

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 6, 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 5:04 p.m. Board members present were: Aaron Morgan, LaSaunda Tate, Dr. Henry Clark, Annie King-Meredith and Don Gilmore.

There was an amendment to the agenda. Item (5) contents B and C were reversed in order, to C and B, on the agenda. Proceeding this action, the agenda and minutes were reviewed and motioned to accept and approve by all board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Fraizer/Project Director of the Northern California Asthma/Breath Mobil Van:

Mary reports on the status of the program. The program serves students from North Richmond to Hayward CA. New grads will be hired from Contra Costa Community College. These young people will be coming out of the medical assisting programs at the college. The asthma project is anticipating on helping these young people, to gain employment in their chosen occupational field and be successful in life.

Linetta Cooper/Las Deltas Housing Resident/Employe-CCC Family Service Center:

Linetta announces that the Contra Costa County Family Service Center is offering a program entitled: Building Young Women and Men (BMW). The program is designed for Middle and High School students to experience a learning environment outside of their classrooms. Students will explore science, technology, mentoring, art, sports, health, and wellness. The SIT Site will provide homework assistance. Students will have the opportunity to enhance their social development. As well as participation in the exploration of future career paths.

The SIT Office is seeking volunteers to participate in a focus group. Entitled - Help Us Find Out What Matters to You. Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p., location CCC Family Service Center, 1535-D Fred Jackson Way, Richmond CA, (510) 412-2661.

Bishop Santiago/Director REACH Fellowship Program: Bishop Santiago would like to set a rumor straight. It has been rumored in the community that the program was leaving the community, this is not true. On the contrary the program is expanding their services in/to the community of North Richmond.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORT

Officer Terrell/Richmond Police Department: Officer Terrell presents reports for the time period of July-August 2016. She announces that Office Chou was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Officer Terrell did not have any crime statistics to report tonight, they will be available at the next MRMAC meeting.

Lieutenant Tricia England/CCC Sheriff's Department: Lt. England reports for the time period of July-August 2016. Lt. England announces that she is the new House Command Manager for the North Richmond Community. She has replaced Lt. Yates, and will be representing the department at future NRMAC meetings. Crime Statistics will be available at the next meeting.

Linetta Cooper asked the Lt. about the (work time) schedule of the officers assigned to the community. The answer is that there are four deputies, they rotate seven day shifts. The officers work a variety of different shifts.

Ms. Cooper has a complaint about the vacant houses/area surrounding her residence located at the Las Deltas Housing Authority. People are illegally gambling on both sides of her unit. They are publicly using the bathroom outdoors by her house. There is loud noise and arguing, and from experience she knows that this leads to unpleasant altercations and violence. Lt England stated that she would have the problem looked into, and hopefully resolved.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Presentations were made honoring Lt. D.J. Watts/Jannat Muhammad and DeJeana Burkes: Presentations were awarded to these outstanding people, for their service and dedication to the NR community. Lt. Watts performed excellent service while on duty in the community. He made major strides in combatting crime in the community. Community residents are grateful for his dedication and hard sincere work.

Jannat Muhammad and DeJeana Burkes were awarded for their dedication of keeping the North Richmond Annual Festival alive. They have and continue to dedicate their selves every year to make this historical event a reality. Much gratitude and appreciation goes out to the both of them. A special thank you goes out, to all of the award recipients.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Laura Zaremba-Schmidt/Advanced Transportation Incentive Strategies Section-CA/ in attendance with CCC Supervisor John Gioia - Environmental Protection Agency-Air Resources Board: Ms. Zaremba-Schmidt presents to the NRMAC this evening information on mobility and transportation challenges in North Richmond. Supervisor John Gioia is a member of the Air Resource Board, he was appointed by Governor Brown.

The NRMAC was presented information about improving air quality and public health and clean transportation. How do the EPA-Air Resource Board help the community access these things. It was suggested that Cap and Trade funding must be spent in low-income communities. Clean Transportation Funding is needed, in order to overcome barriers to the funding/access lease/ purchase of clean air vehicles.

A questionnaire was passed out during the meeting, pertaining to the Senate Bill 350 Clean Transportation Study. Meeting attendees were encouraged to fill out and return the questionnaires.

A variety of question were asked by the audience and board members at the meeting. Questions such as: How do we stop overweight trucks from coming thru the residential area of North Richmond? Board member Dr. Clark asked about the possibility of AC Transit running zero emission fuel busses in the community. Another question was asked about the availability of free or low income bus passes. Supervisor stated that bus passes were funded thru the Transportation Measure.

Rich Kenney/San Pablo, CA - Mayor, regarding potential interest of City of San Pablo in annexing North Richmond if City of Richmond does not want to pursue annexation:

Mayor Kenny presents that the City of Richmond has not made any clear decisions about annexation. They are in the process of a four month long survey. A company entitled: LACO Associates are directing and overlooking the process of the study.

He also stated that the City of San Pablo needs North Richmond, for revenue purposes. Mayor Kenny stated that San Pablo is not directly connected in boundaries with North Richmond.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued

Mayor Rich Kenny/San Pablo, CA – regarding potential interest of City of San Pablo in annexing North Richmond if City of Richmond does not want to pursue annexation:

Supervisor Gioia commented that (3,500) residents live in the unincorporated side of NR and (1,500) residents live in the city side of NR. If annexed the county will continue to provide health services to the community. He said that it is basically up to the residents/ opinions. If the community is combined, municipal series could be more effective.

Don Gilmore stated, “let the study process continue, to go on an see what happens.”

Dr. Henry Clark states that we are forced to stay here by the flooding creeks. It took years for the “Flood Control, Street Lighting, Sidewalks, and Decent Paved Streets to come into effect in the NR community. Over the years the City of Richmond has not did anything for the interest of North Richmond. He also state that he refuses to let the mayor of the City of Richmond to just come in and claim a hold on all the hard work that the NRMAC and residents of the community has put forth.

Flynn Bradley, Director Employment/San Francisco Airport – job opportunities at SFO Airport:

Mr. Bradley presents information about job opportunities of working at the SFO Airport. He says that there are ample opportunities for employment at the airport. SFO directly accounted for more than \$7.5 billion in business and 40,000 in jobs, in the year 2015.

Over 39,427 people work at SFO. Such jobs as airlines, both passenger and cargo activities, air terminal operation, including security, building maintenance and facility management, (construction also included), Public Agencies, Customs, Agriculture, Fish and Wildlife, and Drug Enforcement Agency as well as Airport Administration (including police and fire departments) Airline support services, freight services, concessions, and ground transportation.

He says as you can see, there is an large array of job opportunities, and he encourages the residents of NR to take advantage of these great working opportunities.

Interested parties may contact: Airport Commission Human Resources/Recruitment, Flynn H. Bradley at (650) 821-5244.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Richard Tang/Mobilitte, LLC, discuss and make recommendation regarding Mobilitie LLC application to install cell site on existing utility pole: Mr. Tang says that his company has applied for a special application thru CCC County. They propose to attach equipment to two existing utility poles and one light standard pole. Currently located on Fred Jackson Way and 5th Street.

The items that are to be attached are: (1) AC distribution panel, (1) remote radio head, (1) UE relay, (1) GPS antenna, (1) omni-directional antenna, (1) Meter Pedestal and (1) nema-4z disconnect switch.

After hearing Mr. Tang's presentation, the NRMAC board members made the following decisions: (1) Motion was made by Dr. Clark to review and look into the possible health issues that the installation of these items may cause to the community residents. (2) Annie motioned to have an open discussion about the project. She stated that it is reasonable and feasible that these installations can be located outside of the residential community. LaSaunda recommended that they meet with Supervisor Gioia to discuss the relocation of the current cell towers from their current locations. All of the above motions were taken into consideration , first, second, and passed.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/Deputy Director – Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert announces a benefit, presentation of the documentary, North Richmond Part Four, Past, Present and Future, by locally acclaimed film producer, Doug Harris.

This benefit is in honor of NHNR , in order to raise badly needed funds for the CBO. The benefit will be hosted on September 20, 2016, at the Rialto Theater, El Cerritio, CA . Donations are twenty dollars, payable in advance or at the door. For more info contact: Robert Rogers/Supervisor's John Gioia's Office.

Don Gilmore, Director/Community Housing Development Program: Don announces that they are currently, awaiting to see if they get funded by the Cap and Trade, for existing projects that are currently on hold, pending funding. The will know by next month hopefully.

Janie Holland/CHDC: Janie has vouchers for free trash disposal of bulky item pickup. These vouchers are available to NR residents, that live within the NR Mitigation Area. Participants must provide required proof of residency. For more information call Janie at (510) 412-99290.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

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

Carla reports on the North Richmond Green Outreach/Mitigation Report. The North Richmond Green Newsletter, October edition is being developed.

NHNR in partnership with Earth Team, will be leading a clean-up of the wildcat Creek in North Richmond for Coastal Clean-up Day. Scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Interested volunteers are asked to report to the staging area site at the Lucky/A's Ball Field on Fred Jackson Way, for cleanup supplies. Mitigation outreach material will also be distributed to volunteers at the site to share resources and information about other mitigation projects.

Carla reports that players and families from the North Richmond Green Little League Program were invited by Chevron to attend the Oakland A's vs. Mariners Star Wars Fireworks Game on Saturday, August 13, 2016, sponsored by Chevron. Thirty two players and families signed up to attend the game, they were escorted by the Black Tie Limo Busses. All participants were treated to a fun filled evening including a visit to the Chevron STEM Zone, they also were given a ten dollar food voucher to spend at the game, and a cinch sack filled with water and snacks, plus an A's baseball hat.

The North Richmond Youth Eco Academy community program picked up/collected 122 pounds of litter and trash between the Richmond Parkway and Fred Jackson Way during a neighborhood clean-up on Augusts 31, 2016. Three neighborhood clean-ups have been organized, for the future. They are associated with the North Richmond Youth Eco Academy. Anyone interested in attend and providing support is encouraged to attend. Carla's contact number is (510) 776-7568.

NHNR is finalizing a service plan with CHDC and CCC for a mitigation funded Neighborhood Community Garden Project. The garden will be implemented in the upcoming 2016-17 fiscal year.

Christopher Withmore/Community Engagement Person- City of Richmond Mayor's Office

Mr. Whitmore announces that the City Of Richmond's mayor will be hosting, "Time with Mayor Tom Butt on October 6th and also a Quarterly Business Round Table on October 28th, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 P.M., the location will be at the East Bay Center for the Performing Art. The mayor is hosting a community golf tournament on October 17th, at the Richmond Country Club. All proceeds will go the youth departments of the city and county of Richmond.

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*Note the meeting was motioned by board member Aaron to go until 7:30 p.m. All board members second and approved.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Princess Robinson, Director/Urban Tilth – Farm Update: Princess announces that the farm will be hosting a ground breaking celebration, on Saturday, October 15th, 2016. The farm is located at 323 Brookside Drive & Fred Jackson Way, Richmond CA. For more information you may contact Ms. Robinson at: (510) 478-7808.

Rochelle Monk/Love Your Block: Representatives of the program announces the opening of the Richmond Tool Library. A large variety of essential household tools are available for the community to rent and return. For more information please contact the Tool Library, located at 3230 Mac Donald Ave, Richmond, CA , (510) 620-5546.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coastal Cleanups are being conducted all throughout the Bay Area, Saturday September 17th.

The North Richmond Shoreline Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The location is the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park, hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information please contact Lana Husser at (510) 219-1571.

Fundraiser: Romeo is Bleeding, a documentary starring Donte Clark, who shines a light on the issues of gun and gang violence. Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., the location is at: Rialto Cinemas/Elmwood theatre, 2966 College Ave. Berkeley, CA. Film screening to benefit NHNR.

Salad Bar Brunch, Neighborhood House of North Richmond, September 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Free Community Seminar/Living With Arthritis, September 8, 2016 and September 22, 2016. Location the Neighborhood House of North Richmond, 515 Silver Street, Richmond, CA You may contact (510) 232-3511 for more information.

Yard Sale, Saturday October 15, 2016 NHNR-Senior Center, Located at 515 Silver Street, Richmond CA. Food will be sold on premises, booth rental available for \$20.00 before 9/15/16, after 9/15/16, \$25.00. For more information or to purchase a booth contact: Maxine Griffin at (510) 860-5249 or Martha Watson at (510) 236-4163

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING : Tuesday, October 4, 2016 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 515 Silver Avenue – Richmond, CA

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next meeting