

## **NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

515 Silver Street, North Richmond, CA 94801

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

### **Minutes**

**\*Meetings are being conducted at the Multicultural Center 515 Silver Street, N. Richmond, CA, meetings are accessible (via) Zoom. COVID protocols are still in effect.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. Board members present were: Beverly Scott, Annie King-Meredith, Dulce Galicia, Princess Robison, and Don Gilmore. Absent was: Martha Nieto.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

There was one change to the agenda. The closing of the meeting will be in honor of Dr. Henry Clark.

The agenda and minutes were reviewed by all board members present. Princess motioned to accept the agenda and minutes. Dulce seconds, all remaining board members are in favor.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cardell Hindler/Richmond Resident: Cardell invites everyone to attend the Richmond Rotary Club weekly meeting. Meetings start at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25,00 per person, and lunch is included. Mr. Hindler also invites everyone to attend performances at the Contra Costa Civic Center. Musicals and performance events are ongoing.

Eleanor Thompson, Director of Social Inc.: Eleanor expresses her concern about obtaining one of the scattered Las Deltas sites. She hopes that she can get her One-Stop Resource Center started. She doesn't know how long it will be before the Housing Authority CCC starts deciding about the Las Deltas properties.

Elenor announces the 4th of July event. On July 4th at 11:00 a.m., there will be a parade and free barbeque. The location will be at the SIT parking lot. On FJW, next to the Center for Health. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED**

Tony Ucciferri, Special Assistant to the Director/Housing Authority  
CCC.

Reporting on the status of Las Deltas. Not much has changed since last reporting to the NRMAC. Have been waiting on some additional funding, that was recently approved, by HUD regarding the Public Housing program. That infusion of money puts us in a better position to proceed.

In addition HACCC, in partnership with CHDC, RichmondLand, and Richmond Our Power coalition applied for a Breakthrough Grant that would enable us to have a Coro Fellow to assist us in the disposition of Las Deltas and the overall revitalization plan for North Richmond. HACCC was just recently assigned a Fellow and we are hoping to introduce her to the NRMAC at the next meeting.

The plan is still to sell off (16) buildings, (12) duplexes, and (4) single-family dwellings to non-profit developers, who will rehabilitate the units and then make them available to low-income households as either sales or rental units. The remaining (26) buildings will be sold at market rates.

It should be noted that ALL of the units are trashed and will likely need extensive construction and improvements. Once that is in process, we will be inviting developers to submit applications with proposals on what they would do with the Main Campus.

That process will take a LONG time and it will be very interactive with the community and HACCC to determine what is the best for what ends up being built on the Las Deltas campus.

With the start of our Fellow in the next week or two, we will start putting our plans in motion and hopefully, we'll all start seeing some progress on the revitalization plans.

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### **LAW ENFORCEMENT/AGENCY REPORTS**

Lt. Rodriguez/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of May 2022. There were 265 calls for service, which generated 32 reports. Select crimes were consistent with last month.

The majority of committed crimes were related to property theft and recovery of stolen property. Vehicles that are in parking violations, on the street sweeping days, are being ticketed. The number of vehicles ticketed is unknown at the moment, but will get that info to the NRMAC members.

### **PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations**

Amalia Cunningham, Assist. Deputy Director, HCI/CCC Housing Element: The Housing Element is one of the required elements of the General Plan. It will identify policy directions to meet the housing needs of the county, both by preserving existing homes and by clarifying priorities for housing creation.

The Element will include an overview of housing policies and programs and will identify locations that can accommodate future housing. Due to state State-required adoption deadlines, the Housing Element will be prepared on a separate but parallel track as the General Plan. The Housing Element must be adopted no later than January 2023.

There is an opportunity for public input, contact Amalia Cunningham at 925-655-2881.

Princess asks, do the plans meet N R 's housing needs, and does N. R./ really need affordable housing. Latifah says that some of the input from the Quality of Life Plan should be implemented in the planning process.

Don says that we've been doing a lot of community kind of town hall meetings. Things are leading up to the Las Deltas properties. Don says that there are more ways to do housing, that can include ownership, and some form of wealth building and stability. Part of N. R's housing development is depending on the RFP from HA CCC. Latifah says the quality of life plan addresses all income levels.

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### **PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued**

Don says what the community wants for its community is taking place right now on a major scale. There are a lot of perspectives on the table that are different from what they've been in the past. The idea is to flow different types of opportunities that weren't there before.

Elenor says that the people that were living in the Las Deltas homes have been displaced. They are saying that the houses that will be built in N. R., will not be affordable to low-income families.

Will Nelson, Principal Planner CCC/ Envision Contra Costa 2040:  
The General Plan outlines the County's goals for physical growth, conservation, and community life in the unincorporated areas, and contains the policies and actions necessary to achieve those goals. The General Plan Update will work from the existing General Plan to update each of these Elements, listed.

Land Use, Growth Management, Transportation and Circulation, Housing, Public Facilities/Services, Conservation, Open Space, Safety, and Noise.

The Climate Action Plan: is the County's strategic approach to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from sources throughout the unincorporated areas.

Zoning Code Update: As part of the General Plan update process, the Zoning Code will be updated in order to ensure consistency between the General Plan and to meet modern standards.

Environmental Review: CA law requires the County to conduct a thorough analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the updated General Plan, updated CAP, and any changes to the Zoning Code to ensure that future development and policy changes do not negatively affect our community.

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### **PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued**

Active Transportation Grant/Market Avenue: Unfortunately the presentation is not available tonight. It is a follow-up to the presentation that was presented to the NRMAC two months ago. The CCC Public Works is applying for a grant to improve Market Street. It is also part of the State School Initiative.

A survey will be put in the chat, asking people to fill out the survey, which will go toward supporting the application that is due this month.

### **OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS**

At this point, Don would like to add Tony Ucciferri as a regular on the agenda. He will report under Other Agency/Program Reports. It is agreed on and okay by the council.

Jessica Walson, Director/North Richmond Mobile Tool Library: Having a clean-up this Saturday, June 11th. Looking for volunteers, tools, and lunch will be provided. The time is from ten to eleven o'clock. The location is at the end of Giaramita Street, two of the Las Deltas properties. If interested in participating, a link will be put in the chat.

The N. R. Mobile Tool Library participated in the Block Party/Video Shoot, in honor of legendary blues artist, Mr. Jimmy McCracklin.

Marena Brown, President/Shield's and Reid Neighborhood Council: Marena says that they are so excited about getting to the final phase of the Safe Routes to School. You will notice some of the stenciling artwork on the sidewalks. There is still more to come. A special shoutout goes out to the City of Richmond Fire Department, and Contra Costa County staff members, which included Luz Gomez and Tania Pulido. They were so supportive toward the project.

In collaboration with Davis Chapel CME Church and Shield's and Reid Neighborhood Council, they will be doing an Active Shooter presentation, on July the 9th at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to come out and find out more about the gun conventions and how to reduce gun violence in our community. Provided the after-school program, and all types of fun things for the last week of school.

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### **PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED**

The Castro Homeless camp is in the process of being relocated, and social service programs are being offered.

Shield's and Reid Neighborhood Council will be celebrating our graduates this Sunday at 3:30. Come out in your cap and gowns, for this celebration. Please contact Marena Brown for more information.

Tania Pulido, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: There was a resident that smelled a foul odor in the air. Tania was asked to share phone numbers, in order to make reports to the BAAQD. The number is 1-800-334-odor. Laticia thanks Tania for sharing this information.

Tania did get a request from DeJeana Burkes, for the NRMAC to participate in the 11th annual, N. R. Music Festival. This event will be in honor of Dr. Henry Clark.

With the passing of Dr. Clark, there will be an open seat on the NRMAC. Anyone interested, please contact Tania Pulido, for an application.

The Verde School leaders will be graduating tomorrow, come out and cheer them on.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: Don says that Dr. Clark was a strong leader and fighter for just causes. Environmental housing, and justice in general. He was a very strong force and advocate. CHDC benefitted from Dr. Clark, he pushed for addressing some of the blight that was in the community. He marched and fought against powerful people, to turn things around. He did this right up until he passed away. We are going to miss him dearly.

Doctor Clark helped us to get the resource center up and going. Now it's time to hold some of the local companies accountable. Those that said that they were going to work with us by training and hiring local residents.

CHDC is still working on the grocery store and does not have the resources totally to build it, but they are getting close.

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### **OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED**

Janine Shahead, Activities Coordinator/Multicultural Senior Center:  
Victor is not present at the meeting, he left some notes for Janine to present. He continues to patrol the community and refer illegal dumpings to the right departments.

He wants to give a big shout-out to the City of Richmond, Richmond Sanitary, Jose from County Environmental Health, Andrew from County Code Enforcement, and the County Sheriff's Department. A special shout out to Lorena from the City Code Enforcement for always completing referrals that are sent to them in a timely fashion.

The N. R. Green Newsletters have been picked up by the ambassadors and they are being delivered to the entire community. The Little League finished their spring session. Teams learned baseball skills and participated in the Eco Academy event. They also conducted two beautification projects.

Janine reports that the Senior Center had a May 3rd, Medicare Advanced Plus presentation. The seniors received information about their medicare benefits. They obtained information about benefits and services that they did not know about. Today the seniors had the CC Senior Legal Services present an advanced planning presentation. It was well-received. Youths will be working at the center during the summer, through the Summer Youth Works Program.

The CC Health Services Code 19-Vaccination Booster Shop Clinic went over very well. The food pantry is up and running. The center has bingo on Tuesdays, after lunch. The lunch program is ongoing. Free line dancing will be starting up in July. The computer lab is now open, on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The renaming of the center ceremony for Ms. Sain will be held this Thursday, from eleven o'clock to one o'clock. Please come out and celebrate this momentous occasion.

Annie King-Meridith announces that she is our new representative for district two, on the board for the Waste Water Management District.

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In the line of continuing to honor Dr. Henry, a Memoriam is presented by Supervisor John Gioia's office. NRMAC members have started an annual Dr. Henry Clark leadership award. In recognition of leaders in the community that continue the legacy of Dr. Henry Clark. Marina Brown has been selected to be our first awardee. A token of \$500 was included with the award.

Annie will be reading Dr. Clark's obituary. A larger celebration is planned for the future.

The meeting concludes with a moment of silence for Dr. Henry Clark.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING  
JULY 5, 2022  
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
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