

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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 5:10 p.m. Board members present were: Aaron Morgan, Dr. Henry Clark, Beverly Scott, Annie King-Meredith and Don Gilmore.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were reviewed by the board members. An amendment was made to the agenda. Item (7d was moved to 7b). Upon the change, all was in favor and the minutes and the agenda were motioned and second and accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Jordan, NR MAC Secretary: Asking about the status of the replacing/project of the (NR Green Banners on the light poles). It was stated in earlier meetings that funding has to be approved or become available.

Cynthia suggested a new project to preserve heritage in NR. It is being suggested that clay bricks be displayed in a designated public area with the names families of NR founders and residents in-graved in them. A location on the median, Fred Jackson Way, would be ideal. Bricks are already in place in the ground, and could easily be taken up for engraving and replace. Such projects currently exist, throughout the county. Point Richmond is an example; family names are engraved in the bricks, located in the courtyard next to the museum and fire station.

Linetta Cooper/Las Deltas resident: Linetta has come before the NRMAC numerous times, with the same complaint. In the area where she lives, Market Street and Harold Ave. A loitering problem is in existence, and has been in existence for quite some time. There are illegal activities going on such as gambling, loud music, profanity, lucid acts, young girls riding on the hood of moving vehicles and public urinating. Ms. Cooper wonders how long do she have to put up with this type of activity in her community/ adjacent to her resident. She's asking is there any possibility of a CCC Sheriff's deputy just sitting on the corner in his patrol car, in the area, to show a visual presence of the law.

Linetta complains about the poor service that she is receiving for her mobile cell phone.

Officer Lewis and other CCC Sheriff's officers said that they would put an effort into curtailing the illegal activities that are taking place, in her area of residency.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Princess Robinson/Urban Tilth Garden: Ms. Robinson announces a free event at the farm. Mother's Day Celebration/Festival of Flowers, a celebration in honor of yo mama. Saturday, May 13th, 11 am-2pm. North Richmond Farm, 323 Brookside Drive, NR, CA. Activities include: bouquet workshop, edible flower cooking, demonstration and tasting, sunflowers planting, flower seed giveaways, music and performances, free food and drink. You may contact Princess at: princess@urbantilth.org

Mary Frazier, Director/Northern California Asthma/Breathmobile: The mobile van continues to service local schools, twenty two schools total. This month is Asthma Awareness Month. Mary and staff members made presentations to the Physicians' Community, at Children's Hospital in Oakland today. This is an honor and privilege, for the program to have the opportunity to reach out and inform the doctors, about the services and the benefits that are being provided by Northern California Asthma Program.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Deputy Lewis and Deputy Grant, CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of April. There were four auto burglaries, one strong arm robbery. There is an increase in public displaying of activity at the Las Deltas Housing Units.

Annie and Bishop Santiago commend Deputy Lewis on his efficiency in responding to complaints made by them. Annie had a problem with the homeless encampment behind her house on Verde Street. Bishop says that they can count on Deputy Lewis, when things get out of control in the projects. They both appreciate his commitment and service to the community.

Aaron says that there are a lot of vacant parked cars in the neighborhood.

Officer Jefferson and Officer Odegaard/RPD: Reporting for the month of April. There were three vandalisms, one grand theft and one use of an access card.

Officer Jeffers/CHP: Officer Jeffers reports for the month of April. Abandoned parked cars are a big problem in the community. CHP have been towing a lot of cars lately. Abandoned cars are being red tagged, and if not removed, they are towed in seventy-two hours after being tagged. Collisions and hit and runs are still at a high rate. Commuters continue to speed thru the neighborhood. Over twenty tickets have been issued to the speeding commuters.

Annie says that there is an abandoned brand new car, on the trail behind Verde School.

There is an excess of cars parked on the streets, especially on Verde and Truman Streets.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Pam Herhold, Sharon Moore and Sam Gross/BART: Representatives from the BART present to the NRMAC proposals of the Title VI Plan.

Revenue enhancement for the FY18, there is a budget shortfall by 31 million dollars. It is being proposed to add \$.50 surcharge to paper tickets. The fare increase goes into purchasing new rail cars, new automated train control systems, at the Hayward Maintenance Complex.

Off peak ridership on weekends has decreased. Bart did perform maintenance work on shop improvements, which made it possible to maintain and put more cars into use.

Bishop Santiago asked about elevator maintenance. Answer is that there are funds set aside for elevator maintenance and repair. The elevators are checked for proper operation on a regular basis.

Aaron asked about Measure RR. Answer is that the measure is for station infra structure. Ninety miles of new track has been laid, thru out the system.

It was stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), has control of the clipper card. The clipper card could be used on several public transportation systems in the bay area.

Uber and Lift has caused ridership to go down during off peak days. In 2010 a order was placed for new railcars.

Josh Bradit/San Francisco Estuary Partnership: Presenting information on the North Richmond Shoreline future. Doing outreach on shoreline, how will we use it? With the rise in sea level the marshes will be submerged. There will be a NR shoreline tour and community visioning on Saturday, May 20th from 9am – 2 pm. Bus picks up at Shield's-Reid Community Center. Lunch will be provided. For info call Jesse at (510) 730-2150.

Courtnee Gomez/Extenet: Ms. Gomez represents the Extenet Company. LLC Systems are seeking approval to install new cell sites in the community. Extenet has presented this proposal to the NR MAC several times in the past. They have yet to get an approval from the NRMAC board members. It was motioned by Beverly not to recommend or endorse. Motion was second, all was in favor of the motion.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia Office: Robert reports that the Supervisor's board voted four to one to implement the Clean Energy Program. The public will have the option of getting MCE Clean Energy.

Aaron Morgan was a recipient of a Love Your Block Grant. Last week he utilized the grant by hosting an event at Shield's and Reid Park. The event is titled: Shield's and Reid Open House, Children Community Garden and Clean-up. The event was a great success, and Aaron is encouraged to continue on, with his work and dedication towards the NR community.

Men and Women of Valor will be hosting a community clean-up, May 27th, starting at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet in front of the office of Men and Woman of Valor or Kelsey Street.

Earth Day was a blast on April 22nd. Event was held at the Lucky/A's/Richmond Baseball Field.

Bishop Edwina Santiago, Director and Belinda, Nurse/REACH Fellowship Outreach: Bishop announces on May 17th, they will be hosting the Second Module Gender Sensitivity Training Workshop. The topic is entitled (Black Women Lives Matter); location will be at Contra Costa College, the fireside room, located next to the cafeteria. The resource re-entry center is having a women's project entitled (Thinking for a Change).

REACH is offering Raiders football game tickets, to local youths in the neighborhood.

A small health clinic and the CCC Health Van, are being offered at the center every Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: CHDC is in the process of trying to secure funding for the Heritage Point project. There is a gap in the funding for now. CHDC is optimistic that the project will become a reality. It's just a matter of securing adequate funding, to carry out the completion of the project.

Lloyd Madden, Director/NHNR: Lloyd was not able to attend the meeting tonight. A written report on the NR Green Outreach/Mitigation was presented to the NRMAC. it reads as follows: the spring edition of the NR Green newsletter has been printed, it will be distributed throughout the community on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

The 7th Annual North Richmond Green Festival and Earth Day Celebration was a great success. Thirty-nine organizations participated and over 375 people attended. Trash was removed from the creeks, and plants were planted in the local garden, by volunteers.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Lloyd Madden, Director/NHNR: On April 22, 2017, twenty-two youth players from the NR Green Little League Program participated in a garden project to plant native plants, fruits, and vegetables at the NR Native Plant Communities Garden located at, NHNR Multicultural Senior and Family Service Center.

The five member community garden green team worked on April 10th, preparing the native garden for planting activities, scheduled for April 22nd. On April 26th, an Eco Education workshop was held and children from Shields-Reid community center participated.

Meeting adjourns at 7:15 p.m.

**Nest Meeting
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