

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

515 Silver Avenue – North Richmond CA 94801

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m., as unofficial, due to lack of a quorum. Board members present were: Beverly Scott, Dr. Henry Clark, Don Gilmore and Aaron Morgan, arrived a little late. LaSaunda Tate, Annie King-Meredith, and Andrea Bailey were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Upon Aaron's arrival at 5:10 p.m., the agenda and minutes were reviewed and motioned by Don Gilmore to approve minutes, Dr. Clark motions yes, Scott seconds. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Jordan, Intern/Northern CA Asthma-Breathmobile Program: The asthma van continues to service students at Verde School. It has been a most successful school year.

Cynthia voices her opinion about the mural at Lucky's Market on 5th Street, in North Richmond. Prior to Love Your Block receiving funding for the mural project, Cynthia has continuously submitted in-put on ideas for the mural. Basically all Cynthia suggested was that a recently deceased community mentor/leader portrait be honored and presented in the mural. She was never told that her request was not possible, until after all plans for the mural were finalized.

Cynthia has worked as an organizer/secretary in the community since the late 70's, and she has never experienced an ordeal/working practices, the way Love Your Block were predetermined to present the mural with their ideas and their ideas only, regardless of public opinion. Cynthia feels that the entire process of the project was so unfair to the community.

Driscoll Allen of Love Your Block: States that their group is scouting blocks in the community and will do a great project.

Robert Rogers says on behalf of Aaron Morgan that there are a number of jobs available at SFO and to contact him. He hopes to fill the three jobs with North Richmond residents.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Deputies Culbrson, Duran, and Brooks/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of April 2018. Crime is down, only one residential burglary.

Dr. Clark asked about a reported death on 5th Street. Reply was the death was non-criminal. Beverly asked if we had an officer for Sheriff's Department. Reply was that Officer Culbrson is the mitigation funded deputy.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONTINUED

Officer Abernethy/CHP: Reporting for the month of April 2018. Seven vehicles were recovered and towed. An additional six for expired tags and abandoned. Working hard to have a high presence, to be visible, to deter heavy trucks from going through neighborhood. There was no arrest made for last month.

Lt. Mollenbernd/RPD: Reporting for the month of April 2018. Very light crime activity. Vehicle stops were made during the month. Have seen an increase in reckless driving calls. Two calls for domestic violence, four calls for reckless driving, and one suspicious vehicle stop. There have been side shows popping up in the community.

*Don Gilmore allows one more public comment speaker: Richard Muro Salazar asks for feedback. Joe Pulido says the mural looks good and appreciate the schedule and the work. Driscoll says add more butterflies. Cynthia was asked to repeat her concerns about the mural.

PRESENTATIONS

Discussion with County Sheriff and Richmond Police Leaders, and CHP, continuing to strengthen law-enforcement relationships with community: Sargent Buford is in charge of the Bay Station. He starts out by discussing his background and experience in the neighborhood. Also explains community policing model and looking for relationships and feedback.

Officer Culberson, Mitigation Deputy says that they are taking block by block addressing environmental health issues. Such as abandonment of vehicles. First, Truman and Battery Streets are under patrol watch.

Dr. Clark says there is a rocky history with law enforcement in North Richmond, but we've come a long way toward positivity. Its good to be able to work together and solve problems.

Beverly Scott ask how community policing occurs? Culberson talks about the various groups with which he works, to enhance the community. Works on hot spots and responds to community concerns.

Princess asks how you engage with residents, and keep them safe, and what are you doing to engage with the residents.

The sheriff's department has a website that you can give feedback on.

Dr. Portero says people are being stopped for nothing and are treated bad. Sargent Buford says it goes both ways, complaints about police doing too much and not doing enough.

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Discussion with County Sheriff and Richmond Police Leaders, and CHP continuing to strengthen law-enforcement relationships with community continued: Officer Abernethy of the CHP says when he is out there looking at abandoned vehicles, they find out what is important as far as issuing tickets/warnings/citations.

Aaron asks if the residents of occupied units at the Las Deltas Housing are allowed to have company. Aaron feels like certain people are getting targeted all the time. He also asks what's with the no standing signs.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discuss Recommend/Draft NRMAC budget for 2018-19:

Summary of Annual Expenses

Administrative Services:	\$1300
Meeting Space Costs:	<u>\$1,650</u>
Total:	\$2950

Funds

2018-19: \$3000

Discuss Recommend/Potential time change of NRMAC meetings: Will take up this matter at the NRMAC retreat.

OTHER AGENCY /PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert announces the GRID Alternatives Program. GRID offers solar installation to homeowners that meet the low income guidelines. Contact Robert for more information.

Robert received message from LaShaunda White/City of Richmond. She says that the plan pertaining to NR Annexation, is to send out mailers/unofficial ballots in April-May. The ballots are due back in June; hence they will be moving forward in June.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: Don announces a ground breaking ceremony for the Heritage Point Project. A (42) unit complex is to be developed. The cost to build is Twenty-nine million, completion date is scheduled for September 2019.

Thanks to Supervisor John Gioia for filling in the funding gap.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Tania Pulido, Community Coordinator/CHDC Mitigation Fee Funded: Tania announces that the trash litigation project is in full effect. Her and other interested identities have been going out block by block, trying to put a handle on the trash and blithe in North Richmond. The NR Green program meets tomorrow. Earth Day was a huge success, money was raised to help the event be bigger and better next year.

Stephane Ny, Rochelle Monk, Erika Ito/Love Your Block: Announces a NR Block Party, and mural unveiling at Rancho Market. May 11th, 2:30– 5:30 p.m. There will be street chalk art, free food, live performances, kids' activities and resource booths. All are invited to attend. Thirty residents came out to help paint the mural.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, celebrates (50 years), NR residents have been given an invitation to come for free and celebrate such a joyous occasion. There will be food and drinks available, a variety of on-going performances, will be presented during the evening. Saturday, May 5th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

North Richmond 9th Annual Music Festival, Saturday, July 14, 2018, Shields and Reid Park. They are seeking the support from their community, volunteers are need the day of, share your talent, become a committee member, financial support is welcome. If you would like to have a display table, please contact Cynthia Jordan at 707-752-7282. For any other information please contact us at 510-908-3088.

Beverly motion to adjourn, Dr. Clark second, all in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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