

# East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 6:30 PM

**REMOTE MEETING IN EFFECT.**

**TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, THE HEALTH OFFICER'S SHELTER ORDER PREVENTS PUBLIC GATHERINGS. IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC GATHERING, THE EAST RICHMOND HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ACCESSIBLE VIA ZOOM TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS PERMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20**

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**Chair:** Joann Pavlinec **Vice Chair:** Jon Sargent

**Members:** Victoria Curtis, Stephanie Dyer, Jinwei Zhang

**Alternates:** 2 *vacancies*

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**Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call**

**Approval of minutes** for the January 20, 2021, April 21, 2021, July 21, 2021 and October 20, 2021 meetings.

**Treasurer's Report** – James Lyons, District Coordinator, Office of Supervisor John Gioia

### **Presentations**

- P.1 Presentation by County Supervisor John Gioia on County issues
- P.2 Presentation by Sheriff's Office Bay Station Commander Lt. Mark Rodriguez
- P.3 Presentation by the California Highway Patrol
- P.4 Presentation by the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
- P.5 Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator Supervisor Gioia's office, County and Covid-19 update.

### **Discussion Items**

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### **Regional Historical Presentation**

**Public Comment** – for items not on the agenda.

Limit 2 minutes per speaker

### **Information Items**

None

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Land Use Committee

### **Announcements**

- The ERHMAC has 2 alternate seats vacant. Contact James Lyons to inquire about applying.

### **Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings**

### **Adjournment**

## East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

6:30 pm

**Members Present:** Joann Pavlinec, Victoria Lynn Curtis, Brenda Williams, Lisa Raffel, Stephanie Dyer, Jinwei Zhang

**Members Absent:** *none*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and the roll was taken

The two new alternates, Stephanie Dyer and Jinwei Zhang, introduced themselves to the group.

The Council re-elected Joann Pavlinec as Chair and Victoria Lynn Curtis as Vice-Chair.

James Lyons gave the treasurer's report, and the council has \$3,000.

#### **Presentation Items:**

P.1 **Sgt. Rood** was present on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and gave a report. For the month of December there were 12 calls for service and 6 calls for service in the month of November. He asked that residents keep an eye out for any vehicles just hanging around. There has been an increase in daytime home burglaries.

P.2 The California Highway Patrol was unable to attend.

P.3 **James Lyons** with the Office of Supervisor John Gioia gave a presentation. Mr. Lyons first acknowledged that council member Tom Janci had recently resigned from the MAC. He also shared that Supervisor Gioia and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks would be hosting a town hall on vaccines on January 22nd. A map with the proposed change for the inclusion of the N. Arlington Blvd area into the East Richmond Heights MAC was shared. The county will be moving forward with that change later in the year.

#### **Discussion/Action Items:**

There were no discussion items.

#### **Standing Committees:**

No committee reports.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Minutes prepared by Office of Supervisor John Gioia.

## East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

6:30 pm

**Members Present:** Joann Pavlinec, Lisa Raffel, Jon Sargent, Stephanie Dyer, Jinwei Zhang

**Members Absent:** Victoria Lynn Curtis, Brenda Williams

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm and the roll was taken

The newest council member, Jon Sargent, was given an opportunity to introduce himself to the community.

James Lyons gave the treasurer's report, and the council has \$3,000.

#### **Presentation Items:**

P.1 **Jamar Stamps, Principal Planner** with the Department of Conservation and Development was on hand to discuss the County updating its Tree Ordinance. The update is happening for a few reasons, but primarily because the original tree code was adopted in the mid 1990's, it is not intuitive for the public and what constitutes a protected tree is unclear. Mr. Stamps shared a memo that includes the current and proposed versions of the ordinance as well as a chart comparing both. That memo can be viewed at:

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/70469/CCC-Tree-Ordinance-Update-memo?bidId=>

P.2 The Sheriff's Office was unable to attend.

P.3 **Officer Herm Baza** was in attendance on behalf of the California Highway Patrol. He has been in the area for about 3 months. He noted that catalytic converter theft is one of the trends he has noticed is on the rise. Engraving your catalytic converter with your vin number was mentioned as a way to deter theft. He also mentioned that many of the concerns expressed to are related to speeding along Arlington Blvd and he plans to focus his enforcement efforts on that.

P.4 The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District was unable to attend, but James Lyons did read the Chief's Report dated March 9, 2021.

P.5 **James Lyons** with the Office of Supervisor John Gioia gave a presentation. Mr. Lyons began by reading the Fire Chief's Report. He then went onto let everyone know that there was a no appointment vaccination clinic at the Richmond Veterans Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> street until April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm. Supervisor Gioia recently spoke at a ceremony celebrating the opening of the

new Fire Station 70 in San Pablo. Will Nelson, Principal Planner updated Mr. Lyons that the Planning Department would be tacking the boundary update for the East Richmond Heights MAC after the county finishes updating the General Plan through the Envision Contra Costa 2040 initiative. Mr. Lyons then covered the County's Covid-19 response noting that there are drive up clinics available. Contra Costa Health Services is on track to reach their goal of 1 million doses administered by Memorial Day. As of Monday April 20, the county had administered 934,11 doses of Covid-19 vaccines. Contra Costa Health Services paused the administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine per CDC and FDA recommendations.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

There were no discussion items.

**Standing Committees:**

Joann Pavlinec gave an update on the Land Use Committee. The Land Use Committee met just before the MAC meeting at 5:15 pm. The committee reviewed one application regarding a property located at 6805 Del Monte Ave., in East Richmond Heights. The committee concluded the meeting showing support for the project, but Ms. Pavlinec had questions for the Planner that she wanted to ask before submitting the committee's comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Minutes prepared by Office of Supervisor John Gioia.

## East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

6:30 pm

**Members Present:** Lisa Raffel, Jon Sargent, Stephanie Dyer

**Members Absent:** Joann Pavlinec, Jinwei Zhang

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm and the roll was taken

James Lyons gave the treasurer's report, and the council has \$3,000.

#### **Presentation Items:**

P.1 **Lt. Joseph Buford, Bay Station Commander Sheriff's Office** shared that there wasn't much activity to report on for the month of June.

P.2 **Officer Herm Baza, California Highway Patrol** began his report by acknowledging residents that called in a vehicle that was blocking the roadway. The driver of the vehicle was passed out drunk and Officer Baza was able to arrest him for DUI without incident. He pointed this out as a moment where the community's awareness likely prevented a more serious situation. Officer Baza also asked that we share his email address:  
[hermenegildo.baza@chp.ca.gov](mailto:hermenegildo.baza@chp.ca.gov).

P.3 **Assistant Fire Chief Lon Goetsch** with Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (ConFire) gave an update on the district's activities. Recently opened new fire station at 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Market St in San Pablo. Two firefighters are being added to the station to bring the total up to 7 firefighters per shift. 3 on engine 4 on the ladder truck. 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a historically busy day for the district and this year was no different. 9pm and midnight they responded to 58 calls. The district's fire investigation unit was actively arresting persons selling fireworks on social media making what they call buy busts. This occurred in the days leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They ran several operations and seized hundreds of pounds of fireworks. Part two of the annexation study evaluating the feasibility of the Rodeo/Hercules and East Contra Costa County Fire Districts being brought into ConFire study has been completed. In the process of moving the communications center to another portion of the property where the old headquarters was to expand the 911 center to better serve.

P.4 **James Lyons** with the Office of Supervisor John Gioia had to leave the meeting and was unable to give his presentation.

#### **Discussion/Action Items:**

There were no discussion items.

**Standing Committees:**

There were no presentations from committees

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes prepared by Office of Supervisor John Gioia.

## East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

6:30 pm

**Members Present:** Joann Pavlinec, Lisa Raffel, Jon Sargent, Stephanie Dyer

**Members Absent:** Jinwei Zhang

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm and the roll was taken  
James Lyons gave the treasurer's report, and the council has \$3,000.

#### **Presentation Items:**

P.1 **Lt. Joseph Buford, Bay Station Commander Sheriff's Office** began his presentation by station there were 70 calls for service in August and 73 calls for service in September. It was brought up to Lt. Buford that catalytic converter theft has been a cause of concern to many residents. Lt. Buford informed everyone that there were 4 catalytic converter thefts in August and 3 in September in East Richmond Heights. He also mentioned that the Sheriff's Office was able to arrest someone for catalytic converter theft.

P.2 **Officer Herm Baza, California Highway Patrol** was not able to present at the meeting due to an injury he suffered.

P.3 **Assistant Fire Chief Lon Goetsch** was in attendance and gave the council an update. The annexation with East Contra Costa County Fire is moving forward. The next step is presenting to the Local Formation Committee. The Fire dispatch center is moving into the former ConFire headquarters building in Pleasant Hill. The facility is currently undergoing an update and remodel to be brought up to the standard of what is needed to run a 911 dispatch center. The Fire District's hand crew was activated to help address wildfire danger in El Sobrante and some areas of East Richmond Heights. The Fire District received a grant to participate in a program called Zonehaven. Zonehaven is a digital evacuation platform that is designed to help assist in evacuation efforts, specifically notifying residents in an emergency. Lastly Chief Goetsch spoke about a pilot program that will focus on limiting parking on some streets on red flag days.

P.4 **James Lyons** with the Office of Supervisor John Gioia began by sharing that the pilot program Assistant Chief Goetsch mentioned was discussed in a meeting with Fire Chief Broschard and Supervisor Gioia. Mr. Lyons mentioned that there will be an opportunity for East Richmond Heights residents to participate.

Mr. Lyons also shared some information from the Health Services department regarding matters related to Covid-19. Residents are encouraged to report health order violations in restaurants and bars at 925-608-5500 or using by sending an email to [cocoEh@cchealth.org](mailto:cocoEh@cchealth.org).



There have been 645 health order complaints since March 2020. The county will lift the indoor masking requirement when the following three conditions are met. First, the county must spend 3 consecutive weeks in the yellow tier as defined by the CDC. Secondly, there must be fewer than 75 Covid-19 hospitalizations in the county. Lastly, 80% of the county's total population is fully vaccinated or three weeks have passed since a Covid-19 vaccine has been authorized for 5 to 11 year olds.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

DI. 1 The council decided to add two more meetings each year going from quarterly to every other month.

DI. 2 The meetings for 2022 will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday off the odd number months.

**Standing Committees:**

There were no presentations from committees

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Office of Supervisor John Gioia.