

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

515 Silver Avenue – North Richmond, CA 94801

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at 5:06 p.m. Board members present were: Beverly Scott, Andrea Bailey, Dr. Henry Clark and Annie King-Meredith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda and minutes were reviewed. There was one correction to the minutes. A correction on page seven, first paragraph. It reads as follows: Annie has made contact with Taylor Lee. Should read: Annie has yet to make contact with Taylor Lee.

Board member Beverly accepts the agenda and the minutes with submitted changes. All are in approval and acceptance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Director Northern California Breath Mobile: Staff of the asthma program attended World Asthma Day, at Jack London Square in Oakland today. They were able provide outreach information, and services at the event. Mary thanks Cynthia Jordan and Keiko Barfield for representing the asthma program at the North Richmond Earth Day Celebration. The asthma van continues to service the children at Verde Elm and local schools in the area.

Bishop Edwina Santiago/REACH Fellowship Outreach: Bishop reports that Belinda of their program had surgery and is doing well. She sends out a special thank you to everyone for their participation on Earth Day.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Officer Chou/RPD: Officer Chou reports that she is the beat officer on the weekends. North Richmond has been fairly quiet. There was an assault on an individual at Duboce Avenue. The victim is in critical condition. There has been a rash of vehicle thefts in Central Richmond.

A citizen complains about a problem with abandon vehicles. They can't get the tow company to pick them up. Office Chou responded that RPD are allowed to call in tows for the recovery of stolen vehicles.

If you have any problems, you may call into the (510) 223-1214 non-emergency RPD number. Crimemapping.com is available to the public.

Lt. Yates/CCC Sheriff's Department was unable to attend tonight, he will attend next meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONTINUED

Officer Chou/RPD: Officer Chou says that as far as the signage problem in the community is concerned: The Lt. from the CCC Sheriff's Department said that he would address the issue. Officer Chou says that she made contact with Tim Higaes/Richmond Public Works. He will be attending next months meeting.

Dr. Clark requested that the CCC Sheriff's Department give report on the traffic condition, in the community. The NRMAC board members are requesting that a representative from the California Highway Patrol be in attendance at up-coming NRMAC meetings.

PRESENTATIONS

Mary Halle and Jon Suemnick/CCC Public Works Department, Area of Benefit Plans:

Mary and Jon gave an AOB presentation, describing projects that the county are looking forward to funding in the coming years, namely Fred Jackson Way and Chesley Avenue improvements.

Ms. Halle states that while preparing their plans, they ran into problems, with North Richmond being city and un-incorporated. They are only able to make plans for the un-incorporated areas of North Richmond. It is up to the City of Richmond to fulfill projects in the city areas of North Richmond. Ms. Halle also announced that they did not get funding for sidewalks improvements on Fred Jackson Way.

The following projects are being proposed: Construction of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure on Fred Jackson Way from Grove Avenue to Brookside Drive. Staff will consider adding a project to include access to Verde Elementary School from the north. A project will be added to the AOB list to implement a truck route. Signs have been installed on Fred Jackson Way and Chesley Avenue, indicating weight limits. Staff will continue to look for a truck route alternative. Traffic calming measures at the intersection of Chesley Avenue and Fred Jackson Way will be added to the project list. Traffic calming measures will also be considered along Market Avenue.

Ms. Halle stated that Project NR1 on the Project List proposes an additional lane on Richmond Parkway, to reduce congestion on the regional route which should reduce traffic on Fred Jackson Way. The addition of a lane on Richmond Parkway will improve the level of service for vehicles and discourage drivers to exit Richmond Parkway and use residential streets to bypass restrictions. Ms. Halle says that it is not up to the Public Works Department to determine if speed bumps are needed in the community. In the county there is a Neighborhood-Traffic Management-Program, which is a guidance document for residents to follow a process to ensure that the right traffic calming feature is considered for their neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program can be found at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/388/Neighborhood-Management-Program.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

***Item(A) has been moved up on the agenda.**

Eric Aaholm/DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding North Richmond Network recommended endorsement of the Richmond Kids First Initiative: Eric announces that this is a Measure on the ballot of the up-coming election in the City of Richmond.

The City of Richmond will be establishing a specific fund for youth and family, age zero to twenty-four. Over the course of ten years funding will be building up. At that point about 4.3 million dollars would be available for the program. Taxes in Richmond would not be increased. A portion of the city's general fund would be set aside. This measure would require the city to spend 3 percent of budget on youth programs. Un-incorporated children in North Richmond would benefit from the program, per Supervisor Gioia's input in crafting it.

Board member Annie states that this program has been a great success in North Richmond. Children have been able to go camping every year for the past several years, as a result of the Richmond Kids First Initiative. REACH Fellowship and the 4J's Café have partnership with the program. This year a full week of summer camping is being offered to the local children.

Board member Dr. Clark asked the board do they entertain a motion to support and indorse the initiative. Board member Annie first the motion, Board member Beverly second and all was in approval.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Presentation of NRMAC for career service award to Annie King Meredith: Supervisor Gioia made a special appearance to help with celebration and proclamation for Annie King Meredith's 50 years of service. Local North Richmond native, Annie was recognized for her service to the community. Annie has worked for the betterment and improvement of this community, ever since she was a teenager. Over the years she has continued to contribute her specialized services. She is especially accredited for her documents on the history of North Richmond. Annie is indeed appreciated in this community. A generous thank you goes out to Annie, for her dedication toward this community.

John Steere, CCC Watershed/ Clean and Green Program: Mr. Steere announces in the next three years the program will utilize \$300,000 in funding. The program will hire community residents and community based organizations in North Richmond. They will work at community cleanups and build trash resiliency. The program will focus on trash in the creeks in North Richmond and trash in the streets of North Richmond. Neighborhood House of North Richmond and REACH Fellowship have been chosen to be participants in the program.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Akeele Carter of Chevron on the Local Hire Program: Ms. Carter gives presentation about available jobs and programs for North Richmond residents, thanks to Chevron Modernization Project. Ms. Carter is the local hire coordinator at the Chevron Refinery. A job training project for local residents is set to take place this summer, for eighteen to twenty four months.

For more information you may contact Ms. Carter at: akee@chevron.com

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A motion was presented by board member Andrea Bailey to put item (6B), on the agenda over until next month due to time constraints. This item pertains to the renaming of the Multicultural Senior Citizen Building in honor of director Ms. Corrine Sain. Board member Dr. Clark motioned the item, it was seconded and passed.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Roger/Deputy Chief, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Mr. Roger reports that there will be volunteer community work at the First Street Garden this Saturday, from ten to twelve. All are welcome to come out and participate in this fabulous community garden project.

Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-Funded/Neighborhood House of North Richmond: Carla reports on the North Richmond Green Outreach/Mitigation. She says that additional steps have been taken to coordinate the creation of new designs to install new north Richmond Green Banners on the main street of Fred Jackson Way. A new quote has been received by the Left Side Printing Company, a Richmond based company, to create the new designs and artwork for the banners.

The next Mitigation Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers in Richmond CA.

The 6th Annual North Richmond Green Festival and Earth Day Celebration attracted many community volunteers to clean-up the Wildcat Creek in North Richmond. In total, 18 bags of trash and debris totaling 132.5 pounds were collected. Additionally, 5 tires, 1 shopping cart, and one “old lady” shopping cart were removed totaling 163 pounds. The grand total weight of trash and debris that was removed from the creek was 295.5 pounds. Participants of the North Richmond Green Little League Program came out to help with the development of Verde Partnership Community Garden located at Verde Elementary School.

ORTHER AGENCY /PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Carla Orozco – Mitigation Fee-funded/Neighborhood House of North Richmond

A training was held Monday, May 2, 2016 for the 2nd Cohort of the North Richmond Green Team Project. Community workers will lead an Eco Workshop at the Project Pride Community Center on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. The workers will teach the children/aka Eco Scouts about (how recycling/waste reduction efforts can contribute to illegal dumping prevention in the community.)

Carla also reports that on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 community workers will lead a native planting project at Project Pride Community Center. Resident volunteers will work together to install native plants, mulch, and to build a fence around the plants to assist with the development of a community Native Habitat Garden and the center.

Carla reports that Neighborhood House of North Richmond is in the process of compiling a final report along with supporting documents to submit to the City of Richmond for the Love Your Block Grant, which was approved to provide support for the 6th Annual North Richmond Green Festival and Earth Day Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday May 7, 2016 the Senior Multicultural Center, located at 515 Silver Street, Richmond CA, will be hosting a chicken and fish fry diner. The cost for a chicken dinner is \$9.00 and fish is \$10.00, and \$13.00 for a combo. All proceeds will go toward senior activities at the center. For more information you may call Ms. Sain at (510) 232-3511.

On June the 4th, a flea market will be held at the Multicultural Center, located at 515 Silver Street, Richmond CA . All proceeds will go toward the senior activities at the center. For more information you may contact Ms. Sain at (510) 232-3511.

The Mitigation meeting has been changed to Friday June 3rd.

FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NRMAC retreat is set for 9 am Friday, May 13, at 1450 Marina Way South, Richmond CA
Thanks to Andrea Bailey for providing the space, snacks and lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p. m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday , June 7, 2016 / 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
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Johh Steere of County Watershed on Clean and Green Program