cynthia Jordan received stipends for an intern position/community relations for the (94801) zip code area.

For 2016, there will be an increase of interns for Richmond and Oakland. Helms Middle School will be added on as a mobile van site. This year there will be an earlier start on flu vaccines.

The asthma project also partners with the Contra Costa County Medical Reserve Corps.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Deputy Hunter and Deputy Mike Parrish/Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department:

Deputy Hunter and Deputy Parrish are the new deputies assigned to the NR community. They are reporting for the month of December 2015. There were a couple of assaults with deadly weapons and one homicide. There was a shooting in El Sobrante that is closely related to the North Richmond shootings. There were (400) calls, and four service calls in December. You may call this non-emergency number for questions or concerns, the number is (925) 646-2441. A new position in the department has been allocated with the funding from the P6 program. The officer will be introduced at the next NRMAC meeting.

Board member Beverly Scott asked if the increase in staff is related to the increase in violence and is the staffing increase a part of a long time emergency plan. The answer is that all the actions are according to available funding.

Lt. Whitney/RPD: Reporting for the month of December 2015. Lt. Whitney will be leaving the department in February 2016. Lt. Eric Smith will be replacing him.

Two funerals were held during the week. One was held yesterday and the other was today. Today's funeral was a double funeral. The young man that got shot, his mother died two days prior of natural causes.

These shootings are gang related. Every available law enforcement agent is involved with these cases. The FBI, CCC Sheriff's, etc. are working on these cases. It appears that once a funeral is settled and over, the violence starts up again.

There were (14) arrest, six guns confiscated and \$20,000 was seized, pertaining to this surge of violence. Four warrants for four more gang members will be issued. If you hear any gun fire in the area, you are urged to call in to the RPD. The non-emergency number is (925) 233-1214.

Board member LaShanda asked who will be replacing, departing Chief Chris Magnus. The answer is that the replacement will be from within the department. Presently Chief Alwen Brown is intern chief.

Sargent Parker was introduced at the meeting. She will be working Beat Five/Southern District. She will be on duty, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Officer P. Chou was introduced at the meeting, an additional officer that will be working Beat Five/Southern District. There will be an officer assigned to Beat Five (24) hours. Officer P. Chou will be present at the NR MAC representing the RPD. It is requested that Officer Chou be present at the Shield's and Reid Neighborhood Council. Contact info: pchou@richmondpd.net

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Mark Howe and Shana Bagley/DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding MSH Properties proposed development at 2200 Central Street, Richmond, CA.: In November 2015, Mr. Howe purchased the 2200 Central Street property. The property consists of 5.81 acres. The property has two structures, and they plan on re-modeling and re-building the structures. The project is planned for light industrial. They are making their presentation tonight, in hopes that the NRMAC board is in approval of their plans.

Work has already started on the project. The landscape is being improved. So far palm trees have been installed. They are in the process of working on the storm water plan. They will be widening the road at the entrance of the project.

The NRMAC sees no negatives toward the plan. There is no throwback to the proposed plan.

Board member Annie comments that this is part of the community redevelopment plan, and that they are being community friendly.

Mary Frazier asked if the property was going to house residential units, because someone mentioned something about condos. It was explained to Mary that each proprietor would own their own unit, and everything else is condo shared. For instance the parking area or reception area, etc.

Board member LaShanda asked about locking in the type of business that will be on the property. In other words, what is being presented to the NR MAC will be developed accordingly.

Cynthia Jordan asked about the Environmental Impact Report on the soil at the location. It was stated that the soil was cleaned up in 1991 by the former owners. Recently a ground water test results were tested clean and above the recommended water level.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports that the Hoodie/Book Drive, hosted at the Verde Elementary School, during the holiday season was a great success. Over 320 hoodies were distributed. Each child received books and hoodies. He states that Verde is a historic school; it has great parent participation and good student performance. There was a surplus of books left over. These books will be donated to Project Pride. As an extra surprise, the Steam Fitters Union donated toys.

The installation of electrical outlets at the medium, locate on Fred Jackson Way, is close to becoming a reality. Eleanor Thompson of Social Inc., has been working on this project for five years. With the help of Robert Rogers and Supervisor's John Gioia's Office the project should be completed soon.

Carla Orozco/Neighborhood House of North Richmond-Mitigation Fee Funded: Carla reports that the North Richmond Green Newsletter (January Edition) has been completed and approved for distribution.

A planning committee has been formed to help organize the 6th Annual North Richmond Green Festival/Earth Day Celebration. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Location NHNR Multicultural Senior and Family Service Center.

Five community workers known as ECO Captains, Eco Cadets, or Eco Ambassadors lead an eco-workshop at the Shield's and Reid Community Center on Thursday, December 17, 2015. The community workers taught 35 youths, known as Eco Scouts about community gardens and their relationship to community health and illegal dumping prevention.

On Thursday, January 7, 2016, (38) resident volunteers worked together to build a pathway and to spread mulch in the native plants garden at the Neighborhood House of North Richmond Multicultural Senior and Family Services Center community garden.

An application was submitted by NHNR for the "Love Your Block Grant."

NHNR submitted an application for a community based "On-Cleanup and Outreach Program." In the proposal eight partners and two potential sub-contractors were included to participate in the program.

Board member Annie stated that trash that's disposed of onto the streets of North Richmond, is being failed to be picked up. She asked where is Terrance that works on the Hot Spot Crew. That is a team of sanitary workers that picks up illegal trash in the neighborhood. It is also suggested that gardening work be done on the flower planters/ located on Fred Jackson Way.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Tannia Pulido and Louis Chavez/Urban Tilth Garden Project: Tania reports that she is no longer the community engagement person for the farm. She has been working on the garden project at the end of First Street. There has not been much activity at the garden, due to the wet weather. There are garden events scheduled for April, May and June of this year.

Louis reports that he is a co-worker and Farm-head at Verde School. He works with Ms. Meza at the location. He has also been working out at the proposed Urban Tilth Farm. He states that they have pulled up an enormous amount of black berry bushes at the farm. The berry bushes were sent to the waste disposal facility and will be made into compost. They have been disposing of the huge amount of discarded concrete at the farm. They had the help of a local volunteer. It was suggested that they take advantage and seek assistance from the local concrete recycling company (Ghilotti Bros) located across the street from the farm.

In the past soil test were taken at the farm, recently a second test is being conducted.

Guadalupe Morales/Love Your Block: The deadline for the Love Your Block Grant was December 15, 2015, it is currently closed out. A survey was sent out pertaining to the Love Your Block Program, they will use the results in their planning in the future.

Currently they are working on a video for the Tool Lending Bank. They will be hooking up with the City of Richmond Public Library, and will lend out tools based on the library's book lending system.

Board member Annie asked if January 20th was the announcement date, for the applicants that will be awarded a grant from Love Your Block. Twenty four applications were submitted for the grants.

Annie King-Meredith/NRMAC History Committee: Annie states that they will be doing a documentary about their progress in Richmond. In February the history committee will start meeting and developing plans.

Bishop Edwina/REACH Fellowship: REACH has moved from 325 Chesley Ave. to the Las Deltas Housing Projects. They are now located at the corner at 50 W. Silver, that's at the corner of W. Silver and First Streets. They will be developing a café at the site, similar to the Delancy Street Project. They also will be doing POD-Cast broadcasts, which will eventually float on to a local radio station. Board member Annie went to visit REACH and was very impressed by the staff and set-up of the establishment.

Meeting ended at 6:57 p.m.

