

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

515 Silver Avenue – North Richmond, CA 94801

RE-CAP 2017

JANUARY 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Fraizer – Director of the Northern California Asthma Breathmobile Project:

The asthma clinic staff provides services to various schools in the East Bay Area. The children are treated for their asthma symptoms aboard the breath mobile twice a month at their schools. Each appointment is scheduled for ½ hour. Spanish and English interpreters are on staff. The project is very interactive with Chevron. Leslie Zecena will be taking over Mary's job.

Akeele Carter/Local Hire Job Coordinator for the Richmond Refinery Modernization Project.

Advertising modernization project and local hire and training programs. Trades Day Two was scheduled for January 25, 2017.

Vanessa Chau/Community Service Work-City of Richmond: Announcing that programs and workshops are available to prep young adults for college. They are recruiting volunteers age sixteen thru twenty four.

Charlene Harris/Healing Circles of Hope/Mothers Against Violence: The organizations had a successful Xmas season. They were able to give out toys to needy children during the holidays. They continue to work with the local sheriff's department and the local prison system.

PRESENTATION and PROCLAMATIONS

Dr. Connie Portero and Jim Hanson on Point Molate activities. Previous chairperson of the Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission for nine years. Presenting along with Jim Hanson, Chairman of the Point Molate Commission. Three public meetings will be held, to discuss the future development of Point Molate. They are seeking ongoing feedback from the NRMAC.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Mary Halle/CCC Engineering Department: The County is devising measures to improve traffic in North Richmond. The department seeks NRMAC feedback.

The proposed projects will reduce truck traffic through configuration and calming measures. Including tightened roads and elevated crosswalk. Solutions: Ask developers to control traffic at their sites. A constriction of the roadway, like making the lanes narrower, which would give vehicles a cause to slow down. Signage that identifies that travelers are entering a residential community. Fred Jackson Way selected for funding in the amount of 3 million dollars.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION CONTINUED

Gary Ghalotti/Maggiora and Ghilotti Inc. development plan: Update on project to cap contaminated/dirty soil on a piece of land. The site consists of (19.1) acres, off the Richmond Parkway, adjacent to Oliver's towing Company, and the Old Stauffer Chemical Site. In 1939 the land was farmland; geographically the land has not changed.

A million yards of dirt has to be filled in, raising surface of the land to ten feet. After capping, (projecting in ten years) further development may be able to proceed, and will come back to the NRMAC for presentation. NRMAC voted on this issue in February 2017.

Galaxy Desserts/Engineers from CSW/Stuber Stroeh engineering: Proposal to merge seven parcels down to four, which will allow previously NRMAC approved work on desserts manufacturing facility to proceed. The NRMAC express full support. Will vote on the issue February 7, 2017.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: The Verde School Holiday fundraiser was a great success. A total of \$8,000 was raised, students were provided with books and hooded sweatshirts. Chevron Refinery donated tote bags to the students.

Don Gilmore, Director and Janie Holland, Community Resource/CHDC: Heritage Point Development is on schedule to go before the county for funding; they are also going before the state for funding. They hope to break ground early next year. Tax preparation is being offered once again this year. Janie is in charge of issuing free garbage disposal vouchers, to NR residents. Participants must provide required proof of residency.

Carla Orozco – Mitigatin Fee Funded NHNR: The Basketball Program for youths will continue. A timeline has been developed in partnership with the Watershed Project for organizing specific tasks to help guide the implementation of the Outreach Program for the 2017-17 fiscal year.

Princess Robison, Director/Urban Tilth Farm: The farm had over 200 people in attendance at the opening celebrations. They celebrated MLK Day January 26, 2017. The farm is available for public use.

Stephanie Ny/Love Your block: Three grants were awarded toward neighborhood revitalization and beautification. NR SIT office received a grant for renovation on Lucky A's Baseball Field, and (CUADME) received a grant to beautify the community garden.

FEBRUARY 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Zecena/Northern CA Asthma Breathmobile Program: The breathmobile continues to come out and service the children, with asthma at Verde School. Andrea notes that CESA also partnerships with the asthma program.

Ryan Bealer of Healthy Richmond: Ryan will be working in the NR community. He works with Roxanne Crillo.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Chinyere Madawaki, Director/North Richmond Center for Health Operations:

Reports that the center opened up 18 years ago. Dr. Clark, Meredith, Jordan and Dotson, and others were instrumental in its founding. The center has twenty five staff members. It has five providers. The site has a lab work facility, and offers one on one counseling. Clinics offered are: Asthma, diabetics, psychological and HIV Aids. Over 1,500 patients are seen a month. Fifty percent are Afro-American and forty-nine percent are Latino. The clinic has video monitors to access foreign languages. The counties my CC Link is available to access patient's primary care doctors.

Les McIntosh/Board Director of EBMUD:the reservoirs are overflowing. They are at 102% capacity. Consumer Assistance Program for low income. All lead has been removed from pipes in 1990's. The Orinda treatment plant is in the process of being upgraded. There is a taste and odor change in the water, due to the usage of San Pablo reservoir.

John Steere, AICP/CCC Watershed Program: Announcing the Watershed Connections Project. The walkable waterways grant program is a five year project. Three sub-projects, and is a collaboration of CCC Transportation/engineering, the County's Watershed Program and several local nonprofits including Urban Tilth, the Watershed Project, and the NHNR.

The sub projects, from north to south are: Raingardens adjacent to the NR Urban Tilth Farm. First Mile/Last Mile of Fred Jackson Way, a green/complete streets project (led by CCC Public Works Dept.) and "Walkable Watersheds: Clean and Green Streets/Adopt-a-Block program primarily on 5th Street (led by the Watershed Project.)

Nathan Bickart of Urban Tilth and Josh Bradt of Estuary Partnership: Presenting on partnership to map transition zones along the NR Shoreline areas that may change or become threatened by sea level rise. Goal to develop a community-informed vision for the NR Shoreline. Protecting community resources, improving access, improving natural habitat. Funding on hand, received grant from Climate Ready Estuary EPA Program.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS CONTINUED

DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATION regarding Maggiora & Ghilorti Development:

NRMAC votes 4-0, with Morgan abstaining and Clark, Meredith, Bailey and Scott voting yes. General support was expressed, for Gillotti cap and cautions that it confirms to community beneficial uses. Property is adjacent to the Richmond Parkway. The soil is contaminated; he is being required to cap the soil with ten feet of clean soil. The project will be completed by 2027.

DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATION regarding CSW/Stuber engineering subdivision plan, representing

Galaxy Desserts: NRMAC votes 5-0 approve sentiment of non-quorum NRMAC expressed in January. Support for Galaxy Desserts engineers to merge seven parcels down to four, which will allow previously NRMAC approved work on desserts manufacturing facility to proceed. NRMAC members present express full support.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/ Supervisor John Goia's Office: Supervisor Gioia voted against jail expansion. The proposal did pass at the supervisor's level at a four to one vote.

CCC Housing Authority opens up Section 8 Wait List: February 27 – March 4, 2017.

Annie King – Meredith/Dr. Clark: Asking about an odor issue in the community. It is unknown where the odor is coming from. Robert will ask Republic and WCWD to attend the next meeting.

Lloyd Madden, Director/NHNR: Reports that Carla Orozo is no longer employed at the agency. The community service specialist position will become available in March.

Teams have been formed for the Twilight League Basketball Teams. ECO Workshops are continuously being conducted, with youth participation.

Bishop Santiago/REACH Fellowship Outreach International: Reach showing concerns for the residents of the Las Deltas Housing Projects that will be displaced, upon the closing out of the housing projects.

Nada Perez/Love Your Block: they are planning three projects for the future. One will be hosted at the Community Garden on Fred Jackson Way.

Dorian Robison/Director and Princess Robison, Urban Tilth Garden: Huge turnout for the MLK Day Celebration.

MARCH 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier, Director/Northern CA Asthma Project – Breathmobile: Continuing to provide regular asthma and respiratory health services at Verde School. Services are provided to the following schools: Verde, Grant, Lake and Helms. Staff on board the breathmobile consist of a nurse practitioner, doctor and medical assistants. Each school is visited every four to six weeks. Children from age three months to eighteen years are eligible to participate in the program.

Luz Gomez, Represnetative/Bay Area Air Quality Management District: Presenting about the districts work and upcoming public workshops, including in Richmond on 3/30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium.

The district is in the process of planning on how to improve on the climate situation and clean air emissions. Clean Transportation is giving/offering funds to help people change out their fireplaces to clean burning fireplaces.

PRESENTATIONS

La Shonda White/City of Richmond: Presents on ECIA grant opportunities, funded by Chevron in agreement for modernization project. Grants will be from \$2,500 to \$50,000. North Richmond organizations are available. Last year, three applied, and one, Urban Tilth, won a grant. Deadline 3/20/17. Grant writing is also being sponsored.

Sherry A. Stanley, Director and Harry Wiener, Director/West County Wastewater District: Reporting on long term capital improvement plans. A number of high priority projects over the next five years, with an additional set of projects for the following 15 years. The cost for the current five year plan is \$91.6 million (July 2012 dollars). A widespread replacement of the sewer pipes is proposed for NR community.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND / OR ACTION

Andrea Bailey and Carlos Lopez from Center for Employment Training in San Jose seek NRMAC support for Equip Richmond Training Center in NR. Plans by Chevron/ Equip project to open employment training center in NR. NRMAC vote 6-0 to support project and draft letter of support from NRMAC.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Reports that there will be an Earth Day/Green Day event set for April 22, 2017, at Lucky A's Ballfield.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: Healthy Richmond Project will be looking at the Las Deltas Projects to decide what is feasible and in the best interest of the community. CHDC continues the process of acquiring funding for Heritage Point Project. They will be bringing back a resource center to the community. They are in the early stages of planning.

Stephanie Ny of Love Your Block: Three of eight neighborhood grants went to NR Projects. A mural will be erected in honor of Fred Jackson at the Fred Jackson Community Garden.

APRIL 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Zecena, Northern CA Asthma Brathmobile: The program is ongoing at local schools. The Chevron Refinery newsletter (March 2017) has an article featuring question and answers, meet our partners – Mary Frazier.

Pamela Saucer Bilbo, CEO/Men & women of Valor: On May 1st, the agency is hosting a clean sweep cleaning up event in NR.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

A proclamation was presented to Pamela Saucer Bilbo for her outstanding service in the community. Ms. Bilbo is the CEO of the non-profit agency: Men and Women of Valor.

Nadia Perez/Love Your Block/Communities Against Destroying Mother Earth: Celebrate the Life & Legacy of Fred Jackson: Will be assisting artist Timothy B. create a mural dedicated to the late great Fred Jackson at the community garden.

Rising Sun Energy Program: Presents about free energy saving, services for NR homes, and other communities in West County. RSEC's mission is to empower individuals to achieve environmental and economic sustainability for themselves and their communities.

Josh Bradit and Heidi Nutters/S.F. Estuary Partnership: Presentation on NR Shoreline Vision. Inviting NRMAC to provide input and feedback through process.

Cynthia Jordan, for Whitney Dotson, President East Bay Regional Parks District: Announcing the dedication/opening ceremony of the Dotson Marsh. Also presenting a brief history of the marsh and the campaign to save the marsh.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor's John Gioia's Office: Reports of Supervisor's work to end juvenile incarceration fees statewide and creation of Racial Justice Task Force. Doug Harris' documentary: North Richmond Past, Present and Future, will be aired on local television channel (KCRT) April 11th.

Lloyd Madden, Director/NHNR: Youths continue to participate in the NR Native Plant Communities Garden Projects. The 7th Annual NR Green Festival and Earth Day Celebration was very successful. The Community Service coordinator position remains open.

Ryan Bealer/Healthy Richmond: Announcing a town hall meeting, hosted by U.S. Rep, Mark De Saulnier with constituents. Topics to be discussed are a congressional update and questions and sharing thoughts from the audience.

MAY 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Jordan: Wants to know what is the status of replacing the green banners on the light poles. She also suggests a new project to preserve heritage in NR. It is being suggested that clay bricks be displayed in designated public areas with the names of families of NR- (founding and present residents) in-graved in them. A location on the median, Fred Jackson Way, would be ideal. Point Richmond has a good example of such project: Family names are engraved in the bricks, located in the courtyard next the museum and fire station.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Pam Herhold, Sharon Moore and Sam Gross/BART: Presenting the proposals of the Title VI Plan. Revenue enhancement for the FY18, there is a budget shortfall by 31 million dollars.

Josh Brtadit/San Francisco Estuary Partnership: Present information on the NR Shoreline future. Doing outreach on shoreline, rise in sea level.

Courtnee Gomez/Extenet: LLC Systems re seeking approval to install new cell sites in the community. It was motioned by Beverly not to recommend or endorse. Motion was second, all was in favor of the motion.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor's John Gioia's Office: the supervisor's board voted four to one to implement the clean energy Program.

Bishop Edwina Santiago, Director and Belinda, Nurse, REACH Fellowship Outreach International: They will be hosting the Second Module Gender Sensitivity Training Workshop. The topic is entitled (Black Women Lives Matter);

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: In the process of trying to secure funding for the Heritage Point Project.

JUNE 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier, Director/Northern California Asthma Breathmobile Program: Continuing to provide service at Verde School. Has formed a partnership with CC College. College students may receive credits, by work or volunteer.

Dan Pegaski/More Than A Game: Hosting a clean-up and free baseball and soccer camp at Shield's and Reid Park. In the past has worked on clean-up at Nichol Park. Have produced the documentary/movie, "The Park".

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

La Shonda White, Richmond City Manager's Office/Carlos Villarreal and James Edison, Wildan Financial Services: Presenting the NR Annexation Fiscal Impact Analysis Study. Lashonda delivers power point presentation that details the findings of a fiscal analysis conducted by Willdan, who was contracted by the city and county. LaShonda notes that annexation would cause approximately \$2 million in net loss to the city, due to services costing more than tax revenue.

AUGUST 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Zecena, Medical Assistant/Northern California Breathmobile Asthma Van: Reporting school is on a summer break and the van is not going out. Representatives from the program will be attending Helms Middle School, Camp Cougar next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Annie King – Meredith, North Richmond Resident: There is a problem about a young man while riding his bike, was stopped and pulled off his bike by RPD officers. The young man was searched and was told that they were looking for weapons. The incident appeared to be totally out of perspectives.

The way the young man was treated was totally unprofessional and appeared to be (racial profiling taking place). The incident is being looked into and reviewed by the young man's parents, concerned community residents and RPD.

Ms. Mezda, Resident: Somebody is continually setting fires by her house, in the area of Sixth and Silver Streets. It appears that some-one is burning unwanted litter in the late hours of the night. The CCC Sheriff's Department is slow in responding.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

John Steere, Watershed Planner/County Watershed Program on the awarding of the SCC Grant (\$866k) for the "North Richmond Watershed Connection Project.": More than 2,000 pounds of trash is picked up routinely. Project Description: the NR Watershed connections is based on the partnership of CCC Public Works Department, Watershed Program and Transportation Engineering), Urban Tilth, and the Watershed Project. Multiple-benefit urban greening projects, to improve water quality and enhance the health of San Pablo and Wildcat Creeks and their watersheds, while expanding the urban forest, reducing heat islands, and improving this disadvantaged community's awareness of and safe access to their local natural resources with a 1.75-mile long "Walkable Watersheds" urban trail. The Fred Jackson Way Rain Gardens, First Mile/Last Mile Tree Installations and clean and Green Adopt-a-Tree, Adopt-a-Block Cleanups and Watershed Connection Route.

Marcus Byrd-Ray, Director/Change 4 Five Hundred: Mr. Byrd-Ray a young man from the community has partnered with Richmond Ceasefire to present a mentorship program in the NR community. He will be hosting their first annual Bar-B-Que and Backpack giveaway on August 13, 2017. Five hundred backpack and supplies will be distributed.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: The search for a DA replacement is ongoing, and supervisor Gioia is working to ensure that we get a candidate who is progressive on justice issues and will best serve West County. CA Coastal Clean-up (9/16).

Tania Pulido, Community Service Coordinator/NHNR: She was chosen to replace Carla Orozco in the community service coordinator position with NHNR.

SEPTEMBER 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alison McKee, Director/CCC Public Library: Ongoing work to bring a reading room to Shield's and Reid Park. The county has received a grant to proceed with the project.

Leslie Zennica, Medical Assistant/Northern California Asthma Breathmobile Program:
The program is seeking help in outreach. As of September 29th, the mobile van will start providing services for the up-coming school year.

Don Pegaski/More Than a Game: The goal is to enlist athletics to empower and educate the community. There will be ongoing work to restore Shield's and Reid Park.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

SB 350 Clean Transportation Access Efforts from the California Air Resources Board.
Supervisor John Gioia/representatives from Sacramento were: Ashley Georgious, Sam Gregor, Meri Miles and Veronica Eacly: CA Air Resources board reports that NR has been selected as a disadvantaged community and will benefit from future programs increasing access to clean transportation options, including subsidies for clean vehicle ownerships and grants for public transportation improvements.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND / OR ACTION

DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATION – Vote on whether to support annexation of unincorporated NR into the city of Richmond: Supervisor Gioia, Mayor Butt and city manager staff, along with Wildan financial Services consultant, give report of NR potential annexation study and ongoing public outreach efforts.

The following is a breakdown of the voters:

Annie, Beverly, Dr. Clark – Against

Don, Andrea – Abstained

Aaron, LaShanda- In favor

OCTOBER 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pam Saucer-Bilbo, Director of Men and Women of Valor: Job fair October 20th.

Leslie Zecena, Medical Assistant, Northern CA Breathmobile-Asthma Program: Program has been very busy this school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Stephone Ny, Love Your Block: There will be a beautification of Rancho Market, located at 5th and Market Street, on 10/28/17. Led by Supervisor John Gioia's office, Love Your Block and NHNR and CHDC.

Andrea Bailey and Ben Priddy/Chevron: What's in Your Air? The Richmond Community Air Monitoring Program is in collaboration between Chevron, the City of Richmond and Argos Scientific, an independent expert –provides real time data 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Data is collected from three stations along the Richmond refinery fence line and three neighborhood stations. Air quality readings are recorded and analyzed 24 hours a day.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Alison McKee, director and Melinda Cervantes/CCC Public Library: The library has received a grant of \$66,000 from Sunshine Giving for this literacy center/reading room for 0 – 5 year old children. Scheduled opening/ Spring of 2018. Shield's and Reid and the City of Richmond contributing space and staff. The county will add books and supplies to space.

Todd Berryhill and Eric Zell on the Galaxy Desserts site: The site is no longer under development by Galaxy Desserts. The site has been acquired by Scannell Developers. A distribution company/warehousing is being planned for the property. They want NRMAC's input, as the project has not been submitted to the county yet.

Don Gieseke on More than a Game's plans for Lucky A's Park: Don presents that they are here to help existing sports programs and work to improve fields and facilities.

Janie Holland/CHDC: Announcing the CHDC will be managing the Multicultural Senior Citizen's Center as of Monday.

CHDC application to modify storm water conveyance, at Heritage Point. Annie King motions, Dr. Clark supports, passes 4-0.

Pacific Wood Recycling/to establish wood recycling facility at 109 Brookside Drive: The facility is presently located on Goodwick Ave. they are seeking support to do business at a location, located near their present location.

Annie motions to support the motion, passes 4-0.

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Legislative achievements, including Becton as DA and Immigrant Support Legislation.

NOVEMBER 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Zecena, Medical Assistant, Northern CA Breathmobile-Asthma Van: The program continues to provide services to the community.

Diego Garcia, Community Activist/Easter Hill: Reporting about the work that he has performed in the local communities. He also is on the RPD Police Review Commission, the City of Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission. He has organized community clean-ups, community events, he is also a Certified Gang Expert. He is offering his services to our community in any capacity that he may be needed.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Reports on potential BOS regulations of short term rentals. The board of supervisors (board) has directed the Department of Conservation and Development staff to initiate the process of preparing an ordinance which would specifically regulate and permit short – term rental of dwellings. Short-term rentals are defined as those stays less than 30 days in duration.

Azibuike Akaba and David Ralston/BAAQD Air Mapping Project: Reporting on the Air Mapping Project coming to NR and the City of Richmond. They will be collecting information that may/can have an impact on the air quality. Mobile air sensing platforms to measure ambient concentrations of three air pollutants, (black carbon, nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide.

A collaboration between the CA Air Resources Board, Environmental Defense Fund, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the University of CA Berkeley.

Luz Gomez/BAAQD: Making a brief appearance; announcing that the BAAQD is currently auditing its public participation plan. Members of the district will be making monthly presentations at the NRMAC meetings.

Brian Hubinger of Chevron provides update on Modernization Project and other refinery initiatives: One billion dollar investment in the refinery, permitted in 2014, construction began in 2016. Replaces older equipment, more reliable and safer. Completion expected in 2019. Includes a new hydrogen plant. No net emission increase. Includes a new tugboat, the cleanest of its kind in the world. Also re-landscaping along Parkway, from Gertrude to the North. A new solar plant is also going up, in partnership with MCE. Also, local unemployment rate in Richmond is very low. Real time air monitoring on the web is provided, along the fence-line communities.

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PRESENTATIONS and PREOCLAMATIONS CONTINUED

Joanna Pallock/West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee on transportation for seniors and disabled residents: Presenting transportation needs for seniors and disabled residents. An attempt is being made to improve public transportation for seniors in the community. A WCCTAC needs and Assessment Survey was passed out to the audience.

Don Gilmore, Director CHDC: NRMAC Board Retreat plans for 2018.

Ground breaking for Heritage Point is hopefully scheduled for January 2018. A working task has been formed, to look at the total need in NR for the best use of Las Deltas Housing Projects. Legacy Court is in the stages of pre-development. Application is due in March or June.

DECEMBER 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Jordan reporting on the activities of the Northern CA Asthma/Breathmnoobile Van. The van will be at Verde School this Friday, and continues to make its regular visits to local schools.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Dr. Connie Portero and Dr. Jan on goals of "One Richmond". Dr. Portero has collaborated with the agency One Richmond and More than a Game. Collaborative MTAG is a youth led sports camp, out at Shield's and Reid Park, every Friday. They also work with city of Richmond to help keep the park clean.

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor's John Gioia's Office: Efforts to beautify around North Richmond and Supervisor John Gioia's work to fundraise for Verde School Children. Painting of Rancho Market, Shield's and Reid Park clean-ups, another church located on the north side of Chesley was painted, Davis chapel is nearing completion, construction on Fred Jackson Way. Heritage Point will be breaking ground in the very near future.

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

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

