

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 5, 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 5:08 p.m. board members present were: Andrea Bailey, Don Gilmore, Aaron Morgan, Beverly Scott, Dr. Henry Clark and Annie King-Meredith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members present. Aaron motioned to accept agenda/minutes. All was in approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alison McKee from the County Library: reports ongoing work to bring a reading room to Shield's and Reid Park. The county has received a grant to proceed with the project. The NR community is looking forward to the services being offered and welcomes such a fantastic project with great anticipation.

Leslie Zennica/Northern California Asthma Breathmocile Program: Leslie reports that the program is seeking help in outreach. As of September 29th the mobile van will start providing services for the up-coming school year. Asthma prevention/treatment services are offered to children from 18 months to 18 years of age. The mobile van will be located on site at various schools on designated days.

CC College in San Pablo has partnered with the asthma program. A connection is being established for interns to volunteer and receive college credits, while working with the asthma program.

Don Pegaski/More Than a Game: Don explains that the company's goal is to enlist athletics to empower and educate the community. There will be ongoing work to restore Shields and Reid's Park, thanks to numerous volunteers, and a desire to improve the NR community. Free sports camps will be offered every Friday.

Recently the organization hosted a clean-up and free baseball soccer camp at the park. The NR community appreciates the services and projects that are being offered and presented.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Officer Moczulski/RPD: Reporting for the months of July and August 2017. Last month the officers responded to the North Richmond community over 200 times. There were complaints of loud music, municipal code violations, three shootings, three assaults and three stolen vehicles. One vehicle was reported stolen and recovered.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

SB 350 Clean Transportation Access Effort from the California Air Resources Board.

Supervisor John Gioia/ representatives from Sacramento were: Ashley Georgiou, Sam Gregor, Meri Miles and Veronica Eacly: California Air Resources board reports that North Richmond has been selected as a disadvantaged community and will benefit from future programs increasing access to clean transportation options, including subsidies for clean vehicle ownerships and grants for public transportation improvements.

A pilot program was launched at CHDC, for residents to purchase clean air vehicles. Don reports that generally they have been very successful. Have been able to work with the pilot program. Some people have received cars and some people had credit problems. Overall an example is being set as to what could be achieved.

Supervisor Gioia states the one of the barriers is identifying where to put a charging station. A station may be installed at the NR Center for Health. It would be a Level Two charging station.

Dr. Clark states that information pertaining to the clean air vehicles, needs to be available to the public. New business coming into NR, should use emission clean vehicles.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATION – Vote on whether to support annexation of unincorporated North Richmond into the City of Richmond: Supervisor Gioia, Mayor butt and city manager Staff, along with Wildan Financial Services Consultant, give report of North Richmond potential annexation study and ongoing public outreach efforts.

Supervisor Gioia made presentation on NR Annexation and it's history and reason why San Pablo can't annex NR. Mayor Tom Butts stated that he did not care one way or the other.

Overall under city government the cost of living for residents would be higher. Rent control would apply.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CONTINUED

Discuss/Recommend NR Annexation:

Dr. Henry Clark made a motion to oppose annexation. The motion was seconded by Beverly Scott. Clark, Scott and King-Meredith voted yes. Gilmore and Bailey abstained, Morgan voted no. This vote will be provided to the City Council as they consider this issue at their September 26th meeting. One member, Tate, was absent due to health challenges. She could not legally cast a vote, but her letter in favor of annexation was read into the public record by chairman Gilmore. Still, she cast no official vote. With three votes cast in favor of the motion opposing annexation, two abstentions and one no vote, the final vote did not meet the threshold necessary for official action, pursuant to the county resolution governing the NRMAC. The NRMAC is a 7-member body, and 4 votes are required for official action. The county resolution establishing the NRMAC states: "A quorum shall be a majority of the total number of authorized positions of the Council, not a majority of the total number of filled positions. The council may only take action by a majority vote of the total number of authorized position, not by a majority vote of the quorum. (With 7 authorized positions, a quorum is 4 members; 4 affirmative votes are necessary for action.)

The follow is a breakdown of the voters:

Annie, Beverly, Dr. Clark- Against

Don, Andrea- Abstained

Aaron, LaShanda- In favor

*At 7:15 p.m. the meeting was voted on to be extended to 7:25 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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