

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

515 Silver Avenue - North Richmond, CA 94801

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were: Annie King-Meridith, Beverly Scott, Princess Robinson, Martha Nieto Serrano and Dr. Henry Clark.. Absent were Don Gilmore and Dulce Galicia.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Once a quorum was present, the board members reviewed the agenda and the minutes, Princess motioned to approve the minutes and the agenda. Henry second, Beverly abstains because she was absent at last month's meeting. The remaining board members are all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cardell Hindler/Richmond Resident: Cardell invites everyone to attend the Richmond Rotary Club weekly meeting, on May 6, 2022. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m., tickets are \$25.00 per person, lunch will be served. The guest speaker will be from the City's Management office. The topic will be Economic Development.

He also invites everyone to attend a Contra Costa Civic Center theater performance. The performance is entitled: Crowns the Musical. Performance dates are Friday and Saturday evenings. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m.

Eleanor Thompson, Director of Social Inc.: Eleanor says that Dr. Clark would like to see a history museum in North Richmond. She hopes that she can get her One-Stop Resource Center started. She does not know how long it's going to be before the Housing Authority CCC starts deciding about the Las Deltas properties.

Annie says that Dr. Clark will be attending the meeting tonight. He is in poor health, please keep him up in prayer. Dr. Clark welcomes the newest board member Martha Nieto-Serrano.

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PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Dominic Green, Project Manager/Richmond Land: Invite everyone to a community event that's happening on the 19th of this month. The meeting will be held at Verde School, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Linda Woodard/N.R. Resident: Linda has a question from last month. Pertaining to the construction work of the new sidewalks and curbs. The protective orange netting and rocks are obstructing her driveway, and causing a hazard to her.

Tania says that the project has been delayed for about a month . Tania did receive an email about the delay. Work should continue around May 16th.

Eleanor comes back to make an announcement about the 4th of July parade. It will resume this year. There will be a parade and free barbeque, Event Info: July 4th, starts at eleven o'clock. The location will be the SIT parking lot, FJW and Chesley.

Annie would like to acknowledge and congratulate Doria Robinson on her award that she received. Doria was elected to the State Board of Agriculture. She also shouts out to Supervisor John Gioia's office, for the expediency of getting the Davis Chapel sign in place after all these years of trying to get the sign up.

A shout out is to the public works/transportation officer, who actually came out and looked at Truman and Chesley Streets, because it was a blind spot, cars are parked too close to the curb/intersection. It's extremely difficult to enter onto the cross streets. Public works came out and marked the curb red, at Truman and Chesley, meaning no parking.

Lastly the last shout out is to Tanya, for her help on getting help from law enforcement. The church needed a visual because of the 150-200 people that were actually coming out of town to have services at Davis Chapel on Saturday the 16th.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/AGENCY REPORT

Lt. Rodriguez/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of April 2022. There were 277 calls for service, which generated 35 reports. Select crimes were consistent with last month. The month of February there were fourteen select crimes, twelve in March and twelve in April.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY/REPORTS CONTINUED

The majority of committed crimes were related to property theft, recovery of stolen property. The sheriff's department participated in the Earth Day Activities and also the Willie Spears Cleanup.

Latifah asked, can we get an update on the ticketing of cars that don't move on street sweeping days: Answer is that the beat officers have been advised about the parked cars, on street sweeping days.

Vehicles that are in parking violations, on street sweeping days, are being ticketed. The number of vehicles ticketed, is unknown at the moment, will get that info to the NRMAC members. This concludes Lt. Rodriguez report.

Martha Nieto Serrano, the NRMAC's newest board member, introduces herself. She is really appreciative to be selected as a member of the board. She is looking forward to working with everyone. She likes to have a relationship with the community. She has been volunteering at Verde School for the last nine years. Martha is a mother of six children and a grandmother. Dr. Clark welcomes Martha to the NRMAC.

Annie says that last month we were asking: who was our representative from the WC Waste Water Management District. She does acknowledge that representative Cesar Zepeda is attending the meeting tonight. She welcomes him to the meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A letter was sent out to Deputy Fire Chief/CCC-Aaron McAlister, and he is here tonight to give a follow up. He says last month he gave a little bit of an oral report, and followed that up with a letter from the NRMAC to the Fire Chief.

The letter contained a series of questions about the operation of the fire department. The fire department representative talked to Don about the letter. Don suggested that we meet with the fire department on an annual basis, to express our concerns and questions. The NRMAC would also like to have statistics available to them.

There were numerous questions asked, that were presented in previous meetings, with the fire department and the NRMAC.

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Brenda Cienfuegos/N. R. Resident: Mrs. Cienfuegos is announcing that she plans to build an addition to her residence. She resides in a single family home, located at 109 Chesley Avenue, N. R. An application has been taken out to add on to the existing dwelling. A 347 square foot rear addition is being proposed.

Cynthia says that she appreciate the fact, that Mrs. Cienfuegos is going about this the legal way. There have been so many illegal buildings constructed in the backyards of North Richmond residents.

Dr. Clark asks what is the address of the proposed project. Annie says that she would like to thank Mrs. Cienfuegos for coming to the NRMAC with her plans. Thankful that she is legally going about this project.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Tania Pulido, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Tania wants to thank everyone who came out to the Safe Routes to School/Art Initiative. A special thanks to Ms. Mazda for bringing out some of the youths from Verde School, who participated in both the cleanup and the painting activity. The event was very successful, they did not make it all the way to Shield's and Reid park, they did make it all the way to Chesley.

Eight blocks were cleaned up, the County came out and power washed the area, and phase one of the art project was completed. Phase two of the project will take place on May 23rd, between one and five o'clock. They will be completing the Safe Routes to School Art Activity.

Everyone is invited to the Richmond Walk/Video Shoot. A celebration of legendary blues artist, Mr. Jimmy McCracklin. A street in N. R, will be named in his honor. The event is to be held on Saturday - May 28th. Time from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location: Chesley between 5th and 6th Streets. There will be live entertainment, vendors and display tables. The event is being sponsored by the Greater Richmond Blues Foundation, Ms. Dejena Burkes.

A thanks to everyone for sharing the Mural at Verde School. It is complete, it is beautiful. It gives honor to George Washington Cleaver. NRMAC is still looking at the Active General Transportation Plan, by County Public Works.

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Janie Holland, CHDC: Janie reports on the renaming of the Senior Center, in honor of Mrs. Corrine Sain. The center will be called Corrine Sain Family and Community Center. The renaming ceremony will occur on June 9th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This event is a Neighbor Works event. It will occur during Neighbor Works Week. The community is invited, announcements and invitations will be going out soon. They will be needing a representative from the NRMAC to speak at the event.

Dr. Clark would like to honor all the hard working women, during Women's History Month. Congratulations to all the women that do such a good job.

Victor Jimenz, Community Service Coordinator/CHDC Mitigation fee-funded:

Reporting that they had the Earth Day event at Wild Cat Creek. It was very successful, there were three projects going on at the same time. There was the stencil project, the Wildcat Creek Cleanup and the Trash pickup. A special thanks goes out to the Sheriff's Department, the CCC Public Works and all the volunteers.

Janie says that the Earth Day Event concluded at the Lucky Baseball Field. She thanks Dr. Clark for organizing this event years ago.

Janine Shaheed, Activities Coordinator/Multicultural Senior Center:

Senior Mothers were honored for Mother's Day. They enjoyed a wonderful lunch/brunch at the center. Urban Tilth Farm donated bouquets of flowers. They received cakes and they also received gifts. After the festivities they went right into their exercise class.

The Senior Center now has a food pantry, the community is very excited about that. The pantry contains a variety of foods, fruit and vegetables. Community residents that are in need of food, are welcome to come to the pantry and be serviced.

On May the 13th, from nine o'clock to two o'clock, they partnered with CCC Health Services, a COVID vaccination clinic will be held at the Senior Center.

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The center is currently starting their morning off with the HealthNet Well Care Presentations. The first presentation will begin on Tuesday, May 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. On June the 7th, Contra costa Senior Legal Services will be doing a presentation. The Food Bank giveaway is an ongoing program. Every second and fourth Friday of each month.

You are invited to come join the seniors for lunch Monday thru Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30, at the Senior Multicultural Center.

Princess Robinson/Richmond Land: Announces that they just had their last co-op cafe on Thursday. The topic was: Converting Traditional Business into Cooperative Models. These events are virtual and are free. Their intake process is still open, you're invited to join the program. (cooperation richmond.org).

Dominic Green, Project Manager/Richmond Land: They supported the Earth Day Events. Updates were given earlier in this meeting.

Doria Robinson, Director/Urban Tilth Farm: Doria announces that today was her first day on the job, in her new position, the Jefferson Award/State Board of Agriculture.

Doria shares a few things about Urban Tilth. Today they supported the Seniors, they are happy to support N. R. residents. They give away free food boxes, free cooking lessons, etc. These things are strictly for N. R. residents. Please reach out to them, in order to take advantage of these wonderful projects.

Free farm stand is every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., located in the McGlothen Temple parking lot.

Construction at the farm will be starting in June. At the end of May it will have to shut down the farm, for safety reasons during construction. Food will still be available during the construction days.

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Annie asks Doria how her fruit trees coming along? Annie says some of her trees produce good fruit, and some do not. Dorian says fruit tree production on the trees, depends on the climate. Some trees require extreme hot weather, in order to produce excellent fruit.

Latecia says that she loves the Urban Tilth Farm. She is so grateful for the free fruits and vegetables. Especially during the Pandemic time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.