

NORTH RICHMOND MAC RE-CAP 2014

JANUARY 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m., without the presence of a quorum. Board members present were Junie Tate Sugar, and Beverly Scott. At 7:15 p.m., board members Annie King and Don Gilmore arrived, making the meeting an official one.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The present agenda and the minutes of November 2013, were reviewed and approved by all board members in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Alison McKee/CCC Public Library: Up-date on proposed library, CCC and City of Richmond library staff members met in November and December, to discuss the possibility of housing a public library in the North Richmond Community. As a result of the meetings, the City of Richmond is offering (750 sq. feet) space, located at the Shield's and Reid Park. A computer laboratory is being offered as part of this project.

Four paid staffing positions may become available at the proposed library. Two of the positions are union positions and based on 40 hours a week, 2/20 hour positions will be made available. These positions are being made available by the CCC Library Commission. Meetings are scheduled in the up-coming future, to determine exactly how the library will take shape, and become a reality for the North Richmond Community.

It will take about (\$100,000), to staff the library. The time period for completion was not defined. It was stated that the positions should be staffed by community residents. A reply was made that the two positions that are not union represented and are usually filled by seniors or handy-cap individuals. The MAC board members are in favor and support of this project.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: CHDC is getting ready for the preparation of income taxes. This is a free service that has been offered to the community, in the past years.

Report on the status of the townhouses project on Fred Jackson Way. Hoping to apply for funding to start construction toward the summer months. Heritage Point is pushing forward. A town hall meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2014, Senior Heritage Building, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR/Community Service Coordinator:

Carla was welcomed back to work, after being out on maternity leave. Carla is the proud parent of a new baby girl .

Carla continues to work on the beautification and illegal dumping and blithe in the community. There have been changes in the administration of the NHNR. Lloyd Madden is the acting director of the community based organization. This is not the first time that Mr. Madden has stepped up to the plate, to assist the deeply troubled organization.

The free disposal voucher program is in jeopardy of losing funding, due to lack of resident participation. This program is funded jointly by CCC and City of Richmond.

Carla is currently working on the next issue of the Community Newsletter. The next newsletter is scheduled to be distributed in January and in April. The newsletter contains happenings and events of the local community based organizations.

Presently there are three junior league, basketball programs in effect. Project Pride has the lead on this program. Green Eco Workshops are still currently being conducted for the children and youths in the community. This season, they will be working with Davis Chapel, Pastor Keys, they have planned a flower planting project at the church.

The Beatification Project will be meeting February 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Senior Citizen Building, 515 Silver Street, Richmond CA 94801.

Richmond Sanitation is no longer out here in the community. As a result, trash and tires that are ill-legally dumped in the area are not being properly disposed of.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The toy and coat drive at Verde School, during the holiday's was a great success. There is an excess of coats and toy's left over, and a storage space is in need of.

Chevron Refinery had some type of flare up at the Richmond Refinery this morning. A plume of smoke sat over the North Richmond area, and other parts of Richmond for the entire day.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CCC Library Project, Code Enforcement, the MAC Logo (being officially on the MAC agenda) and the making of a recommendation regarding the proposed PG&E tree removal, will be on next month's agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m., as an unofficial meeting, for lack of a quorum, board members present were: Dr. Henry Clark, and Beverly Scott. At approximately 5:30 p.m., board members Annie King-Meredith, Don Gilmore and LaSaunda Tate arrived, making the meeting an official one.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and the minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Tierinan/PEU Local One: Up-date on Waste Water Management Treatment Plant.

The plant has proceeded with its automation, and unattended shifts at night time.

The automation will fully be in place by April 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

Remembering the deceased Junie Tate-Sugar: board member Junie, was pronounced deceased this month. This comes as a big shock to all of us. Time was set aside, on her behalf and to reflect on the precious times that we had with her, and to honor her life. A certificate of recognition was presented by Luz Gomez, from the Board of Supervisor/John Gioia's Office. Luz stated that we all are deeply saddened, by such a dear lost to the community.

Luz Gomez/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: the Unincorporated area of West County now will be available to compose their food waste. Composition buckets are available for anyone who desire to have one.

The Board of supervisor's had allotted \$3,000 for each MAC Board's expenditures. The funds may be used for office supplies, food, expenses, etc. This funding was made possible for the County Administrator Office on January 14, 2014.

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There will be a President's Day Tree-Planting Party, Saturday February 15, 2014. The time of this event is from 8:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., participants will meet at Humphrey Avenue and 34th Street, Richmond CA.

The habitat for Humanity, an organization that offers affordable housing, may be coming back into the area. Supervisor John Gioia will be officially appointed to the Air Resource board, February 19, 2014. The ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m., State Capital Building.

The Saving Doctor's Hospital ballot measure will be available in May 2014. The health departments around the county have been busy administering flu shots. If you have not had your flu shot, please get one.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: The Heritage Point Project may be receiving pre-development funding. Funding that was allocated to North Richmond, was transferred to Pleasant Hill several years ago. There is a possibility that North Richmond will be having some of those funds transferred back into their budget.

Filbert Townhouses is still in the planning process. Challenges are being met, and there is a misunderstanding going on. The city of Richmond made commitments, which they no longer care to honor. EPA funding was allotted to clean the site of the previous gas station located on Filbert Street. A large amount of money was spent at this site; the land contained more contaminants than was expected.

The Chevron Economic Revitalization Initiative Program will be launched as scheduled. MAC and the community will play a major role in this program. This project is proposed to provide \$1.5 million dollars into local communities. Andrea Bailey-Chevron Refinery was present at the MAC meeting, answering any questions that needed to be addressed.

CHDC is involved in the Ways to Work Program. Thirty cars will be made available to this program.

Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla continues to work on the beautification and illegal dumping and blight in the community.

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CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sain/Director Senior Citizen Program, North Richmond : The AARP/Auto Insurance Program for seniors will be offering a classroom refresher course for drivers 50 and over. The events will be held on March 19, and 26, 2014. The location is 515 Silver Street, Richmond CA. The time is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members
Meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

March 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m., board members present were : Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Clark, LaSaunda Tate, and Annie King-Meredith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and the minutes were approved by all board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth: The Urban Tilth of Richmond, CA is currently hiring, there are two job openings available. There is an opening for a North Richmond Farm Apprentice, and an opening for Project manager, at the North Richmond Farm Project.

Don Gilmore asked of Urban Tilth, for an up-date on the farm project. It was suggested that Urban Tilth present quarterly reports to the MAC board in the future. An agreement was made, that Urban Tilth would report to the MAC board on a quarterly basis, starting next month.

Benvunida Maza, coordinator of the Verde School Gardening Project, reports that a tree planting event took place on Tuesday at the Verde School Garden. Twenty adults participated in the project, trees were planted, they also learned about irrigation systems.

PRESENTATIONS

Larry Tolson/Building Inspector II/Code Enforcement Officer: The North Richmond area has been assigned a code enforcement officer. This position has been vacant for a period of time. The community is more than welcome to have Mr. Tolson in the area. Mr. Tolson reports that he needs all the help that he can get, in order to catch people living in vacant and abandoned houses. At the moment he has (17) on-going code cases. There is a problem of absentee landlords (property owners), and the banks are not up-keeping the property that they own. He is not receiving any cooperation from the banks. There is a list of problems such as: People say that there is trash along the rural roads. Public Works have to bring in heavy equipment to pick up the trash.

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The code enforcement officer works with animal control. Mr. Tolson will begin to attend the North Richmond Green Meetings. He has had several meetings with Carla Orozco of North Richmond Green. They will be working together on future projects.

April Kennedy/PG&E: April comes to the MAC meeting this evening, with an update of the Tree Removal Project. It was approved to remove (13) trees, a total of (40) trees need to be removed. These are eucalyptus trees, that are interfering with the power lines in the area.

Presently the project is at a standstill, the wood from the fallen trees, needs to be removed from the work site. They are in the process of finding a company that is capable of performing the job of removing the trees. If at all feasible, an employment opportunity for some one of the North Richmond community may become available.

It is also recommended that the MAC form a committee, to be a part of the employment selection, and progress of the tree removal project.

PG&E has committed to donating (50) fruit trees to the community. These trees will be in replacement of the trees that were removed. They will not be located in the same area, but will be located somewhere else in the community. The Shield's and Reid Park was suggested as being an ideal location. Urban Tilth is willing to take on the responsibility of the placement and planting of the trees in the North Richmond community.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAMS REPORTS

Luz Gomez/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz reports that she met with Carla Orozco they discussed the program (Adopt a Tree). The City of Richmond is currently working with this program. It is suggested that the MAC look into as to how the city is working this program.

Public works will be (micro surfacing) the Richmond Parkway. This project will begin sometime in the spring or summer.

San Francisco Regional Water board is trying to prevent small trash from ending up in the watersheds and local creeks. Starting tomorrow, once a month a crew will be picking up small trash in the unincorporated area. The trash will be hauled away by the workers, that are working on this project.

There will be an Alternative fuel Vehicle Expo. March 15, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., The location of the expo is at, 1414 Harbor Way South, Richmond, CA.

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Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla is currently working with Project Pride on a workshop entitled Urban Agriculture and Beautification/Illegal Dumping. The next workshop is to be held on March 19, 2014. The location is at the Project Pride Building, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The children and youths from the sports programs will be participating, and everyone is welcome to be a part of this event.

The MAC meeting was held over tonight until 7:10 p.m.

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: The CHDC is still in the process of offering free income tax services to the community.

The Filbert Street property had a set-back, with the City of Richmond. They are currently working with Congressman George Miller and the City of Richmond, to resolve the current problems. It hopes that the funding will be released and granted.

There is a meeting scheduled with Supervisor John Gioia, to discuss the Heritage Point Project. The purpose of this meeting, is to explore means and ways of achieving the goals for the project as proposed.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luz proposes to add Urban Tilth to the agenda for the MAC meeting in April. They will present an up-date on the garden project.

Dr. Clark announces that the North Richmond Shoreline will host a ceremony at the Brunner Marsh. The EPA will be funding a project entitled: Restoring the Brunner Marsh. The date of the ceremony is to be announced in the future .

Dr. Clark announces that he has been meeting with Chevron and representatives from the Modernization Program. The EPA Report for this program is in the process of being completed. In the near future, he would like to have an up-date of the program, presented to the North Richmond Advisory Council.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 2014

NO QUORUM

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MAY 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order (unofficially) at 5:12 p.m. Board members present were : Dr. Henry Clark, Don Gilmore, and LaSaunda Tate. Members Annie M. King and the resigning Willie Mae Johnson-Payne, arrived and the meeting was declared an official at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and the minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director for the Northern California Breath mobile:

The breath mobile is a mobile asthma clinic that diagnoses, treats and educates children and their families about asthma. They will be visiting Verde Elementary, Verde Head Start, Project Pride and the Las Deltas Child Development Center (every 4-6 weeks), thanks to a grant from Chevron. The breath mobile will be attending the 5th North Richmond Annual Music Festival, July 19, 2014, Shields and Reid's Park, Richmond CA.

The breath mobile is sponsoring a sleep over camp for children, the camp is located in Livermore. Registration fee is \$30.00 and the fees a negotiable.

The breath mobile staff would like to get information about their services out to the community. They also look forward to working in the community. For more information please contact Mary Frazier at 925-899-7670.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Discuss and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding the formation of a Committee of the NR MAC and appropriate County Staff to review the Contra Costa Housing Authority Las Deltas Disposition application and bring back information and recommendations on a regular basis; Don Gilmore asks that the MAC board accept such an appointment of a person to the committee. Annie M. King said that she would sit on the board. La Saunda said that she may be interested in sitting on the board. The motion was forwarded, voted upon, all was in favor, and was put into motion. Don would like to put this matter on a future agenda. A committee has been set up to work on completing the Filbert Street Projects.

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PRESENTATIONS

West County Wastewater District Update/E.J.Shalaby, Director: the district will be replacing water pipes and manholes in the community. This is a (\$11 million dollar) project. This is part of the (200 year, Waste Water Plan.

Board members asked if anyone in the community will gain employment within this project. Mr. Shalaby said that the county will be doing all of the hiring through private companies. This did not sit too well with board members, due to the (first Source Hiring Program), which was put in place many years ago. It was suggested that First Source Hiring Policy be looked into, before this project gets under construction.

Dr. Clark said that if no one from the community can gain employment on this project, there stands a great possibility that through protest and demonstration, the project will be shut completely down. This item is to be put on next month's agenda.

Contra Costa Fire District update/Jeff Carman, Fire Chief: The risk of fire is up all over CCC. A two person squad should be added to the staff. The fire district is also in the process of competing for the ambulance contract in the area. These proposals will be on the voting ballot in July, 2014. So please come out and cast your vote, for these needed emergency services, to serve in our community.

North Richmond Network Update/Eric Aaholm, YES Director (invited)/Tana Monteiro was present: Tana Monteiro presented the YES Program, Youth Enrichment Strategies is a non-profit organization that gives youth and families living in Richmond and West Contra Costa County the opportunity to develop life skills and strengthen communication in a safe, neutral environment that exposes them to nature and a world beyond their urban neighborhoods.

The program has been active at Verde Elementary School; they have been hosting annual events at the school. Events such as the annual Black History Breakfast, scheduled for May 29, 2014. Multi-cultural events are conducted, there is a parent coffee club, that meets once a month.

Luz reports: Because of Verde's performances, they have been selected to participate in various programs. Luz will invite school board members to the next MAC meeting, to present more information, on Verde's school performances.

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Appreciation: Willie Mae Johnson-Payne and Deputy Monroe: An award of appreciation was presented to Ms. Payne for her outstanding services as a member of the MAC board. Unfortunately she will be residing from the board, due to health reasons.

An award of appreciation was presented to Officer Monroe, of the CCC Sheriff's Department, for his outstanding services in the community. Officer Monroe has performed extra-ordinary duties in the community. He has had a successful campaign against ill-legal dumping. The officer has made some major break-through in solving crime in the area. The community residents thinks highly of Officer Monroe and his performance in and about the North Richmond community. Unfortunately Officer Monroe will be leaving the area, to work in other parts of the CCC Sheriff's Department. He truly will be missed, by the community residents and workers.

Luz Gomez/ supervisor John Gioia's Office: David Meza will be appointed to the North Richmond MAC board.

The Novae Property on Pittsburg Avenue, off of the Richmond Parkway, located across from Action Metals, was destined to be developed by Signature Homes. Unfortunately the property was lost to the Wells Fargo Bank. The bank would like to attend the MAC meeting and present plans on doing a feasibility study on developing the property.

Bishop Santiago/Reach Fellowship: Groundbreaking for the Women's Home will be held on May 29, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., 1724 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the ceremony. Reach Fellowship sends out special thanks to everyone that help them get their program off the ground.

Alison Mc Kee/CCC Public Library: Allison did not have very much to report on the physical project concerning the library, which will be housed at the Shields and Reid Park. In the meantime the CCC Library is working with the city of Richmond to bring a Summer Reading and Literacy Program to the shield's and Reid Park, the Las Deltas Child Development Center and Project Pride.

The summer program will present weekly story telling times on Wednesdays. The City of Richmond Book Mobile will come out on the same day. The program is designed to help children stay reading during the summer. In an effort to prevent the children from losing the reading skills that they acquired during the school year.

The CCC Library hopes to bring teenage programs to the North Richmond community this summer.

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Dr. Henry Clark/MAC board member: Dr. Clark is up-set about the transporting of dangerous and flammable chemicals by rail through the neighborhoods. The State Regulatory Commission is looking into this matter. A protest against these practices will be held on May 31st, at 1:00 p.m., location is to be announced.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janie Holland/CHDC: the Farmer's Market was in town today, located at Chesley Ave. and Fred Jackson Way. The market provides a variety of fruits and vegetables.

Andrea Bailey/Chevron U.S.A. Refinery: Andrea announces that Chevron has job positions open for maintenance trainee. There will be more jobs available in the future as chevron progresses thru the modernization of the facility. There is a problem with potential employees that have felony records. A workshop will be conducted entitled: Remove the Barrier.

Annie M. King/MAC board: Annie announces that there will be an event entitled "Walk for Re-entry". The walk is about 3.4 miles long and will depart from Fred Jackson Way at 9:00 a.m. On June 14, 2014. The Shield's and Reid Council meets every fourth Tuesday of the month, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Shield's and Reid Park. The Davis Chapel Community Garden, meets at the garden every 3rd Friday of the month. Meeting time is from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Peter Tiernan/Local PEU1: Announces that the local is desperate in the battle to save Doctors Medical Hospital. This Saturday there will be an important meeting to rally around saving the hospital. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria meeting hall, at the Doctors Hospital in San Pablo, CA. Everyone is urged to attend.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Report on First Source Hiring
West County Waste Water District Report
Las Deltas Housing Project

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

JUNE 2014

Meeting cancelled

JULY 2014

Vacation

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AUGUST 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. Board members present were Beverly Scott, Dr. Henry Clark, David Meza and LaSaunda Tate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda was reviewed and approved. Minutes were presented for May, 2014. Meetings were not held for the months of June or July, 2014.

The minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynetta Cooper: A resident of North Richmond community, and a tenant of the Las Deltas Housing Projects. Commented that she lives on Market Street, and has a problem with the unkept yards of the vacant houses. If she is not mistaken, she has been hearing rattle snakes on these premises.

Bishop Santiago: Responded on Lynetta's complaint, the Reach Out Fellowship Organization has been granted the task (through the CCC Housing Authority) of cutting the lawns, and disposing of the trash and garbage.

Carlos Meza/North Richmond Resident: commented that bags of trash and garbage are being disposed of, at vacant public housing properties. One particular site of this illegal dumping is located at 6th and Silver Streets.

Mary Frazier/Project Director for the Northern California Breath mobile:

The mobile asthma clinic diagnoses, treats and educates children and their families about asthma. They have been visiting different sites in the North Richmond community, thanks to a grant from the Chevron Richmond Refinery. They will continue to visit these sites ever 4-6 weeks.

The asthma mobile van attended the North Richmond 5th Annual Music Festival in July. Mary was overwhelmed with the responses, from people that visited the van. Over (50) people visited the mobile van, and received information pertaining to asthma, and the treatment of asthma. Nine families have signed up to participate in the asthma program.

Supervisor John Gioia made a visit to the mobile van, during the festival. Mary was pleased and delighted by his visit. They were able to discuss various asthma related health issues.

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Each participant that visits the van will receive a \$5.00 Target gift certificate. The suggested age group for clients is targeted from three months, to eighteen years of age. Parent meetings were held at the Child Care Center, Project Pride, and the Las Deltas Housing Projects, and Verde Elementary School.

Mary announced that they were able to employ a young intern, Leslie Bates. She will be assisting and helping the staff on the mobile van. Leslie's family has lived in the North Richmond community, since the 50's. Mary says that she will report to the MAC meeting in the future.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz will be making her report early; she has to attend another meeting, where she will be standing in for Supervisor John Gioia.

Progress is being made with the CCC Housing Authority. In the future a study will be done on the public housing situation in the North Richmond Community.

Verde school has a new principal, a Mr. Eric Acosta-Vertrauskus for the up-coming school year.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

RECEIVE UPDATGE regarding County Housing Element/Kara Douglas, Department of Conservation and Development: Ms. Douglas presented the 2014 Housing Element Update. She presented this update in a packet designed for the Municipal Advisory Council meetings. The packet consisted of an overview which contained the following topics: State Housing Element Law, Housing Element contents, Regional Housing Need Allocation Process, Key Facts, Issues and Trends To consider, Housing Element (2015-2023)-Update Focus, Other GP elements under review, Schedule, Consequences if Housing Element Not Updated, MAC Questions to Consider, Staying Informed/Staff Contacts.

PRESENTATIONS

Regarding the County's Storm Water Trash Management Plan for North Richmond/John Steere, Public Works: Mr. Steere presented a power point presentation about the CCC Watershed Program. The presentation pointed out the State Requirements for reducing Litter in Our Communities. CCC's role in the project was explained. Trash (litter) is considered a "water pollutant". Communities will be required to reduce trash by (40%) by July 1, 2017 and by (100%) by 2022. Communities will develop a long-term Trash Reduction Plan that details how the communities can reduce trash.

The county Watershed Program has developed community-centered Trash Reduction Plans, steps are: 1. Development of community's baseline trash levels using GIS Maps with land uses and information on income levels. 2. Assessment of baseline trash levels. 3. Field-testing by methodically taking photos and recording trash levels in the communities.

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There will be reviewing of trash control measures, reducing trash by street sweeping, on-land and creek cleanups, and community engagement, and improvement of trash bins management.

Presentation regarding Chevron Modernization Project and Environmental Impact Report/ Nicole Barber: Nicole reports that the Modernization Project process had been stopped and they are in the process of going back to court. Project construction will start up again next year.

Andrea Bailey/Chevron: Andrea reports on the Revitalization Project. Ninety million dollars is being put into this program. This is the largest grant the Chevron has offered to the local communities, for any previous or existing project in their history. The funding will go to the city of Richmond. The city is staffing up and getting ready to administer the funds to the various communities. The Richmond City Manager has been invited to attend the North Richmond MAC meeting. The city has an agreement that they must report to the MAC, and the community on the progress, and spending of the funds. There will be a scholarship program for school students. Hopefully the students will have access to scholarships and college funding. Job training has been implemented into this program. An important step in this process is to make sure that North Richmond is allotted their share of the funding.

Regarding North Richmond Shoreline Alliance Festival/Cynthia Jordan: Cynthia announces the 11th North Richmond Shoreline Festival, on October 4, 2014. The time is from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., located at the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park, Pinole, CA. Free on-going transportation to the park will be provided at designated pick-up points. Pickup will be at the Senior Citizen Center of Mc Donald Ave., the Nevin Community Center, located on Fourth and Nevin, the North Richmond Center for Health, located at Fred Jackson Way and Chesley Ave. A shuttle will be continuously running all that day.

The North Richmond community is encouraged to join in, and be a part of the North Richmond Shoreline Open Space Alliance. This organization started eleven years ago, by residents of the North Richmond community. Their goal is to restore the North Richmond Shoreline, and to protect, and provide jobs, educational opportunities, a safe place to recreate, a source of clean watersheds and healthy foods.

Eleven years ago, the first event launched by this organization was the restoring of the Brunner Marsh. This wetland site was under consideration to become an industrial business complex. With hard work, determination and protest, the marsh was saved and purchased by the East Bay Regional Park District. Presently the area is under construction, and is being developed into a nature preserve, and wetland habitat. This all ties into the Point Pinole Regional Park plans.

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Whitney Dotson/President of the East Bay Regional Park District and local community activist, has dedicated an enormous amount of work and time, into getting this area preserved. As a reward for his hard labor, the Brunner marsh will be re-named the Dotson Marsh.

This area has so much rich history, dating back to the Coastonians, the local Native American Indian Tribes, whom originally inhabited this area. Cynthia remembers growing up as a child, the Richmond Yacht Club and Boat Harbor, was located in North Richmond. It was located at the West end of Gertrude Avenue. Cynthia lived on Gertrude Avenue for many years, and would watch the big boats going pass by her house on their way to the yacht club. She also remembers the remnants of fishing and duck hunting villages/artifacts/ruins at the end of West Gertrude Avenue/Beacon Homing.

She stated that she wanted to point out what was and what could become into being for the North Richmond community, and North Richmond Bay Shoreline.

The MAC meeting has been voted upon to continue until 7:15 p.m.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Community Service Coordinator (Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR):

Carla continues to work with the county and the city, to combat illegal dumping in the area. She has been working with James Lyons, a representative from Supervisor John Gioia's office. Carla has received (twenty) complaints pertaining to trash, over grown yards and empty lots. A vast majority of these complaints are about the public housing properties, owned by the county.

The next project that Carla will be working on is the beautification of the Multi-Cultural Center. The goal of this project is to improve the senior garden and landscape.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 5th Annual North Richmond Music Festival was a great success. The music line-up was excellent. There were over (30) organizations that set up display booths. Supervisor John Gioia and Mayor Gale Mc Laughlin were present at the festival. The planning committee would like to thank everyone that participated in this event. They look forward to next year's event.

The MAC board and the community sends out our concerns and well wishes out to Annie-King Merridith. We hope that she makes a speedy recovery. We miss her dearly and greatly, and hope to see her soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 2014

The MAC meeting for September 2014 was not an official one, for lack of a quorum.

OCTOBER 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. Board members present were David Meza, LaSaunda Tate, and Dr. Henry Clark. Don Gilmore arrived at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda was reviewed and approved. There were not any minutes to approve, last month's meeting was not an official one, for lack of a quorum by the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Carr, resident of North Richmond, spoke out on approval of the Rancho Market, located in North Richmond. It appears that someone in the community wants to introduce a petition into the community, to close down the market. Mrs. Carr feels that the market is an access to the community. She stated that there are only two stores serving the North Richmond community. Rancho Market is a Afro-American owned market, and should be allowed to stay open in a community, where Afro- American residents reside. The other market is owned and operated by Arabs, and they are rude and disrespectful to the customers, especially Afro American customers.

Residents that were present at the meeting were in favor of Mrs. Carr's opinion. It was pointed out that Rancho Market is the only privately Afro-American owned business in the community. Rancho Market is the only place in the community, where you can purchase a (hot meal or fresh produce).

Mary Frazier/West Oakland Asthma Breath Mobile: Mrs. Frazier gave an up-date on the progress that the mobile asthma van, has made in the community. The van continues to present workshops and provide services at the following locations: Las Deltas Child Care Facility, Verde Elementary School, and Shield's and Reid Park. The asthma program has participated at the Health Fair, which was held at Verde Elementary School. The asthma program will be participating in the up-coming Green Festival, to be held on October 25, 2014, at the North Richmond Baseball Fields.

PRESENTATIONS

Luz Gomez and Dr. Henry Clark/Awarded Presentations to Local Churches

Awards were presented from Supervisor John Gioia's office, to local churches in the North Richmond community. The awards were in appreciation of dedication and commitment of services to the community.

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West County Wastewater district 20-year plan/E.J. Shalaby: Mr. Shalaby came to the MAC meeting to discuss the 20 year District-Wide Master Plan. The first five years of this plan establishes the 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The maintenance and replacement of our wastewater system. The system must be properly maintained to prevent sewage spills and treat wastewater, protect public health and the water and wildlife of the San Pablo Bay.

The issues facing the district over the next five (5) years are: 60% of pipes are 40 years or Older; 40% are 50 years or older; regulatory changes require adherence to more stringent standards; current sewer rates have not kept pace with the cost of maintaining facilities, infrastructure and equipment; and inefficient use of land, facilities and equipment.

The total cost of projects identified in the 5-year Capital Improvement Program is \$92.2 million. The cost of paying cash for all of the identified projects would require higher increases in the Sewer Use Charge than the proposed rates.

Work on this project will be starting up soon in the North Richmond area. Luz asked for an answer about the First Source Hire Employment Program. Earlier on in the year the MAC board asked Mr. Shalaby about the First Source Hire Employment Program. Questions were asked if this program would be in effect on this project. Luz asked if Mr. Shalaby could report back to the MAC with some answers. She also stated that she would be working on this issue.

Don Gilmore stated that before the Wastewater District go out to bid on the project, they should contact the Workforce Development Board. Don will also be working with Luz on the First Source Hire Employment Program.

Proposed Medical Cannabis collective site in the Hensley Light Industrial District, City of Richmond/James Anthony: Mr. Anthony introduced to the MAC, the Richmond Compassionate Care Collective Project. This project is a medical cannabis collective (dispensary) licensed by the City of Richmond to provide safe access to quality medicine for patients qualified to use it under California law. This includes relief of suffering from cancer treatment, glaucoma, chronic pain, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, insomnia, ADHD, and PTSD, to name just a few of the many ailments that cannabis relieves.

RCC's vision also includes providing other alternative health and wellness offerings such as acupuncture, chiropractic, yoga, reiki, nutritional and herbal advice, and grief and life counseling, at no cost to the patient.

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The Richmond Police Department's Regulatory Unit monitors medical cannabis collectives. The unit has discovered that crime can decrease, and has not increased in areas surrounding the collectives due to their ever-vigilant commitment to public safety. The collectives provide surveillance, security guards, and well-lit areas for patients, neighbors and community members.

John Valdez, Executive Director of Richmond Compassionate Care collective is a third generation San Franciscan and medical cannabis advocate. His family has always gave back to the community. They have a construction company where they specialize in rehabbing 1-4 family residential properties. Upon opening this club in the local area, they have plans on putting money back into the community.

The board made no decision on this issue, Mr. Anthony will be invited back to future meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

DISCUSS and MAKE RECOMMENDATION for use of North Richmond Dedication Funds for development of the North Richmond Farm-Doria Robinson, Julie GaNung (Urban Tilth):

Doria Robinson is speaking on behalf of Urban Tilth this evening. She states that they have had success on the thirty year lease at the garden. Tuesday they got agriculture legalized by the County in North Richmond. They no longer need a conditional use permit. Urban Tilth has created an advisory committee board that consist of fifteen (15) members. They suggest that another member of the MAC join the advisory committee.

Other highlights of Doria's presentation were: they would like to create a list of possible employers. They want direct local hire, Urban Tilth has a goal of (805) local hire. A training and apprenticeship especially for North Richmond residents. Would like to find a way to put money back into North Richmond. Everything will be done locally.

In order to complete the planning and design phases of the project, Supervisor John Gioia would like to allocate Park Dedication Funds to the North Richmond Farm Project. Funds would be used for 1) environmental site assessments, 2) civil engineering 3) architectural design and 4) construction project management. This lays the groundwork for developing construction documents and applying for building permits. The parks dedication fund request is \$434,680, (13% of total project budget).

Board member LaSaunda Tate motioned to accept the proposal. It was seconded by Don Gilmore, and approved by the remaining MAC board members.

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LaSaunda board member would like to create a business letter to send out to the local business making them aware of the MAC. This issue was put into a motion, seconded and approved by MAC board members.

It was also suggested for someone from the MAC to serve on the North Richmond Mitigation Fee Committee as an alternate member to be appointed by the board of supervisors. There was a motion to accept this proposal, it was seconded and approved.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz announces that the MAC board will have a new member. Aaron Morgan will be the newest member of the North Richmond MAC.

On October 15, 2014 the Bay Area air Quality District, will be holding an important meeting. The meeting will be pertaining to the Air Tracking Rule. The meeting starts at 9:45 a.m., BAAQD 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, contact info: 415-776-6000

A Mr. Bill Lindsney came to speak to the MAC board recently. Supervisor John Gioia suggest that the MAC send a letter to the Richmond city Council and invite him back out.

The CCC Board of Supervisors cordially invites you to join them in honoring Congressman George Miller, for his four decades of service in CCC. Tuesday, October 28, at 9 o'clock in the morning in the Board Chambers 651 Pine Street, Martinez, CA

Community Housing Development Corporation/Don Gilmore: Don reports that the Filbert Street Townhouse Development is resubmitting an application for funding. The Heritage Point Project is catching up to the town houses, as far as plans go. All funding should be identified by the end of this year.

CHDC will be preparing income taxes this year.

Foreclosures in the community are still happening. Lending loans are available for potential home buyers/owners through CHDC.

Community Service Coordinator (Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR):

Carla continues to combat illegal dumping in the community. Carla states that the community has a high rate of trash, abandoned vehicles, and lose dogs, because of the closeness to the local landfill, and because of home foreclosures.

The trash mitigation meets once a month, at the Senior Citizen Building, in North Richmond.

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Carla announces the 5th Annual North Richmond Green Festival. The date of the festival is on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Location: North Richmond Ball Field Park, Fred Jackson Way & Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond CA. there will be a planting of flowers and vegetables, at the Senior Citizen Center 515 Silver Street, Richmond, CA .

Urban Tilth-Farm Update (Tania Pulido): Tania reports that the environmental annalist will be completed soon. The community will start participating at the garden. Hopefully in 2016, they plan to break ground and start building some components. Tania has trained some North Richmond residents to be apprentices at the garden. They will hire two more apprentices in January 2015.

Mr. Lucky/Owner of the Rancho Market: Mr. Lucky came to the MAC meeting to speak up on behalf of his local store, located in North Richmond. Mr. Lucky say's that he has been at that store for nine years. When he first came here there was a lot of crime. Since then the crime outside the store has declined. He has surveillance cameras installed. The local sheriff's department has access to the camera's film. They can come in and view or access the footage, whenever necessary. He said that a lot of crimes in the area have been solved due to those cameras. He also said that he do not sell alcohol. He came to this community to serve low-income people. He has helped young people in the community acquire jobs, he has been called by potential employers for reference. He said that he has no control of what goes on in the streets, outside of the store.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Growing Wiser Class, invites you to their Annual Salad Bar, which includes a fashion show, live entertainment and a raffle. Saturday October 11, 2014, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Neighborhood House Senior Center 515 Silver Street, Richmond, CA 94801. The admission fee is \$8.00. for more information call Ms. Corrine Sain: 510-323-3511.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52. p.m.

NOVEMBER 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m., board members present were :
Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Clark, Aaron Morgan, LaSaunda Tate, and David Meza.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Luz Gomez/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz made a presentation of a certificate of appreciation, to the Evans family, on behalf of Rodney Frazier. Unfortunately Rodney Frazier was the young man that felled victim to a homicide. Rodney was a well outspoken teenager in the North Richmond community, and Richmond High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director Breath mobile: Mary announces that the Asthma Project has won an award for Community Sustainability. The asthma mobile continues to see and assist asthma clients in the community. The mobile van will be located at Verde School, and at the Las Deltas Housing Projects on designated days. The program is designated and designed for children of school age.

PRESENTATIONS

Ernie Sirotek, U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Railroad Administration/Hazardous Materials Specialist/Crude by Rail: A presentation was made about operating practices, track and signal operations and operation life saver.

In 2012 crude oil shipments increased by (166%), since 2005. There has been an oil shipping growth by rail, compared to shipping by boat. The oil that is being shipped into the area from the Bakken area in North Dakota, is more hazardous and has a consistency like diesel fuel.

The reason why rail is a more viable mode of transportation is because of the fact that there are not many pipelines coming to the West Coast for the N. Dakota area. The oil is being stored in storage tanks and is loaded onto rail. Most of the oil is not classified properly when packaged. Some crude oil omits hydrogen sulfide vapors. There is a hazmat table, in which oil is classified. For instance (a flash point) is when oil reaches a certain temperature at igniting point.

Steps are being taken to improve upon the rail cars that the oil is being transported in. There are serious concerns about the rail cars that comes through the Richmond, CA area. Some concerns are train derailment, securements of the crude oil, the handling of the product, and emergency response. Other concerns are the handling of the rail cars, the proper classification of the material being shipped, and the selection of proper packaging.

If a rail car carrying crude oil catches on fire, the container melts and opens up, causing liquid vapors to pour out into the local area. If a tank car is on fire with LPG Gas, you must evacuate the area for a one mile radius.

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Recommendations for improvement and safety are being made to the Federal Railroad Association. These recommendations can be found in the Railroad Initiative of February 21, 2014. On 2/25/14 an Amended and Restated Emergency Order Restriction/Prohibition Order was drafted.

Two trains consisting of (100) cars, carrying crude oil, comes into North Richmond every month. The train's destination is the Burlington Northern Terminal, formally known as the Richmond Santa Fe Train Station. Burlington Northern-Santa Fe is the carrier, from the Bakkins facility to the Richmond terminal. In the future more oil is expected to be transported by pipelines.

A motion was put forth, that Supervisor John Gioia address a letter to the BAAQD concerning this matter. The motions were seconded and agreed upon.

Bishop Santiago/Belinda Thomas/REACH Fellowship-North Richmond Health Status:

The organization has been established in North Richmond for five years. They originally came into the community to work with Bobby Owens, and the needle exchange. Presently there is no education on aids being provided in North Richmond. There is a feeling of HIV education abandonment in the community. The CCC County states that there is not enough funding for such projects.

Since 2012 roughly (1,800) discarded used needles have been picked up in North Richmond. REACH Fellowship states that two out of five people in North Richmond are HIV positive.

High blood pressure is up in North Richmond. The community residents would like t to have the N. R. Center for Health, to have more extended hours during the week, and be open on week-ends.

Alcoholism is high in North Richmond. REACH Fellowship would like to see health care improvements in the community. REACH Fellowship will start serving free meals in the community, at night time, in order to ensure healthy eating and nutritious foods in the community.

Dr. Clark asked Belinda about the Ebola outbreak. She stated that it is not a big deal here. She also suggested that we start using a higher health standard. She did state that there is a high rate of hepatitis in the area.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND /OR ACTION

DISCUSS and APPOINT a Sup-committee of the NRMAC to review and make recommendations to the MAC about a proposed development at former NOVE property-Luz Gomez and MAC:

Luz announces that interested and concerned parties are in the process of remarketing the property. We must weigh-in on how the property should be developed.

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Board members LaShanda, Dr. Henry Clark and Aaron would like to be on the committee. Luz will set up a meeting with the planners.

DISCUSS and APPOINT a Subcommittee of the NRMAC to draft an annual plan for the MAC 2015 to be reviewed and approved at the December meeting-Luz Gomez and MAC: It was decided upon that Mac board members, Aaron and LaShanda will be on this committee.

COMITTREE REPORTS

Future of Las Deltas Committee/Don Gilmore: Don reports that Las Deltas has committed to Project Based Section 8 Rehab. The project is still up in the air. Request for qualifications will be issued for developers to make proposals.

OTHER AGENCYT/PROGRAM REPORTS

Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz and the board members would like to welcome Aaron Morgan as an official MAC board member.

The Urban Act Farm moves forward. The property has been cleared of brush and degree.

There was a meeting at the BAAQD on refinery capping emissions. It was a unanimous vote and a huge victory.

Goodbyes were said to Congressman George Miller in Martinez.

There will be an up-coming discussion on possible funding for Filbert Town Homes and the Heritage Point Projects.

LsShanda Tate/MAC board member: Puts forth a motion to have a walk around the neighborhood. To be discussed at a later date.

Dr. Henry Clark/board member: States that since the elections are over, it would be feasible to invite the newly elected officials to the Mac meetings. Luz said that she would take this request back to Supervisor John Gioia, and see if we could make this happen.

Janie Holland/CHDC: announces the Willie Spears/North Richmond Clean-up Day. This event is scheduled for December 6, 2014. Carla Orozco is the contact person.

Janie announces that Farmers market is still going on. They had a special today. Shoppers were offered a @2.00 coupon toward purchase of fruits and vegetables, for taking a short survey.

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The North Richmond site has doubled in sales, compared to what the Rubicon site is taking in. The market meets every Wednesday, in the Mc Glothen Temple Church parking lot, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Carla Orozco/Community Services Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR:

Carla is working with the County on the Wellness and Prevention Program. On December 4, 2014, there will be a litter pick up in targeted locations in North Richmond. This is an extension project of the illegal dumping program. Their goals are to include the safety of the children that walk to Verde School.

Carla is working on organizing the North Richmond Green Basketball Program.

Luz commented that the small trash does need to be picked up, and that she is delighted to see this effort. The Watershed Project picks up small litter also. Carla invites the community to join in on this clean-up effort.

Mary Frazier of the Asthma Breath Mobile, suggested that the clean-up project be in honor of the recently deceased teenager Rodney Frazier.

Don Gilmore/CHDC: States that the MAC would like to meet again, with the representatives from the proposed cannabis club.

Luz suggest that each board member individually state how they feel about the proposed business, locating into this area, or weigh in now about how they feel, or perhaps put the issue on an up-coming agenda as an action item.

The representative from the cannabis club is here at the MAC meeting, he was told that this item will be put back on the agenda at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

DECEMBER 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m., board members present were David Meza, Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Clark, Aaron Morgan, Beverly Scott and LaSaunda Tate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier, RN,MSN,AE-C/Project Director Breath mobile: Mary announces that thanks to a Grant from the Chevron Oil Refinery, Richmond CA, the breathmobile is able to provide services in North Richmond. Mary announces that they have hired Cynthia Jordan as a new intern to work on the asthma van, at the Verde School and the Las Deltas site.

Andrea Baily/Chevron Oil Refinery: Andrea presented an award of appreciation to Dr. Henry Clark, for his dedication and commitment toward the North Richmond community. Along with the award a picture of Andrew Young, and Dr. Clark attending a fundraiser dinner was presented.

Pam Bilbo-Saucer/Men & Women of Valor: Pam announces that Men and Women of Valor, have joined in partnership with the Goodwill Industries, in a training and hiring project. So far (65) people have been hired into employment. Some of the selected people will be starting work on Monday. Such jobs as food service workers, care providers, custodians, and retail management positions are being made available through this program.

Pam announces that in the future the Men & women of Valor, will be participating in the LEAP Program. Men and Women of Valor will also be working with the Department of Rehabilitation and the DECAF Programs. Pam says that through hard work and effort, great things are happening through out the programs.

Eleanor Thompson: Eleanor made the MAC aware of a resolution that will be presented to Doctors Hospital in San Pablo. The resolution explains how much needed medical services are essential to the North Richmond community.

Bishop Santiago/Belinda Thomas/REACH Fellowship: REACH Fellowship cordially invites the public to a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of the Naomi House. This house is a gender-responsive home for re-entry women and their children. The ceremony is to be held on December 17, 2014, from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., the location is at 1724 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA 94801.

Dr. Otis Rounds/Physician at Doctors Medical Hospital, San Pablo, CA: Dr. Rounds came to the MAC seeking support and endorsement of the resolution that Eleanor Thompson presented to the MAC tonight. Retaining our full Service Hospital/Through Shared Community Commitment. Unfortunately since this item is not on the MAC agenda it cannot be discussed at present. Luz suggested that he go through the proper procedures, of getting on the agenda. This item will be put on the MAC agenda at a future date.

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Elsa Monroe/Nurse at Doctors Medical Hospital, San Pablo, CA: Ms. Monroe came to the MAC also seeking support for Doctors Hospital. She was given the same instructions as for Dr. Rounds. The MAC looks forward to hearing her concerns at a future date.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz announces that the Interagency Refinery Task Force will host a Northern California Safety forum. This is the first of a series of forums to provide information and promote dialogue on worker and community safety. The two hour forum offers an opportunity for the public to obtain facts and insight, ask questions, and discuss how refinery operations impact the community.

Translators will be available to translate in Spanish and Lao. The date of the forum is Thursday, December 11, 2014, 6-8 p.m., Richmond city Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804. For more information call (916) 327-9558.

The Verde School Hoodie, Toy Drive, is really going well this year. Volunteers are welcome to come out Friday, December 19, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Luz has been wrapping toys in her office, volunteers are welcome to come out and join in on wrapping of the toys.

The MAC members and the Board of supervisor's terms come to an end at the same time. Fortunately the MAC members has agreed to continue to stay on the board for another term.

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: Don states that he is excited about the partnership with REACH Fellowship on the re-entry house. The Filbert Townhouse Project was not successful with the tax credits programs. Heritage Point is experiencing similar situations as the Filbert Street Project.

Janie Holland/Community Housing Development Corporation: Janie presented about the Willie Spears Trash Pick-up. The trash collection occurred this past Saturday. The statistics were as follows: there were four drivers from Richmond Sanitary, there were two dumpsters stationed at the Shields and Reid Park. The recycle truck for metals was filled up twice. SIMS metal was on site collecting metal. Twenty four loads of trash out of North Richmond were taken to the landfill. On a whole (62.10) tons of trash was taken out of North Richmond. People from the community came out in great force, to help with the trash pick-up/clean-up.

The Fresh Cargo Farmers market came out into the community today. Sales were low due to bad weather.

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Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carl announces if anyone have problems about illegal dumping please call her at 510-776-7568 or at carlaorozaco@live.com. Carla wants to thank Carlos Meza for volunteering on clean-up day. It appears that Carlos was one of the first participants to arrive on site on that day.

After the clean-up, garbage was being disposed of onto the streets of North Richmond. Carla said that she would bring this issue to the CCC Sheriff's Officer's attention, code enforcement would also be notified. The City of Richmond Abatement Team, assured Janie that they would be out on the streets, to pick up the overflow of trash. After every trash pick-up day, people continue to bring their trash to North Richmond .

Carla states that a Community Trash Pick-up day near and at the Verde School was held. Parents from Verde participated in the litter pick-up project. The entire day was a great success.

Participants are being recruited for the basketball program. Interested persons may go to Project Pride for applications. The age group is from (6-14). This is a part of the Richmond Junior MBA Basketball Programs.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilt: Tania reports that the lease has been signed for the three acre parcel of land for the garden. Two residents have been hired from the North Richmond area to work at the garden. A coordinator has been hired for the garden. The land has been cleaned and cleared of debris. A cultural and environmental study is in process of being conducted. The project has intentions of breaking ground by 2016.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND /OR ACTION

HEAR COMMITTEE REPORT and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding proposed development at former NOVE property. Luz reports that the bank owns the property. The property is being proposed to be approved as a commercial warehouse land use. The MAC sub-committee met and recommended conditions of approval.

The land use of this property is currently zoned as residential. At one point in time houses were proposed to be built on the site. The sub-committee is not sure as to what the property should be zoned for. It may be better to switch the property to light industrial. Further investigation needs to be conducted.

The following conditions pertaining to the property needs to be considered. Local hiring conditions, use permitted, taking into consideration the plans of the East Bay Regional Park District.

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Luz stated that she heard from the planner and basically a unique request to go ahead and approve the zoning was presented. A land use and building permit will be approved at the same time. So who ever builds on the site will already be approved for development.

The county will incorporate a letter and it will go to the board of supervisors.

Luz states that a market analysis should be conducted. Luz says that all of this should be put into a comment/response letter. Which would also be good for planning to look at.

Board member LaShanda put a motion forth to do a further analyze as to exactly what could be done with the property. The motion was second and passed.

Board Chairman Don states that we are not ready to go forward until we see what can be done with the land.

HEAR COMMIO9TTE REPORT and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding a proposed Land Use Permit for the purposes of permanently establishing a soil recycling and distribution facility at 115 Brookside Drive/Ghilotti: Mr. Ghilotti comes before the MAC requesting recommendation for a land use permit. The property located at 115 Brookside Drive, is owned by the Ghilotti family and they are in the soil and concrete recycling and distribution business. This property is located across the street from the proposed Urban Tilth Farm.

Luz stated that on such a project we could want local hire to be effective. The dust from the operation should be kept at a minimum. The land should be used for only what it will be permitted for. There should be a noise limit imposed upon the site.

Urban Tilth/Tania Pulido says that there has not been enough quality time spent at the garden to notice any noise or distractions coming from the 115 Brookside Drive site.

Mr. Ghilotti went on to explain the operations and functions of his distribution facility. They take broken concrete and recycle it into useable materials. They take discarded soil and dirt and sift it and turn it into re-useable material. They do not propose to do anything different than what they have presently been doing at the site.

Ghilotti stated that they are working toward giving back to the community.

MAC will send a letter to the County Planners to make sure that this operation does not distract the operations of the Urban Tilt Farm. The corner where the operation is located should be beautified. The height of the pile of material on the property should be limited. The noise form

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the operation should be modified and limited, and not cause disturbance. North Richmond should be able to utilize some of the material and products that are produced by this company's soil recycling operations.

This item was motioned by board member David, and second by board member Dr. Clark. The presentation by Mr. Ghilotti was tabled for now, and will be presented in the future.

HEAR and MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to APPROVE the proposed annual plan for the North Richmond MAC for 2015: LaSaunda moved to approve the 2015 plan, the issue was motioned, second, and approved.

CONSIDER and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding whether Contra Costa County and the City of Richmond should explore advantages and disadvantages of a possible annexation of Unincorporated North Richmond into the City of Richmond: Upon hearing this request Dr. Henry Clark, spoke out in opposition. He said that the residents and concerned individuals in the community, have worked far too hard to establish the North Richmond community. He feels that it would be a shame to turn North Richmond over to the City of Richmond or anyone else for that matter.

The board decided to explore other options, as to what can North Richmond become. Lashanda made a motion to explore the advantages and disadvantages of: possible annexation of Unincorporated North Richmond into the City of Richmond/San Pablo, possible township of Unincorporated North Richmond, or Unincorporated North Richmond becoming its own city.

The motion was seconded and approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Crude by Rail, Andres Soto, Communities for a Better Environment: Mr. Soto presents stating that last month when the Federal Railroad representative attended the MAC meeting, the resolution was adopted. He also stated that supervisor John Gioia was putting on the heat, pertaining to crude by rail.

Mr. Soto states that last week a train carrying crude oil, derailed in Richmond. The Federal Government had to come out, and investigate the accident.

Luz will design a letter to the BAAQD pertaining to the Crude by Rail Issue.

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Board member Henry Clark says personally that he does not buy into the argument, why we should be at risk by trains coning through North Richmond, carrying crude oil. Henry motioned that we support Mr. Soto's motion. The motion was carried over, for further a meeting.

Don suggests that the MAC motion to extend the meeting to 8:05 p.m. this was motioned by Lashanda and second, and all in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

