

## **NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, December 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 5:11 p.m. Board members present were: Dr. Henry Clark, Annie King-Meredith. Don Gilmore, Aaron Morgan, LaSaunda Tate, Beverley Scott and Andrea Bailey was absent.

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

The meeting was conducted as un-official, due to lack of a quorum. The agenda and the minutes were reviewed by members present.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cynthia Jordan reporting on the activities of the Northern California Asthma/Breathmobile. The mobile van for children goes out to various schools in the area. Children are treated for their asthma and related conditions. The van will be at Verde School this Friday.

Dr. Clark asks if there is an annual report with data. Cynthia says yes, quarterly and annually. Copies of these reports will be made available to Dr. Clark and the NRMAC via email.

Princess Robinson/Urban Tilth: Reports on December 21<sup>st</sup>, they are hosting a party at the farm. The theme is based on the Xmas and Holiday Season. There will be Xmas lighting, the time is from five to eight in the evening. All is welcome to come out and enjoy the holiday festivities.

On January 2, 2018 the farm will hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MLK Volunteer Day. A day of entertainment and farm building is being planned for that event.

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

Officer Moulski/RPD: Reporting for the month of November 2017. There were 143 calls for service last month on the city side. Mostly common neighborhood issues. Six stolen vehicles, two burglaries, six shootings and two assaults. Shootings were up a bit, but other calls were about average or below average.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED**

Dr. Clark asks about shootings. Two of the shooting, were involved in a murder near the community center. Others were shot-spotter activations, with very little information. On-going feuds between North Richmond and Central Richmond neighborhood groups. Dr. Connie Portero asks about the murder near Shield's and Reid Park, says children were traumatized, she wonders whether there was any counseling provided for the youths. She says there was some (upsetting acting out) by the children.

RPD replied that the department does not have counselors on hand to deal with such situations, but does have a center for dealing with domestic violence related to trauma.

Deputy Duran/RPD: Reporting for the month of November 2017. Property crime has gone up in the last month. During holidays, these can commonly increase. Advises using caution with storage of new items in car or in house. No shootings last month, after two shootings the month before.

Annie King Meredith request: Patrol more between 3 pm and 5 pm up and down Fifth Street. Gambling and congregating has increased. Duran says more congregating has started since no parking curb painting in the old Las Deltas Project area. Duran says they will be more vigilant. Dr. Perez Santiago praises the sheriff's deputies for their work in North Richmond.

**PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS**

Dr. Connie Portero and Dr. Jay on goals of 'One Richmond': Dr. Portero has collaborated with the agency One Richmond and More Than a Game. Dr. Portero is a born and raised resident of Richmond. Collaborative MTAG is a youth led sports camp, out at Shield's and Reid every Friday. Also work with gloves and trash bags, with City of Richmond help, to clean up the park. Between twenty to forty children have participated in these activities. Ownership and pride building is also a part of the criteria. The children know that it is their park, and are taking on a role of pride and leadership at the park.

Nutritionist Dr. Jay is also on hand with water and healthy snacks. Time together with the children is invaluable. One Richmond exists to develop partnership and empower community voices, while improving community centers, parks and other public spaces. Soccer and other sports is part of the curriculum. They want to emulate and replicate the Pogo Park model of participation and input. Plans are being made to host an intramural sports event on June 9<sup>th</sup>. They also want to build some sort of monument to the great athletes who have come from Richmond. The legacy must be celebrated and remembered.

**PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS CONTINUED**

Dr. Perez Santiago asks: what opportunities do we have for girls in these programs? She also offers to donate sports equipment. Dr. Portero says that they meet weekly at the Men and Women of Valor building in North Richmond to strategize and gather community input.

**OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS**

Robert Rogers, Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports on efforts to beautify around North Richmond and Supervisor John Gioia's work to fundraise for Verde School Children. There is a lot of great work taking place in the neighborhood, including painting Rancho Market, Shield's and Reid Park cleanups, another church located on the north side of Chesley was painted, Davis Chapel is nearing completion, construction on Fred Jackson Way. Heritage Point will be breaking ground in the very near future.

The Verde School Hoodie & Book Drive party is scheduled for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from five to seven o'clock. Location: Supervisor John Gioia's Office.

Tania Pulido, Service Coordinator of CHDC: the program will be hiring four North Richmond residents to distribute the newsletter. The Little League Basketball team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a tournament last week. A new league will be starting up in January. The North Richmond Beautification Meeting was held this past Monday. A Mitigation Meeting on how to communicate more efficiently and effectively with the local agencies will be held in the future.

Belinda Thomas, Staff RN/REACH Fellowship International: New members of the program were introduced. Open House will be this Friday at Naomi House. At 1724 Fred Jackson Way, from one to three pm. It's a safe warm place for growing and thriving. The program has been located at the site for four years. CHDC owns the dwelling; it is a former housing authority site. The 4 J's has had over 1,000 catering events. Annie King Meredith says REACH has done a tremendous job in the community. She says that they have been a beacon in the community.

Erich Ito/Love Your Block: Reports that after the paint party at Rancho market, they earned a City of Richmond grant to do a community mural on the market. The mural will be participatory and celebratory. Public meetings will be held in the future to discuss the theme of the mural. It is being highly suggested that outstanding members of the community be represented in parts of the mural. Stipends have been set aside to hire five youth interns.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**Next Meeting Tuesday, February 6, 2017  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
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