

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

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 5:02 p.m., as unofficial, for lack of a quorum.

At 5:12 p.m. a quorum was present and the meeting became official.

Board members present were: Don Gilmore, Aaron Morgan, Annie King Meredith, and Andrea Bailey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were reviewed by the board members. Annie motion to accept, Andrea second the motion, all were in favor to accept and approve the agenda and minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linetta Cooper/NR Resident: Presents to the board, an on-going problem, in her neighborhood. She resides on Market Street, in North Richmond, at the Las Deltas Housing Complex. Last month she presented to the NRMAC a complaint, about the misuse and ill-legal conduct of trespassers, at/on the vacant property adjacent to her residence. This month the activity reached a higher level, her son's car was shot up/ by persons (using/firing) firearms. The vehicle was parked in Ms. Cooper's driveway. This is an un-safe situation, expressed Ms. Cooper. She pointed out that it is not safe for her family to be present at their home.

She states that she reported the incident, and have reported previous incidents, to local law officials and CCC Housing Authority representatives. She has not received adequate response from either of the two agencies. The gambling, loitering, violence, public use of bathroom and shooting of firearms continues to exist.

Officer England of the CCC Sheriff's Department, assures Ms. Cooper, that the department and it's officers are working on resolving this nuisance in the community. She stated that bullets that were fired, pertaining to her son's car, have been sent to the crime lab, to be analyzed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. Trisha England/CCC Sheriff's Department/Bay Station Commander: Lt. England reporting for the month of September 2016. Tonight there was a police activity up the street. The nature of that activity was a domestic dispute. The issue was resolved, and the wrongful party has been sent to jail.

Crime statistics were made available for last month. There is an on-going problem with traffic, at First and Market Streets. The flow of traffic peaks during work/commute hours. Vehicles that should be destined to use the Richmond Parkway, continue to come thru the residential areas of NR. Lt. England says that she will have public works look into the traffic signage aspect, of the problem. Such as the need of a speed counter/detector. Proper posting and acknowledging (vehicle weight limit).

Officer Chou/Richmond Police Department: Reporting for the time period of September 2016. Officer Chou reports that there is an overwhelming amount of vehicles, running stop signs, along the Freed Jackson corridor. There were several calls for service, these calls included a report of an armed robbery, a vehicle theft and home burglaries.

A citizen complains about the excessive amount of empty cargo trailer containers along Hensley, adjacent to the Sealy Mattress Company. It appears as if the trucks are unloading their cargo and parking their empty containers on the city streets, for long period of times.

Don asked about an event that occurred East of Hensley St., several days ago. In reply to his question: The RPD were involved in recovering a stolen tow truck, which was located at the end of Sanford.

PRESENTATIONS

C. Thomas Bridge Anderson of Bay Area Legal Aid: Mr. Anderson announces that the BALA is a non-profit law firm. They provide free legal services to low-income families. Services in the following areas are offered: Housing, Domestic Violence, Public Benefits, Health Access and Consumer Rights. The office is located at 1025 Macdonald Ave, Richmond, CA., the contact number is (510) 250-5270.

Katie Melara of Contra Costa Child Care Council: Ms. Melara presents information about the child care council. The council was established in 1976. It is a nonprofit organization that is the only child care resource and referral agency serving all of Contra Costa County.

Their mission is to provide leadership to promote and advance quality care and early education. Innovative programs, free or low cost services and child development expertise help parents work and children grow, learn and fulfill their potential. There is also an Inclusion Project, to

help young children with varying abilities be successful in child care centers, preschool programs and family care centers. For more info call: (510) 758-5439.

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Jessica Rodriguez/Project Manager of Richmond Promise: Ms. Rodriguez presents information on the Richmond Promise Project. Richmond Promise is community-wide college scholarship fund and college success program for Richmond residents. Students from Richmond and who attend a local school in the WCCUSD boundaries for high school qualify for the scholarship and can receive up to \$1,500 for 4 years to help pay for college. New scholarships are open for 2016.

Harry Wiener - Sherry Stanley - David Alvarado/Candidates for W. County Waste Water District:

A presentation was made to encourage residents to vote for these candidates. They support a Community Benefits Policy. A return to source initiative that raises funds from a percentage of contracts through corporate social responsibility to support summer youth employment, scholarships/internships, study tours, career exploration, programs to promote environmental stewardship;

They believe that wastewater can be an economic development and neighborhood revitalization tool that benefits the district. They are asking that you please vote for them on November 8th.

Charles Cavness of African American Museum: Mr. Cavness is an Afro American Native of Richmond. He and a group of others, meet once a month and discuss the possibilities and planning of an African American Museum in Richmond. The museum is estimated to cost two million dollars. They have not purchased the land, but are preferably hoping to obtain a site close to the existing Rosie the Riveter/Home Front National Museum.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND /OR ACTION

Robert Avellor/Enigami Global Investments CCC: Mr. Avellor presents to the NRMAC information on the proposed construction of two new homes, in the 300 block of Grove St. The plan is to divide a parcel into two lots and construct two new homes. He presents to the NRMAC for their approval. Unfortunately Don Gilmore had to leave early, and a quorum was not present, so the board could not make any deciding decision. To be presented at a future meeting.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers - Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports that the documentary premier of North Richmond/Past, Present and Future was a great success.

Over \$1,400 was raised to be contributed to NHNR. The premier of Romeo Must Rise also raised a significant amount of money. Doug Harris will be rolling out additional options to host future viewing of the films.

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Robert Rogers – Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia’s Office: Robert reports that the NR Shoreline Festival was a great success as usual. Over 1,500 people were in attendance at the Point Pinole Regional Park. On October 15, 2016, Urban Tilt Farm will host a ground-breaking celebration.

Bishop Edwina Santiago/REACH Outreach Fellowship: Bishop would like to thank Annie and Ms. Sain for bringing the seniors to their second annual Transgender Conference.

Bishop announces that the health van will be housed at Las Deltas once a month. Bay Area Legal Aid will be housed at Las Deltas once a month. REACH will start working with the Watershed Project.

Bishop announces that REACH has a great rapport/support with Silicon Valley. Silicon Valley was a big major supporter of the recent conference. They will be bringing in computers to the REACH Program. REACH has recently received a HIV/AIDS Grant.

REACH is preparing for its annual Halloween Event, five local churches will support this event.

REACH has made great strides and has had great success in the community. They have excelled in their women re-entry programs, and in their college internship programs.

The NR community continues to wish REACH the best of success, and progress. May all of their goals continue to be achieved.

Princess Robinson/Director Urban Tilth Farm: The North Richmond Farm will host a ground breaking celebration on October 15, 2016. Location is 323 Brookside Dr. & Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA 94801. Come out and help celebrate the beginning of construction of the North Richmond Farm. Music, food, games, petting zoo, farm fresh produce, local honey and handmade products at the farm stand. For more information contact Princess at 510-478-7808.

Rocelle Monk/Love Your Block: The program will be accepting applications for mini grants. Workshops are scheduled to assist interested applicants in completing their applications.

A workshop is scheduled for October 5, 2016, Shields-Reid Community Center 1410 Kelsey Street, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information call, 510- 621-1568.

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Carla Orozco/NHNR Mitigation Fee-funded: Carla reports that the NR Green Newsletter (October Edition) has been developed, and submitted to city and county staff for review and approval to distribute throughout the community.

NHNR led a clean-up of the Wildcat Creek in North Richmond for Coastal Clean-up Day, in partnership with Earth Team on Saturday, September 17, 2016. A total of 354 lbs of trash was removed from the creek. Mitigation related outreach material, was also distributed to volunteers at the event to increase awareness about the upcoming Love Your Block/ Mini Grant Cycle, and to inform them about the WCCCC Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Program.

Information was shared about the issues associated with illegal dumping/blight and efforts that are taking place in NR, to combat these issues at the Community Leadership Institute, hosted and developed by the Richmond Community Foundation and Chevron Refinery. CLI was a four day boot camp, consisting of workshops and panel sessions designed to provide nonprofit leaders with opportunities to enhance and acquire new skills through a comprehensive cohort-based learning model.

The North Richmond Youth ECO Academy (community program), collected 169 lbs of litter and trash on Brookside Drive, Between Fred Jackson Way, and Central Street, during a neighborhood clean-up on September 14, 2016. During a clean-up on September 28th, 105 lbs of trash was removed from the Wildcat Creek. A special thanks to Aaron Morgan and Supervisor Gioia for coming out to assist with the youths.

Three neighborhood clean-ups are scheduled during the month of October. The dates are October 12th, 19th, and the 26th. For information on the location and time of these clean-ups, Please contact Carla Orozco at 510-229-5000.

NHNR is finalizing a service plan with the CHDC and CCC, for a mitigation funded Neighborhood Community Garden Project, which will be implemented in the 2016-17 fiscal year.

The mitigation contract between NHNR and the City of Richmond, for strategies 8, 9,10 and 11,

is in its final review stage and should be fully executed by October 11th.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corrine Sain-Director/Multicultural Senior Citizen Center: Community Seminar with Women League of Registered Voters, Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., location at 515 Silver Ave, Richmond, CA 94801. Contact Ms. Sain at 510-232-3511, for more info.

Saturday October 15, 2016: Yard Sale, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location 515 Silver Street. Richmond CA. Food will be sold on the premises. Contact Martha Watson 510-236-4163.

Grand Opening: Saturday, October 15th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Life Long Medical Care, Health Services for All Ages. Ribbon cutting Ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Location at Life-Long William Jenkins Health Center, 150 Harbour Way, Richmond, CA 94801, Contact # 510-237-9537.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

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