

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUCIL

Wednesday, August 13, 2014
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 5:17 p.m. Board members present were Beverly Scott, Dr. Henry Clark, David Meza and LaSaunda Tate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda was reviewed and approved. Minutes were presented for May, 2014. Meetings were not held for the months of June or July, 2014.

The minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynetta Cooper a resident of the North Richmond community, and a tenant of the Las Deltas Housing Projects. Commented that she lives on Market Street, and has a problem with the un-kept yards of the vacant houses. If she is not mistaken, she has been hearing rattle snakes on the premises.

Bishop Santiago responded on this comment. The Reach Out Fellowship organization has been granted the task (through the CCC Housing Authority) of cutting the lawns, and disposing of the trash and garbage.

Carlos Meza commented that bags of trash and garbage are being disposed of, at vacant public housing properties. One particular site of this illegal dumping is located at 6th and Silver Streets.

Mary Frazier/Project Director for the Northern California Breathmobile:

The mobile asthma clinic diagnoses, treats and educates children and their families about asthma. They have been visiting different sites in the North Richmond community, thanks to a grant from the Chevron Richmond Refinery. They will continue to visit these sites every 4-6 weeks.

The asthma mobile van attended the North Richmond 5th Annual Music Festival in July. Mary was overwhelmed with the responses, from people that visited the van. Over (50) people visited the mobile van, and received information pertaining to asthma, and the treatment of asthma. Nine families have signed up to participate in the asthma program.

Supervisor John Gioia made a visit to the mobile van, during the festival. Mary was pleased and delighted by his visit. They were able to discuss various asthma health issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Mary Frazier/Project Director for the Northern California Breathmobile:

Each participant that visits the van will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate. The suggested age group for clients is targeted from three months, to eighteen years of age. Parent meetings were held at the Child Care Center, Project Pride, in the Las Deltas Housing Projects, and the Verde Elementary School.

Mary announced that they were able to employ a young intern, Leslie Bates. She will be assisting and helping the staff of the mobile van. Leslie's family has lived in the North Richmond community, since the 50's. Mary says that she will report to the MAC meeting in the future.

A comment was made that all organizations that make presentations to the MAC meetings, should follow Mary's lead. Mary made an effort to report back to the MAC meeting, about her progress in the community. Mary's organization also employed a local resident of the North Richmond Community, to work with the asthma program.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. D.J. Watts/CCC Sheriff's Department: Lt. Watts was recently assigned to the North Richmond community, replacing Lt. Moreland. There were no shootings or homicides in the month of July. There are three hot spots in North Richmond where illegal drugs are being sold. The locations are the Las Deltas Projects, and a private residence located at 5th and Chesley, and at the corner of Kelsey and Alamo Street. Efforts and tactics are being put into motion to resolve the illegal crimes.

Deputy Ferraro has replaced Officer Monroe, he will be performing the same duties that Officer Monroe performed. Deputy Shawn Gaskin and Deputy Guther of the CCC Sheriff's Department are working together, patrolling the area.

Statics for the month of July are as follows: This information was gathered from the David O. Livingston, Sheriff/Monthly Calls For Service-Public Report.

Vehicle recovery (1), abandoned vehicles (4), hang-ups (14), AC/PD needed (1), alarm audible (16), alarm false (16), alarm nfi (6), arson (1), assault w/deadly weapon (2), battery (3), beat info (2), brandishing weapon (2), civil (11), civil problem (1), commercial burglary (1), cvc mover (52), cvc non mover (58), disturbance-fight (2), disturbing the peace (5), litter (2), loitering (4), loud music (170), loud party (2), mentally ill commit (2), other felony (1), other infraction (10), out misc (1), outside assist (17), outside assist chp (5), parker (9), patrol request (12), petty theft (1), petty theft purse snatch (1), phone harass (1), prom shoot (2), prowler seen (1), public assembly check (1), report writing (1), residential burglary (2), security check (2) robbery (1), rob/armed (4),

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED

Lt. D.J. Watts/CCC Sheriff's Department:

service to citizen (52), shoplift (1), shots fired (1), subject stop (1), supplemental report (13), susp circumstances (21), susp person stop (23), susp vehicle stop (13), suspicious subject (1), threats (1), tow (4), traffic stop (1), trespass (1), unauthorized possession (4), uncontrollable juvenile (2), unknown problem (2), unwanted guest (2), vandalism (9), verbal dispute (19), violation dom viol order (1), warrant arrest (3) welfare check (5). Total calls for service totaled (492).

Officer Gordon, Officer Jeffers/California Highway Patrol: This report is for May, June, and July, 2014. Citations issued from traffic stops were (91), arrest made DUI related (13), warrants arrest (5), recovered stolen vehicles (12), impounds (22).

Officer Jeffers has focused his attention on vehicle safety and the use of child seats. This is a sensitive subject for him; he has five children and a sixth one on the way. He went to the Head Start Program, located at the Las Deltas Housing Complex, and had a discussion about the need for child seats, in vehicles that are transporting young children. He expressed the need for child seat attention. A \$750 fine could be imposed and points on your license can occur, if in violation of the child seat law. The officers of the local CHP office pooled together and came up with (75) car seats, to be donated to the North Richmond Community. Thus far (35) car seats have been given out to those parents in need of a seat. This replacement effort will be conducted every other Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., at the Head Start Program in North Richmond.

The officers will be utilizing the substation located on Fred Jackson Way. The Sheriff's Department has used this location in the past. By using the office, instead of running back and forth to the main headquarters in Oakland, the officer's time will be used more efficiently.

Alex Webster commented during the meeting the he is a long time resident of the area and the officer's should work with the Veteran's of the community.

Sherry Bates stated that she appreciate having the officers in the community.

LaShanda Tate wanted to know, what the officer's are doing in light of the black crime.

Officer Gordon, responded, saying that communication had gone up with the citizens.

Lt. Watts said that he had no comment on what was happening in the National News, because of the factor that those issues are under investigation.

Marena Brown thanked Ltd. Watts for his help on a problem that she was experiencing.

Cynthia Jordan commented Officer Gordon and Officer Jeffers for being helpful and social toward the residents of the North Richmond neighborhood..

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Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz will be making her report early; she has to attend another meeting, standing in for Supervisor John Gioia. Progress is being made with the CCC Housing Authority. In the future a study will be done on the public housing situation in the North Richmond Community.

Verde School has a new principal, a Mr. Eric Acosta-Vertrauskus for the up-coming school year.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

RECEIVE UPDATE regarding County Housing Element. Kara Douglas, Department of Conservation and Development: Ms. Douglas presented the 2014 Housing Element Update. She presented this update in a packet designed for the Municipal Advisory Council Meetings. The packet consisted of an overview which contained the following topics:

State Housing Element Law, Housing Element contents, Regional Housing Need Allocation Process, Key Facts, Issues, and Trends To Consider, Housing Element(2015-2023- Update Focus, Other GP elements under review, Schedule, consequences if Housing Element Not Updated, MAC Questions to Consider, Staying Informed/Staff Contacts.

If you would like to stay informed or updated on the housing element, you may check the webpage at <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/4720/Housing-Element-2014>. Staff Contact for the 2015-2023 Housing element Update is CCC/Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553. Kara Douglas (925) 674-7880, Patrick Roche (925) 674-7807.

PRESENTATIONS

Regarding the County's Storm Water Trash Management Plan for North Richmond. John Steere, Public Works: Mr. Steere presented a power point presentation about the Contra Costa County's Watershed Program. The presentation pointed out the State Requirements for Reducing Litter in Our Communities. Contra Costa County's role in the project was explained. Trash (litter) is considered a "water pollutant". Communities will be required to reduce trash by 40% by July 1, 2017 and 100% by 2022. Communities will develop a long-term Trash Reduction Plan that details how the communities can reduce trash.

The County Watershed Program developed community-centered Trash Reduction Plans, steps are: 1. Development of community's baseline trash levels using GIS Maps with land uses and information on income levels. 2. Assessment of baseline trash levels. 3. Field-testing by methodically taking photos and recording trash levels in the communities.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Regarding the County's Storm Water Trash Management Plan for North Richmond.

John Steere, Public Works:

To review possible trash control measures to reduce trash by street sweeping, on-land and creek cleanups, and community engagement. Improvement of trash bins management.

The question was asked: What would you like in North Richmond? Existing organizations that could contribute to litter removal+city beautification:

Watershed Project, Eco-village, Groundwork Richmond, Neighborhood House of North Richmond, etc.

For more information about this project please contact: John Steere, AICP, Watershed Planner, CCC Watershed Program, 255 Glacier Drive, Bldg. 500, Martinez, CA 94553. Telephone (925) 313-2281 or (510) 847-0575. www.cleanwater.org and CWP Manager: Cece Sellgren.

After the presentation members of the audience expressed their comments:

Cynthia Jordan spoke out against the fact that Neighborhood House of North Richmond, would take on a role in this project. Although being aware of the fact that NHNR do have Carla Orozco, working on the trash mitigation project. Cynthia expressed that other CBO's from the North Richmond community have been working on trash issues in the community. Why would Neighborhood House of North Richmond have preference over them? Such groups as Men and Women of Valor, and Reach Outreach Fellowship, have picked up the pieces, when Neighborhood House of North Richmond (so to speak of) moved out of the community.

Presentation regarding Chevron Modernization Project and Environmental Impact report.

Nicole Barber: Nicole reports the Modernization Project process has been stopped and they are in the process of going back to court. Construction on the project will start up next year.

Andrea Bailey/Chevron: Andrea reports on the Revitalization Project. Ninety million dollars is being put into this program. This is the largest grant that Chevron has offered to the local communities, for any previous or existing project in their history. The funding will go to the City of Richmond. The city is staffing up and getting ready to administer the funds to the various communities. The Richmond City Manager has been invited to attend the North Richmond MAC meeting. The city has an agreement that they

must report to the MAC, and the community on the progress, and spending of the funds.

There will be a scholarship program for school students. Hopefully the students will have access to scholarships and college funding. Job training has been implemented into this program. An important step in this process is to make sure that North Richmond is

allotted their share of the funding.
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Regarding North Richmond Shoreline Alliance Festival/Cynthia Jordan:

Cynthia announces the North Richmond Shoreline Festival, on October 4, 2014. The time is from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., located at the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park, in Pinole CA. Free on-going transportation to the park will be provided at designated pick-up points. Pickup will be at the Senior Citizen Center on Mc Donald Ave. and the Nevin Community Center, located on Fourth and Nevin, and at the Multi-Cultural Senior Center in North Richmond. The shuttle will be run all that day of the event. Exact pick-up times have not been announced. For more information please call Lana Husser at (510) 219-1571. Or you may e-mail her at lanahusser@comcast.net

The North Richmond community is encouraged to join in, and be a part of the North Richmond Shoreline Open space Alliance. This organization started eleven years ago, by residents of the North Richmond community. The goal is to restore the North Richmond Shoreline, and to protect to provide jobs, educational opportunities, a safe place to recreate, and a source of clean watersheds, and healthy foods.

Eleven years ago, the first event launched by this organization was the Restoring of the Brunner Marsh. This wetland site was under consideration for an industrial business complex. With hard work, determination, and protest, the marsh was saved and purchased by the East Bay Regional Park District. Presently the area is under construction, and is being developed into a nature preserve, and wetland habitat. This all ties into the Point Regional Park plans. Whitney Dotson, local resident and community activist. dedicated an enormous amount of work and time, into getting this area preserved. As a reward for his hard labor, the Brunner Marsh will be re-named the Dotson Marsh.

Cynthia remembers growing up as a child, the Richmond Yacht Club, and Boat Harbor, was located in North Richmond. It was located at the West end of Gertrude Avenue. Cynthia lived on this street for years, and would watch the big boats going pass her house on their way to the yacht club. She stated that she wanted to point out what was, and what can become, into being for the North Richmond community.

The MAC meeting has been voted upon to continue until 7:15 p.m.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Community Service Coordinator (Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR):

Carla continues to work with the county and the city, to combat illegal dumping in the area. She has been working with James Lyons, a representative from Supervisor John Gioia's office. Carla has received (twenty) complaints pertaining to trash, and over grown yards and empty lots. A vast majority of these complaints are about the public housing properties, owned by the county.

The next project that Carla will be working on is the beautification of the
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Community Services Coordinator (Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR
Multi-Cultural Senior Center. The goal of this project is to improve the senior
garden and landscape. If you have concerns about trash issues or illegal dumping,
You may contact Carla at (510) 776-7568 or email her a carlaorozco@live.com

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 5th Annual North Richmond Music Festival was a great success. The music line-
up was excellent. There were over (30), organizations that set up display booths.
Supervisor John Gioia and Mayor Gale Mc Laughlin were present. The planning would
like to thank every one that participated in this event. They look forward to next year.

We send our concerns and well wishes out to Annie King-Merridith. We hope that she
makes a speedy recovery. We miss her greatly, and hope to see her soon.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were not any future agenda items to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

