

EAST RICHMOND HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

**MINUTES
FOR
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
6:30 pm**

**Open Door United Methodist Church
6226 Arlington Blvd.
Richmond, CA 94805**

Regular Members Present: Thomas Janci, Brenda Williams, Justin Guay, Anthony King

Regular Members Absent: Joann Pavlinec

Alternate Members Present: Victoria Curtis, Lisa Raffel

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm, roll call was taken, and pledge of allegiance.

The MAC approved the minutes of the October 16th 2018 meeting.

Presentation Items

P.1. Contra Costa Bay Station Commander Lt. Joseph Buford reported that statistically crime in East Richmond Heights saw no significant change. Special Assistant to the Sheriff Robert Nelson was present also.

P.2. California Highway Patrol Officers Abernethy and Gavrilchik could not attend due to prior scheduled training.

P.3. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Assistant Chief Lon Goetsch discussed new business happening within the district. CCCFPD Fire Chief Jeff Carmen is retiring after 5 years of service. CCCFPD has revived their Reserve Firefighter Program and the 18 future firefighters will work out of Station 19 at Briones Park. The new Fire Station 70 will be located at 23rd and Market in the City of San Pablo.

P.4. James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor Gioia announced that Supervisor Gioia is serving as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors this year. Mr. Lyons encouraged residents to check their smoke alarms as the American Red Cross is beginning their Sound the Alarm Save a Life campaign in Contra Costa County. If residents would like to volunteer to install smoke alarms there are installation event on April 27th in Pacheco, May 1st in Antioch and May 4th in Parchester Village in Richmond. Jennifer Lucas with the Red Cross is the point of contact and can be reached at: jennifer.lucas@redcross.org or 925-303-8572.

Discussion/Action Items

D.1. Supervisor Gioia discussed the potential of bringing a Resident Sheriff's Deputy to East Richmond Heights. The Council voted and approved the development of an exploratory working group to look into the issue further. Councilmembers Williams and Curtis volunteered to be a part of the working group.

D.2. Supervisor Gioia discussed the resident formation of a consortium of communities including, Kensington, El Cerrito, Richmond, El Sobrante and East Richmond Heights to address wildland fire issues. Councilmember Raffel volunteered to represent the Council on the consortium.

D.3. Mr. Lyons announced that Sharla Sullivan from EBMUD would be attending the April meeting. The Council also requested that Animal Services make a presentation at a future meeting.

Standing Committees:

No reports

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Minutes prepared by Office of Supervisor John Gioia.