

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 7, 2018
515 Silver Street - North Richmond CA 94801
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Board members present were: Beverly Scott, Andrea Bailey/replacement (Lilly Rahmema), and Dr. Henry Clark, Annie King-Meredith arrives at 4:15 p.m. for an official quorum.

Aaron Morgan and Don Gilmore are absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The board members reviewed the agenda, agreed upon proceeding as unofficial. Upon Ms. King-Meredith's arrival, the meeting was declared official. The agenda and the minutes were reviewed, all were in agreement, Scott motions to approve minutes. Bailey seconds. Unanimously passes, motion passed to accept.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Zecena, Medical Staff/Northern CA Asthma/Breathmobile Program:

Mary Frazier, director of the asthma program will be leaving the program, Leyna Nguyen will be replacing her. Mary will be missed, she showed such dedication and devotion for her work in the North Richmond Community. The asthma program that she introduced to the community/Verde School, is a success, with great results and outcome.

Currently the program is involved with back to school events, thru out the Bay Area. The recently established asthma program in East CC County is currently involved in back to school activities also. Staff is anticipating, serving the schools in East County.

Cynthia Jordan, Committee Member/North Richmond Shoreline Festival:

The North Richmond Shoreline Festival is scheduled Saturday, October 6, 2018 at beautiful Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline Park. Cynthia encourages the CBO's of North Richmond, to get involved, take a leading role in this festival. Get out there and represent your community. She expressed, in reality the festival is named after this community. Activist/organizers from this community and adjacent communities spearheaded the festival, with a movement entitled, (Save The Brunner Marsh).

As a result, great accomplishments have been made, pertaining to the NR Shoreline. Contact festival coordinator, Lana Martarella at (510) 219-1571.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Dominga Rivero, Resident on Battery Street: Says we don't have fast enough response times from sheriff department. Other neighbors are mad because sheriffs are telling residents that other residents are reporting them to the sheriff's officers. Also she says that street sweeping does not occur on her street, although it is posted. Residents are afraid to participate and are afraid to call the sheriff. Also she says that we need speed bumps and stop signs in the area.

Dulce Galicia/Healthy Richmond: Says that the webpage should have profiles of NRMAC members and bios, bylaws and attendance numbers should be on the web page, she says.

Andrea Bailey, Community Engagement Specialist/Chevron Refinery Richmond:
Andrea announces that she will be replaced by Lily Rahnema of Chevron, newly installed in NRMAC seat. She says that Ms. Rahnema has a background in community work.

Jenny Robbins/CCC Housing and Homeless Services: Says there are programs for homeless. HUD has a program entitled First Point in Time Count, it's a mandate to track homeless youth.

Annie King Meredith: Reports that there are major problems with lack of top signs in the community.

Fernando Valldez of Public Works: Takes complaints/suggestions/request - He reports and says he will see if the request for traffic control/stop signs etc., meets certain criteria. He says that CCC Public Works department are currently running data on York and Battery Streets.

Karen Garcia/North Richmond Resident: Reports speeding on First Street between Chesley and Market.

*The roll was called officially at 4:27 p.m., Scott motions to approve minutes.
Bailey seconds, unanimously passes.

Demlus Johnson III, Richmond City Council Candidate: Mr. Johnson introduces himself to the NRMAC and urges residents of the community to vote for him.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Officer Moczulski/RPD: Reporting for the month of July 2018. There were (59) calls for service, including one shooting and five firearms arrest, three burglaries, two stolen vehicles, and eleven impounds.

Lt. Buford/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of July 2018.

Buford has worked in the NR community since 2005. He has participated in street sweeps, and works very hard to clean the streets, to make them safe. If any residents have complaints to the department, please call the supervisor assigned to this area.

Lt. Buford says his sheriffs will not tolerate any deputy giving information about reporting parties. that doesn't happen he says. Resident complain about RVs and dumped cars, and specific houses.

Annie invites the sheriffs to come out to Neighborhood Watch Meetings.

Henry asks about police reports/warrants and arrest that were made last month. He also wanted to know what was a (242), answer is a battery complaint.

Officer Bruno/CHP: Reporting for the month of July 2018. There were two arrests, three stolen vehicles, fourteen recovered stolen vehicles, eight vehicles taken by CHP, thirty-two were towed, two parking tickets, twenty-six verbal warnings. Some of the vehicles towed were for (72) hours or more of illegal parking. Working on mobile homes/vehicles being in compliance with the law.

Annie compliments the CHP officers, for quick response to an accident, that her grand daughter was involved in. Several law agencies were called upon, but did not respond to the call for help. CHP did respond, and took care of necessary business.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Luz Gomes, Community Engagement Manager/Bay Area Air Quality Management District: Introduction of the Community Health Protection Program. Luz is glad to be back, visiting the neighborhood. Presenting an opportunity for residents to effort, AB617 law.

Assembly Bill 617 (AB617) is a welcome and necessary initiative for improving public health and equity in California. Asking local air districts to increase their focus on local air pollution in overburdened communities. Selected communities will work with local air districts on action plans to reduce people's exposure to particulate matter and toxic air contaminants, and/or to develop community air monitoring plans. There is funding attached to this effort.

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PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued

*Dr. Clark gives an award to Andrea Bailey for her service on the NRMAC. Bailey thanks NRMAC and community and says it was a pleasure to serve. Andrea has been a great access and great working companion to the people of this community. We wish her well and great success on her new job endeavor.

Eleanor Thompson not present.

Princess Robinson to discuss Wildcat Creek improvement project: She reports that creeks do not have benches, trash cans, doggy boxes, etc. The creek is an asset in our community. Trying to get (100) surveys from community about what your vision is for Wildcat Creek.

Cynthia Jordan says that the trails are ranked high in nature preservation. They are so under maintained. It's hard to understand that the same trails and park system exist in other parts of the Bay Area, and are highly maintained, accessible and recreational friendly. What's up with North Richmond Bay Trails, which are some of the most pristine, unspoiled, natural trails in the Bay Area. Also connecting to one of the largest salt marshes and endangered species habitat in the Bay Area.

Robert Rogers on behalf of LaShonda White on North Richmond Annexation:

There continues to be meetings educating and gathering feedback, and surveys will go out to all residents in the next few weeks. The final report on results will come to the NRMAC on October 2nd, the City Council will decide in October whether to pursue an application for annexation.

Eric Acosta Verprauskus, Principal/Verde Elm School: Discuss school changes, transition from K-6 to K-8 model. This year the K-7 model, next year including the K-8 model.

Research suggests that there are potentially great benefits for students. You can keep more of a familial, elementary school vibe. Data suggest improvements in student achievement. Goes well with improved school performance, climate and culture.

Parents have given a lot of great feedback. Overwhelming yes to the option. Students can still attend Helms Middle School, if they prefer. Will also accept students from some other elementary schools who would like to do middle school at Verde.

Annie King Meredith notes that she and other leaders helped Verde drastically improve in the early 2000s. The principal was invited, to come back to present to the NRMAC with student leaders.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Willy Lange/Hoovestol: Applicant for DP17-3049 seeks approval of plan to construct truck maintenance facility at 320 Pittsburg Avenue: Describes site, notes that there's a lot of industry and

vacant parcels around him. Cleanup has occurred, soil testing is in the process. Results are that the only issue was chloride from water treatment, and that is cleaned up.

Wants to build one more building. Will put in new sidewalks, drainage work, etc. All new and cleanest technology. Building will be steel, with pleasant landscaping around it. Traffic in and out of the yard will be during nonpeak hours. They have been working on the site, cleanup, for (18) months. There will be a shop and an office. maintenance work, but light. Will not be rebuilding trucks. Board has asked to make sure that they're running clean. Trucks being serviced will be used to operate at the USP Service, bulk mail facility in Richmond.

There will be jobs in the community. Will reduce pollution. Applicant wants to donate to great causes in the neighborhood and will be a willing partner. Plans to employ seventy-five people at the site. Most of them will be commercial truck drivers.

Scott motions to support but asks county to make major plans to be proactive to reduce traffic and not involve trucks coming in and out of the community, also with the stipulation that applicant will actively look to hire North Richmond residents, donate to North Richmond community betterment projects on request, and keep NRMAC apprised of new developments. Seconded by Annie King-Meredith. Unanimous vote for approval of the project.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert Rogers yields his time to others in the community due to meeting being near 6:00 p.m.

Roxanne Carrillo Garza/Healthy Richmond: Roxanne is collaborating with CHDC to do work around all development happening in North Richmond, most notably Las Deltas. Steering committee is looking into how to develop community input as well as architectural designs. Working with residents to develop data to help community visioning sessions.

Annie King-Meredith motions to close meeting. Beverly Scott seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
515 Silver Avenue - Richmond, CA