

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Thursday, September 20, 2012  
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 7:05 p.m. Board member present were:  
Don Gilmore, Willie Mae Johnson-Payne, Beverly Scott, Junie Tate, and Annie King-Meredith.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

The minutes and the agenda was reviewed and approved by all of the board members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES/PERSON)**

Eleanor Thompson/Social Progress Inc.: Eleanor hosted the Christmas program last year in North Richmond, and she would like to do it again this year. This year she would like to have lighting on the median, located on Fred Jackson Way. Her question to Luz is how could this be made possible. She wants to know, how she could get electricity for the lights, and does the county have any available funding, to contribute to the Christmas event. Luz replied by saying that she would look into the situation, and see what could be done to assist in the event.

Caroline Harris/Circle of Hope: Announces that she has started her youth program, located at the Youth Empowerment Center in the Las Deltas Housing Complex.

The youths that attend the sessions are coming into the sessions under the influence of narcotics. Caroline says that this type of behavior is annoying and discouraging to her and the outcome of the program may not be as successful as anticipated.

Charlene is sharing her program with Carla Orozo. They have taken the youths on several excursions. They went to the A's game and plan on going to the Oakland Zoo, and to the Great America.

Dorothy Houston/Resident Richmond Parkway: Dorothy has a problem with the stop light, at the intersection of Gertrude and Richmond Parkway. It seems that there have been several complaints about this stop light over the years. The light takes too long to turn green, and the duration of the green light is too short. It was suggested that Mrs. Houston should address this matter to the County Public Works Department.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS (5 MINUTES/ PERSON)**

Lt. Jon Moreland/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the time period of August 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012. There were (475) calls in the North Richmond Area. A total of (65) reports, and there were (29) select crimes. A total of (116) for the West County Area. There were seven arrests in North Richmond. There has been a spike in residential burglaries. It seems that the criminals are mainly juveniles breaking into vacant units in the North Richmond Area. Extra deputies have been assigned to work with the sheriffs in the area.

Angela Moore, director of the youth program at the Shields and Reid Park, wants to speak to Lt. Moreland about a clean-up project that her youths worked on. It seems that the youth cleaned up, some-ones property and staged the trash, in front of the house, waiting on a scheduled pick-up. Before the trash could be picked up, Officer Monroe came along and cited the youths for putting the trash out front, in the streets. It was also said that, it was large amount of trash, equaling to about (two tons) of litter.

Officer Canelo/Richmond Police Department: This report covers the time period of August 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012. There were (106) calls for service, ten traffic, five residential burglaries, one robbery, five auto thief's, and four batteries. Officer Canelo is thankful for the shoot spotters, one shoot was fired and the shoot spotter responded to it. During the month of August, there were also, fights, loitering, missing juveniles, and one man with a gun. The RPD still have the bicycle patrol, in use entitled, (The Bravo Unit).

Officer Gordon/California Highway Patrol: Office Gordon reports for the month of August 2012. There were eight vehicle recoveries; five tickets were issued on the Richmond Parkway. Impounds will continue to go on, (43) parking tickets were issued for street sweeping.

On behalf of Supervisor John Gioia, and the MAC Board, and Citizens of the North Richmond Community, we give our deepest condolences to the CHP, for the lost of there fellow officer, whom was killed in the line of duty.

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

Diane Aranda/The California Endowment: Healthy Richmond Update: This project is about building healthy communities, in Richmond and East Oakland. The community plan was finalized in July 2010. Bay Area List and CHDC are the host agencies. One thousand and seven hundred people participated in putting this program together. Out of those participants a (25) member steering committee was created.

### **Richmond's Priorities:**

In the Healthy Richmond planning process, four outcome priorities for the first phase were identified. Families should have healthy homes, children and their families should be free from violence, neighborhoods and schools support health and healthy behaviors, and community health improvements are linked to economic development.

### **Richmond Strategies:**

The Planning Steering Committee then developed a set of strategies necessary to support this work: Awareness and Empowerment Strategies to help residents develop increased ability to understand and effect community change. Capacity-Building and Infrastructure Development Strategies to help residents learn how to organize themselves and advocate for a changes to the community; this means that community organizing becomes a key strategy. Collaboration Strategies to influence institutional systems to respond to and reflect residents' desires. Cultural Shift Strategies to inform public perceptions, provide broad public education, and foster an environment of collective action and capacity.

### **Richmond's Logic Model**

The plan that outlines how to accomplish these outcomes, using the various strategies, is called the Logic Model. The Logic Model's job is to serve as a road map to make progress towards our goals. The Logic Model will help influence the grants TCE will decide to make in our community, and it will be the yardstick by which our progress will be measured.

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Walt Gil/ Chevron Refinery Fire: Chevron will be issuing a report on the cause of the fire in the near future. It may take up to six months to figure out exactly what happened. BAAQ will be imposing higher standards of air quality and toxic emission rules.

A claim center is open in downtown Richmond, for those wishing to file claims. An office was opened up, temporary in the North Richmond area, but is no longer in use.

It's a fact that toxic waste was released into the air, the day of the fire; it is not sure as to what level. Chevron states that the smoke was not life threatening. The ground monitors were not working, at the time of the fire. In the future the BAAQ will be installing (three), new monitors along the refinery's fence line. Three community monitors will be in stalled in the various communities. Atchison Village, Central and North Richmond will be receiving these new monitors. There will be an up-coming community meeting, to be held at the Shields and Reid Park. There will also be a community meeting on Monday, September 24, 2012, (5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.), Richmond Memorial Auditorium 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond CA/ Contact: Walt Gil (510) 242-3585 / [WWGI@Chevron.com](mailto:WWGI@Chevron.com).

Tony Semenza/CAER: Tony talked about the Shelter in Place System. After all these years the system is not working properly like it was intended to work. CAER will be working closely with the Chevron Refinery, gathering data on the recent fire. A closer look will be taken into the functions and mal-functions of the Shelter in Place System. Community Citizens groups may come back into the picture, and help monitor Chevron's toxic emissions, such as the Bucket Brigade, etc.

For more information you may contact Tony Semenza at (925) 980-4883 / [AJSEMENZA@Comcast.net](mailto:AJSEMENZA@Comcast.net).

Tamisha Walker/CISCO: Ceasefire walks are conducted every Friday night, in different parts of the Richmond Communities. Pastor Bernstein has been going to the office of Neighborhood of Safety working with them. The Safe Return Team realizes that they are not ready to serve the men and women that are being released from prison.

Marwan Emery is a new member on the Safe Return Team. Ceasefire will walk in the community on October 4, 2012; the group will assemble at the New Hope Church 321 Alamo Avenue, in North Richmond, Pastor Joan Thompson. A recent activity was the opposition of the Sheriff Department wanting to expand the West County Jail Facilities in West County. At the moment the proposal and plans are on hold, until further decisions can be made. Tamisha Walker may be contacted at: (510) 493-3875.

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### **OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS (5 MIN/PERSON)**

Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz presented a special award to long time North Richmond resident, Joe Pulido. Joe has been very active in the community; he has been the community photographer for years. He has been the sole, photographer for the North Richmond Green Programs.

Joe say's that Neighborhood House gave him his start and opportunity in life. He came up thru the programs, worked for the UC Berkeley, and is very thankful to the community.

Luz invites every one to come out to the town hall meeting that will be hosted by Chevron, on Monday, September 24, 2012, to be held a Richmond City Hall.

Janie Holland/CHDC: Janie would like for every one in the community to take advantage of the dump vouchers. There is not enough participation in the program, and she is afraid, that we may loose the program if we don't use it. You may contact Janie at: (510) 412-9290 or (510) 307-5747, or stop by CHDC 1452 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA.

Carla Orozco/Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla announces that the Willie Spears, annual clean-up day was a great success. The city and county participated this year. There were more volunteers than paid help; dumpsters were located on the city and county side of the North Richmond area. The Green Neighborhood banners are in the process of being replaced with new ones. The company that made the banners has consented to replace the old ones, due to damage of the old ones. Neighborhood House will be having a fundraiser: A fish fry and a car wash, date: September 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., / NHNR, 820 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Richmond, CA / contact Carla at (510) 776-7578.

Next Meeting  
Thursday , October 18, 2012  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
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