

## **NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

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 5:05 p.m. as an unofficial meeting. At 5:15 a quorum was present and the meeting became official. Board members present were : Don Gilmore, Beverly Scott, Annie King-Meredith and Dr. Henry Clark.

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

The agenda and minutes were reviewed and approved by the board members.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Frazier, Director/Northern California Asthma Program/Breathmobile: Mary announces that the program continues to serve children in the North Richmond community.

The University of California/ San Francisco, recently conducted a study on related issues of asthma. Unfortunately Afro-American children were not included in the study. The people that conducted the study, said that in the future they will include more Afro-American children in their asthma related studies.

This issue was brought to the attention of the local media. T V Station KQED interviewed the parties that were involved in the study and aired the interview on their television station. Mary will e-mail links to the interview, to any one that is interested in reviewing it.

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

Lt. Yates/CCC Sheriff's Department: Lt. Yates reports for the month of May 2016. He states that there was an increase in crime in the neighborhood. Two homicides occurred in the area. There were (441) calls for service, thirty four reports and eleven arrests were made.

Board member Dr. Clark asked Lt. Yates: In terms of major events does there look like there is going to be a break thru on the homicide cases. Lt. Yates stated that he is not at liberty to comment on the cases, they are still under investigation. He also says that the department does have a good record of crime solving in North Richmond. Lt. Yates stated that in 1993 there was twenty four homicides reported in North Richmond.

Officer Chou/Richmond Police Department: Officer Chou reports for the month of May 2016. Officer Chou reports if you see any suspicious activity in the area, please feel free to call it in to the department. There were several armed robberies in the community. They were mainly related to property crime and auto burglary. Officer Chou reports that there is an increase in crime in other parts of Richmond.

**PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations**

Jason Chen of CCC Public works: Mr. Chen announces that they are in the process of changing the street lights in North Richmond. The new lights will be more modern and will utilize the use of low energy sources. The work is scheduled to start within the next two to three weeks.

Board member Dr. Clark warns of dark spots on various streets. PG&E and the county will respond, if the issue still exist after the installation of the new street lighting.

Mr. Chen's contact number is Jason Chen [jchen@pw.cccounty.us](mailto:jchen@pw.cccounty.us).

Roxanne Carrillo of Healthy Richmond: Ms. Carrillo reports that the organization is looking at health activities from a social justice point of view stand. Roxanne stated that most of their funding comes from the Healthy Richmond Program.

Roxanne's program supports and partnerships with the YESS Program, they support funding for the Heritage Point Project, they have been advocate for Health Care Safety Net, rallying around the issue of (how to provide advocate health). They support the Neighborhood Impact Group. She also states that LISC Program is looking to develop in the North Richmond area.

For more information about Roxanne's involvement in various projects in the community, you may contact her at: (510) 680-3135.

Monish Sen/CCC Public Works and Robert Chelemedos/Richmond Public Works on traffic infrastructure: Robert Chelemedos and Monish Sin take feedback and concerns regarding streets and traffic. Mr. Chelemedos gave a report on the progress of street paving in North Richmond. He says that Sanford and Leo Streets, are on the list to be paved. Dr. Clark says that Vernon Street needs to be paved.

If you have concerns, questions or request, you may contact the city side at (510)-231-3010 and the county side may be contacted at (925) 323-7000.

Erin Flores on Community Resiliency: Erin Flores is conducting a survey to enhance community resiliency. She is an intern working in the area. Studying the people in the community. How do they respond to disasters, such as earthquakes and flooding.

She request that NRMAC and partners complete a questionnaire survey. She will give a report to NRMAC on the results. Her contact information is: Erin Flores [erinleeflores@gmail.com](mailto:erinleeflores@gmail.com)

**PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued**

Ernesto Arevalo from Communities for a Better Environment: Ernesto comes to the meeting representing CBE, a not-profit group located in the bay area, organized around social justice issues. Their goal is to achieve environmental justice, clean energy and healthy communities.

Ernesto talked about climate adaptation/resiliency adaptation. There are some major concerns about community protection and the impact of heat waves, sea level rising, etc. He says that most of the people living in Richmond are concerned about an evacuation plan, in case of major disasters.

Board member Dr. Clark remarks that he is disappointed that CBE opposed the Chevron Refinery/Modernization Project. Dr. Clark states, the modernization project will provide great benefits to the community.

People are invited to join the CBE Project Advisory Group. Contact number is (510) 910-5123.

Dulce Galicia, North Richmond Resident/ on community concerns: Dulce Galicia says there are problems on her street, including a yelling neighbor, speeding cars. REACH Fellowship vows to work with her to help her out. She stated that she has come to realize that neighbors do not speak out/up, when undesired events occur in the community.

Mr. Sen of the CCC Public Works has been working with her. County Public Works has installed some type of speed detectors on Frist Street, the street that Dulce resides on.

Bishop Santiago of the REACH Fellowship, said that they are offering any type of assistance/support that could be of benefit to her.

Members of the NRMAC board and audience understand and have concerns about Dulce's problems. They are also offering assistance /support to her. It is suggested that Dulce partnership and participate within local community groups for their support, and (visa versa) the community could benefit from her representation of the Hispanic community in North Richmond.

Sharla Sullivan of EBMUD: Sharla reports although the drought has not been declared over water rates will go down an average of \$4 in July. Residents are to be complimented for such a good job, on reduction of water use, since the water restrictions were enforced. There are rebates available for new low water flow toilets, only for this year.

For information you may contact EBMUD at <http://www.ebmud.com/water-and-drought/conservation-and-rebates/residential/rebates/toiletrebates>.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

John Troughton, Vice President of Kennedy Consultants/discuss and make RECOMMENDATION regarding proposed development at 2601 Goodrick Avenue: A presentation was made on the proposed develop of property at the listed address. Development is proposed by NorCal Perlite Inc. The proposed project on Goodrick Avenue consist of the construction of two industrial buildings, with surrounding parking, detention area, and trailer storage. The development of the site includes planting of a generous amount of trees and shrubbery to enhance the aesthetics of the site. Two industrial buildings of modern styling are to be constructed on the site to complement the surrounding landscaping as well as setting a precedent for the architectural stylings of the area. When completed, the industrial buildings will become fully operational and provide a number of new jobs to support the economy and prosperity of the North Richmond community.

Mary Frazier/Director of the Norther California Asthma Mobile Breath mobile has concerns about the traffic that will be created at the site. Her question is: will they be using the Richmond Parkway for access to the site, and will they restrain from using the local streets in the community? She states that that the community already has enough asthma related issues in the community, and more traffic in the community does not need to be encouraged.

Her answer was that the Richmond Parkway is the only access to the proposed site.

The NRMAC votes 4-0 to support the proposed development project. Developer agrees with NRMAC to prioritize local hiring in the development and operation, continue to provide NRMAC updates and outreach materials for residents, address traffic concerns in partnership with county planning, and be open to supporting local community based organizations.

DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding proposed naming of senior center in honor of Corrine Sain: Item on naming of Senior Center after Corrine Sain is tabled indefinitely at Ms. Sain's request.

**OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS**

Robert Rogers, Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert will report out of the North Richmond Mitigation Fund. It was voted upon to fund \$120,000 to local CBO's. A partial list of recipients are: REACH Fellowship, Neighborhood House of North Richmond, Love Your block, Urban Tilth Garden, Davis Chapel, and ECO Captain Program. An amount of \$55,000 was approved for community gardens. The board of supervisor's agreed to provide additional funding to NHNR.

REACH Fellowship extends a warm thank you, to those that supported and voted for them. They are in the processing a planning a beer feast in the future.

**OTHER AGENCY PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED**

Don Gilmore, Director/Community Housing Corporation: Don reports that they have submitted the final application for development of the Heritage Point Project. A few out of the pot was accepted, to qualify to submit the application. If all goes well, the community will have a local store, that will carry local produce, fresh meats, and goods. Don states that they should know in September 2016.

Carla Orozco/Neighborhood House of North Richmond- Mitigation Fee-funded: Carla reports that the North Richmond Green Newsletter (July Edition) is being developed.

The Mitigation Committee recommended at last week's meeting that the funding consideration to produce and install new banners along the main Street of Fred Jackson Way will be postponed until the next funding cycle for the year 2017-18.

A training session was coordinated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort of the North Richmond Green Team Project, on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. The County Watershed Program trained eight resident eco workers about "Watershed Awareness & Illegal Dumping Prevention." The eco workers learned how to facilitate an eco-workshop and beautification project associated with the topic in order to educate eco scouts in the program.

Community workers led an eco-workshop at Shield's and Reid Park on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. The workers instructed children known as Eco Scouts about watershed awareness and keeping local watershed clean and contribute to illegal dumping prevention in the community .

On Wednesday, June 1, 2016, community workers led a neighborhood litter pick up project on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Resident volunteers worked together to pick up about 200 pounds of litter Wednesday June 8, 2016, community workers will lead an eco-workshop about recycling/waste reduction & illegal dumping prevention at Project Pride Community Center.

Friday, June 17, 2016 there will be a banquet/awards ceremony held at Project Pride Community Center at 4:30 p.m. players and coaches who participated in the North Richmond Green Youth Twilight Basketball League Program and those whom worked to improve the environment of North Richmond during the 2016 season will be acknowledge

City of Richmond Love Your Block : Love Your Block announces Neighbor Works Week, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, along Chesley Ave. They are asking that you come out and help beautify North Richmond. All are invited to kick off the Love Your Block Cycle.

**OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED**

Urban Tilth Farm Up-date: Board member Dr. Clark made a visit to the community garden located at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. He was very impressed by his visit to the garden. He stated that when he was growing up, at that location of the community, there was a large agricultural industry is existence. These farms were owned by private individuals, not local residents of the community. He says that it does him and the community justice to see the community involved in this type of productive activity.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Awareness Day & Shields-Reid Park Re-Opening Celebration, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 1416 Kelsey Ave. Richmond, CA. There will be free food, games, music, fun activities, prizes and more. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate the re-opening of Shields-Reid Park. Learn more about the community resources available to North Richmond residents.

For more information please contact: Janie Holland at (510) 760-3241, Marena Brown at (510) 932-3471, and Spanish Pastor Juarez at (510) 367-4890

Meeting adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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