

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

515 Silver Avenue – North Richmond, CA 94801

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. Board members present were Beverly Scott and Annie King-Meredith. Tonight's meeting is being scheduled an hour earlier, due to National Night Out.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda or the minutes were not approved, for lack of a quorum. The meeting was conducted as an unofficial meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Zecena, Medical Assistant/Northern California Breathmobile Asthma Van: Leslie reports that school is on a summer break and the van is not going out to visit the schools this summer. Representatives from the program will be attending Helms Middle School, Camp Cougar next week. They will have a display table, with program information and will be signing up students for the asthma program, for the up-coming school year.

The program is in the process of establishing the asthma program in East Contra Costa County. Everyone is looking forward to and anticipating providing services for the upcoming school year.

Annie King-Meredith, North Richmond Resident: Annie states that a young man while riding his bike, was pulled off his bike by RPD officers. The young man was searched and was told by the officers that they were looking for weapons. This incident appeared to be totally out of perspectives. The way the young man was treated by the officers was unprofessional and appeared to be (racial profiling taking place.) Annie asked are we having racial profiling in the city of Richmond by the RPD? The incident is being looked into and reviewed by the young man's parents, concerned community residents and RPD.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Officer Moczulski/RPD: Officer Moczulski reports for the months of June and July. There were seventy one calls, sixteen stolen vehicles, four robberies, two shootings and the normal calls for service.

Deputy Lewis/CCC Sheriff's Department: Deputy Lewis reports for the months of June and July. There was a shooting on the corner of Truman and Chesley. The shooting subject is in custody. Vehicles in the community are being broken into. Officer Lewis advises that vehicle owners use the theft prevention device known as the club when locking up their cars.

It was mentioned that at one point in time the RPD use to offer free clubs to residents. Officer Lewis says that he will check with the RPD to see if that program is still in effect.

Officer Lewis reports that in the Las Deltas Projects, trees have been trimmed, no loitering signs have been erected and gambling and loitering have been curtailed.

Ms. Mezda, Resident: Ms. Mezda complains about somebody setting fires by her house, in the area of Sixth and Silver Streets. It appears that some-one is burning unwanted litter in the late hours of the night. This has happened twice recently. The CCC Sheriff's Department is slow in responding.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

John Steere, Watershed Planner/ County Watershed Program on the awarding of the SCC Grant (\$866k) for the "North Richmond Watershed Connections Project.": John reports that more than 2,000 pounds of trash are routinely picked up.

Project Description: the North Richmond Watershed connections is based on the partnership of CCC Public Works Department, Watershed Program and Transportation Engineering), Urban Tilth, and the Watershed Project. The project will implement a suite of multiple-benefit urban greening projects in the unincorporated community of North Richmond; to improve water quality and enhance the health of San Pablo and Wildcat Creeks and their watersheds, while expanding the urban forest, reducing heat islands, and improving this disadvantaged community's awareness of and safe access to their local natural resources with a 1.75-mile long "Walkable Watersheds" urban trail.

Its three components and their leads are the following. Fred Jackson Way Rain Gardens, First Mile/Last Mile Tree Installations and Clean and Green Adopt-a-Tree, Adopt-a-Block Cleanups and Watershed Connections Route. Process will start as soon as the Urban Farm report is completed.

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PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued

Marcus Byrd-Ray, Director/Change 4 Five Hundred: Mr. Byrd-Ray, Change 4 Five Hundred has partnered with Richmond Ceasefire to present a mentorship program in the North Richmond Community, by hosting a first annual Bar-B-Que & Backpack giveaway on August 19, 2017. Location Shield's and Reid Community Center located in the heart of North Richmond, CA. Their goal is to provide 500 backpacks with school supplies to children in the North Richmond Community. For more information call Marcus at (510) 500-6130.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports that many community building events were attended by him and Supervisor Gioia. Reports that DA search is ongoing, and Supervisor Gioia is working to ensure that we get a candidate who is progressive on justice issues and will best serve West County.

Cease fire walk last week was a fantastic event. The restoration of Shield's and Reid Park was a great success. Las Deltas had a party and clean up.

Tania Pulido, Community Service Coordinator/NHNR: Congratulations to Tania! She was chosen to replace Carla Orozco in the community service coordinator position with NHNR. Tania has worked in the community, and is sure to do well in her new job.

She reports that she is in the process of setting up meetings and getting involved in the community. She is working with the city and county to reduce illegal dumping and blight in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

California Coastal Cleanup Day: Join volunteers across California in protecting our coast from trash. Meet at Marina Bay Pkwy & Peninsula Dr. Richmond, CA 94804. Bring your own bags, gloves, hat, water, and sturdy shoes. Group of 10 or more pre-register.

Saturday September 16, 2017, Shimada Friendship Park 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Email: coastalcleanup@thewatershedproject.org

North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church Community Block Party/Rev. Dana Keith Mitchell Sr. Saturday, August 5, 2017, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Free community event, bring the entire family. Address is 1427 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA 94801. Contact Sis. Elaine Cooper for more info at (510) 232-7751.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 515 Silver Street, North Richmond CA

Josh Bradt of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership on North Richmond shoreline planning:

Josh reports on shoreline visioning process. He gathers written input and interactive stickers input from members of community at the meeting. Josh states that they are looking to update the old vision plans. They want to face the fact that sea levels will be rising. There is a need to look at land development patterns and zoning patterns. Wants to change the zoning from heavy industry. They are working on a set of recommendations and needs the communities input. Josh also states that there are gaps in the NR Bay Trail that need to be closed. Has a grant to produce documentation by the end of September. CCC Watershed will be partnering with S.F. Estuary Partnership.