

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
515 Silver Avenue - North Richmond, CA 94801
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were:
Don Gilmore, Beverly Scott, Karen Garcia, Annie King-Meredith and Lily Rahnema
Absent were: Dr. Henry Clark and Aaron Morgan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were reviewed and all was in approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leyna Nguyen, Program Director/Northern CA Asthma/Breathmobile Program: Reports on breathmobile activities. This month they will be servicing five children at Verde and two children at Grant.

Annie King announces the passing of Sharon Tucker, longtime advocate for children's education. She passed recently, she was a great leader at Verde School in North Richmond.

Victor Quintanilla, North Richmond Resident: Complaints about lack of service from law enforcement on parking, blight, street mechanic issues, and more. Tania and Robert will follow up.

Kapris James, North Richmond Resident: Asking for more services on Vernon Street. She says that there is a problem with trash, and parked RV's, housing the homeless.

Resident on 6th and Verde complains of trash at cul de sac there. There is also rats and other problems there.

Le Damian Flowers says big rigs are traveling on Chesley frequently, it's a problem. Several residents complain about trucks.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. Buford and Deputy Culberson/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of October 2018. Demolition has began on the 6-plexes in the Las Deltas Projects. RV's are a countywide problem, being that the homeless population is what it is.

The sheriff's department participated in a tire pick up and also the Willie Spears Community Cleanup. It was suggested that residents, obtain license plate information and photos of illegal trash dumpers.

You may send email to sheriff's department at: cocosheriff.org

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED

Officer Bashan, RPD: Reporting for the month of October 2018:

There were two arrests for stolen vehicles, two arrests for narcotics, two arrests made for parking violations, eleven arrest warrants were served, one violation of a court order and one domestic violence report.

Annie King announces that Neighborhood Watch is in effect in the North Richmond community.

Officer Abernethy/CHP: Reporting for the month of October 2018. There was heavy parking and vehicle registration enforcement in the last month. Also working to cite high speed and heavy trucks in the community.

There were eight abandoned vehicles. Eight stolen vehicles were recovered. Eight vehicles registration expired and four vehicles towed, due to exceeding the parking limit.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Cristal Banagan of Girls Inc., not present for presentation

Cheryll Sudduth of WCWD, not present for presentation

Luz Gomez of BAAQMD, not present for presentation

Larry Westland of Power Plant, not present for presentation. He informed staff.

Kapris James, Resident/Presentation on Proposed Community Garden:

The parcel of land is adjacent to her home. She wants to create a garden there, promoting education and youth development. The property owner is deceased.

She is in the process of fundraising and wants to establish a nonprofit. She has done a lot of work cleaning the parcel. Wants to launch garden programs throughout North Richmond. She needs help acquiring the property. Need help; finding next of kin to deceased owner. Want to purchase the land, pay back taxes, or have it gifted from the county, or have some of the taxes forgiven.

Petite Gardens has not yet filed as a nonprofit.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued

Robert Rogers gives presentation for Lashonda White on annexation. Rogers reports that the issue should come before city council on November 13th, at 6:00 p.m., all are invited. If you cannot attend, you can watch on television, channel (28)-KCRT.

Fernando Valdez/CCC Public Works, report of traffic safety: Says volume and collision data are clear criteria for new stop signs. Gathered info for Battery and York Streets. Volume is low there. Did not meet criteria for volume and collision data to necessitate stop signs. Speed bumps in the neighborhood also has to meet a certain criteria. He also stated that stop signs are not meant for speed control. They are to regulate traffic. Collected speed of vehicles on Battery, 80% valid, 24mph to 30 mph. Co-workers sat on Battery and First Streets, with radar gun, speeding traffic was verified.

Suggestions to reduce speed/traffic congestion/park vehicles in the neighborhood were: Introduce an ordinance for parked vehicle, for instance, no parking within ten feet of intersection. Board of supervisor's can request stop signs, at certain intersections. A full board of supervisors could overrule traffic study findings.

Public Works will do an assessment with counters on First Street soon. Street sweeping on Battery Street, is an issue that they are looking into.

Annie King says street sweeping is a big problem, and so is speeding on Chesley.

Cynthia Jordan says this is the same report we received earlier last year from Monish Sen.

She questions the studies and the criteria. The only solution that public works is coming up with, pertains to parking. The criteria's are based on other cities in the county, and does not comply with North Richmond, needs and standards. Criteria should be based on the needs and composition of the North Richmond community.

Don Gilmore says that on Fred Jackson Way traffic backups in the afternoon, creating a huge problem.

Valdez says that he will study issues with co-workers.

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OTHER AGENCY /PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator, Supervisor's John Gioia's Office:

Robert comments on the passing of Sharon Tucker. She was an amazing champion in North Richmond. Thanks to Annie King for helping us to celebrate her life. All are encouraged to watch the video about her works and dedication to community service, in this community. There is currently a Xmas toy drive at the North Richmond Senior Center, please donate.

Supervisor Gioia's office party for all, is on December 6th, to benefit the children of North Richmond.

This Saturday, come out to celebrate the new play area at Shields and Reid Park.

Made possible by Local Unions, Fregosi Paints and Supervisor Gioia, along with the City of Richmond.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: The Homeownership Program assist individuals with buying a home, down payment assistance is available.

Dulce Galicia/LISC: Reports that the Visioning Workshop at Verde School was a great success. North Richmond's future appears to be promising, with so many new upcoming community leaders, getting involved. in their community. Doing so by expressing their concerns about NR's future. Striving for a nice, clean safe environment to live in. Next upcoming design session, November the 8th, 6-8 p.m., North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church. Another session is to be held on November 29th, same location, entitled: Quality of Life Planning.

Annie king asked about the outcomes from the plan 10 years ago. Dulce says three policy teams are working across different areas. Annie asks that Roxanne be on the next agenda to discuss the visioning project.

Tana Pullido, Community Outreach-Trash Litigation: Tania reports that the Willie Spears Community Trash Day/cleanup was a great success. Tomorrow is the North Richmond Green meeting, at 9:30 a.m., Senior Citizen's Center. Friday the Mitigation Meeting, to be held in the basement of the Richmond Civic Center building, from 3-6 p.m.

North Richmond community newsletter will be coming out next month. If you have any news to be published, please contact Tania.

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OTHER AGENCY PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Bishop Edwina Perez Santiago, Director/REACH International Fellowship: Dr. Santiago says Belinda is working as a nurse now as well. REACH has renewed their contract with CHDC, at the women's housing. All the ladies that live at the house are currently employed. Great success, and accomplishments. They have taken on two new staff members and interns.

REACH still remains in partnership with the sheriff's and parole department.

Princess Robinson of Urban Tilt: Reports that the farm is collecting data and doing reports. There was (700) participants at the farm this year, compared to (1000) last year. There has been (21) events this year, at the farm and around the neighborhood.

The Halloween event turned out extremely well.

An event is planned at Point Molate/Waterdshed (open mike) this Saturday at noon. The farm is in the process of planning their annual MLK Day celebration.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

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