

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 1, 2016
515 Silver Avenue – North Richmond, CA 94801
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. A quorum was not present. Board members Annie King Meredith and Chairperson Don Gilmore were in attendance. Board members Aaron Morgan, Beverly Scott and LaSaunda Tate arrived prior to 6:00 p.m., therefore making the meeting official.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carla White/Watershed Project: Announces that she is in partnership with NHNR/Carla Orozco. They are participating in the ongoing-community based clean-up project. They will be focusing on cleaning up the areas at: Chesley Ave & Market Street, and Verde & Giaramitta Streets.

Cynthia Jordan/Northern California Asthma Project: Cynthia filling in for project director Mary Frazier. Cynthia announces that the BreathMobile continues to serve children in North Richmond. We saw six patients at our October visit. Mary and Cynthia had a table at the Shoreline Festival in Point Pinole and spoke to many visitors about our services.

Mary gave a presentation on : “Asthma Emergencies and Anaphylaxis” to the Medical Reserve Corps of Contra Costa County on October 11th. We have hired Leslie Zecena back with us as half-time Medical Assistant. She now lives in North Richmond.

Lynetta Cooper/North Richmond Resident: Lynetta has had ongoing problems pertaining to violence, and loitering, adjacent and at her residence, located in the Las Deltas Housing Projects. After numerous commutations with the CCC Sheriff’s department. Issues are being resolved. Lynetta would like to thank the department for their concerns, and presence in the area. She states that the police are visible in the area, and the problems are being resolved.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. England/CCC Sheriff's Department: Lt. England reports for the month of October 2016. There were two assaults with deadly weapons. One auto burglary and two burglary arrests. Two stolen vehicles were recovered, one stolen vehicle report. There was one petty thief, One felony vandalism and one misdemeanor.

The CHP reported to Lt. England that they will send out a representative to the NRMAC meetings in the future. Officer Joiner will start attending the meetings.

Lt. England announces that it has been suggested to flyer the parked cars, in violation on the street sweeping days. In reality that would be too many citations to issue out. Carla White, the representative from Watershed, stated that their agency would be addressing the issue.

Lt. England stated that she will be contacting CCC Public Works about the street sweeping signage.

Officer Marson/ RPD: Officer Marson reports for the month of October 2016. He reports that the problem of the empty tractor trailers, parked on Hensley St. is being resolved. About six empty trailers have been towed.

Statistics are as follows: There was one vehicle accident, nine alarms reported, two burglaries, thirty-nine calls into the station and two drug related incidents. There was one mental issue, forty misalliance incidents, five shootings, five suspect persons, six thefts and one trespassing.

Board member Annie asked about the speeding cars coming thru 1st and Market Streets. Officer only could comment on the speed issue on Gertrude Ave.

Monish Sen/CCC Public Works Department, says that is was ruled that public works department could put stop signs or signal lights, up in certain areas of the community. It was acknowledged that two new stop signs were erected at 6th and Grove Ave.

PRESENTATIONS

Joseph Villarreal reports on Las Deltas Housing: Mr. Villarreal reports that six million dollars has been put into public housing in the last six years. They are currently working with HUD to close out the Las Deltas Projects. They have received the majority of approval to change over to private housing. They are looking at (214) units. Section eight and project residents will be relocated. The selling process will begin a year from now. Funding from the sells, will be used to build other housing through out the county. They are working with HUD and soliciting buyers.

Mr. Villarreal say's that they are working with REACH Fellowship program. Don Gilmore/CHDC,states that we need to plan to see what we would like to see there. Try to figure out what's the best use of the property.

Monish Sen/CCC Public Works Department: Mr. Sen talked about the AOB up-date for North Richmond Area. He stated that the community residents had a desire to locate traffic signals on Fred Jackson Way & Market Street. Analysis were conducted on the possibility of the signals being installed. A series of eight issues had to be met in order to qualify for the traffic signal. Unfortunately these issues were not met, and the traffic signals have been denied.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Hugues Pasquier-Galaxy Desserts Development Project: Galaxy Desserts is in the process of planning construction of a bakery/manufacturing plant at Parr and Richmond Parkway, with condition that Galaxy outreach to NRMAC and other groups to ensure maximum employment opportunities for North Richmond residents. The board voted 5-0 to approve the project.

Galaxy will begin construction in 2018, 40 year commitment, 300 + jobs. Will not increase truck traffic in community, only on parkway, (4) trucks per hour. Employee shifts begin during non commute hours.

Matt Yertzovich/ExteNet Systems-LL Cell Sites: Mr. Yertzovich and representatives from the ExteNet Systems are re-presenting themselves once again to the NRMAC about installing additional equipment, to two already existing cell phone poles in the community.

The items that are being requested to be attached are : (1) AC distribution panel, (1) remote radio head, (1) UE relay, (1) GPS antenna, (1) omni-directional antenna, (1) Meter Pedestal and (1) nema04z disconnect switch.

The board voted 5-0 to disapprove of planned installation of cell technology on existing poles. The board urges installation outside of the residential area of the community.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION CONTINUED

Robert Avellar/regarding 345 Grove Avenue development: It is being proposed to development two single family homes at the above location. A presentation was made to the NRMAC in October 2016. A quorum was not present and a vote was not made on the item. Tonight the board votes 5-0 to approve development of two single family homes at 345 Grove Avenue.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Don Gilmore/CHDC: Don reports that the CHDC did not get approval by the Trade and Cap. All is not lost, he will be meeting with the county tomorrow.

A workshop will be hosted Thursday by Transportation Funds Program. \$5,000 & low interest loans are being offered to obtain new low emission vehicles.

Robert Rogers/Deputy Director, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports on the fund raiser hosted at the senior citizen building. The showing of the documentary film: North Richmond Past Present and Future. It was a fundraiser to benefit the Senior Citizen Program. Annie King organized the entire event. It was a great success.

Compost Pails are available for NR residents. NR Baptist Church will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Banquet. Supervisor John Gioia's office will be hosting its Annual Verde School Hoodie & Polo Shirt Drive. They need to raise \$3,500 to cover 320 polos and books. Your tax deductible cash or check donation will help them reach their goal. If you have any questions please contact Robert Rogers at (510) 231-8688.

Bishop Santiago/REACH Fellowship: REACH hosted a Halloween Party it was a great success. They met with HUD and Joseph/Las Deltas Housing.

Seven business in the bay area are looking at the program model that REACH has developed. Two ladies that came thru the REACH Program, are now fulltime staff. Staff members have just returned from Ontario CA, from attending and addressing a workshop on re-entry programs. The Black Women's Caucus would like to come out to take a look at the model program that REACH has been so successful in implementing .

Lishi Fan will be working with the REACH program, addressing the issues of obesity and overweight.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Carla Orozco, Community Services Coordinator/Mitigation Fee-funded- NHNR:

Carla reports that the North Richmond Green newsletter (October Edition) has been printed, and distributed throughout the community.

NHNR provided an informational table at the North Richmond Farm Groundbreaking Celebration on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Mitigation related outreach material was distributed to residents at the event.

The upcoming annual Willie Spears North Richmond Cleanup Event, is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Community workers are being recruited to help with the dumping of bulky items at each of the six dumpster sites on the day of the cleanup. Volunteers are also being recruited to help check ID's at the sites.

During a neighborhood cleanup that took place on October 12, 2016 in North Richmond. Ninety pounds of litter and trash was collected from the corner of Market and Giaramita, to 5th Street and Market, to 5th Street to Verde, to Verde and Giaramita, and onto Giaramita to Market Avenue. Ninety five pounds of trash was removed at and around the Lucky/A's Ball Field and Park, on October 26, 2016.

Two cleanups have been organized this month for residents to participate in that are associated with the North Richmond Youth Eco Academy, and anyone interested in attending and providing support is encouraged to attend. Contact Carla for more information.

Youth residents are currently being recruited to participate in the Little League Program for the 2017 season, which begins the middle of March. Interested boys and girls ages 4-14 are encouraged to register.

A timeline had been developed in partnership with the Watershed Project for organizing specific tasks to help guide the implementation of the Outreach Program for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. One of the first priorities is to develop a flyer and materials to assist with the recruitment of ten resident ambassadors who will be responsible to pick up litter on their block in high need areas in North Richmond.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Princess Robinson-Director/Urban Tilth Farm Update: The farm will host it's opening and ground breaking ceremony. There will be face painting, a petting zoo, and a variety of events.

Volunteer day is every fourth Saturday of the month. The farm will be hosting MLK Day, January 16, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

It is motioned to extend meeting time to 7:15 p.m. Beverly Scott first, motion was second, third and approved.

*This meeting was dedicated to the memory and honor of Mr. Dale Bartlett, whom is recently deceased. He was a long time outstanding resident and community activist in the North Richmond Community.

Our condolences to the family of Mr. Bartlett. May he rest in peace, he will be remembered and missed by all of us who knew and cherished him so dearly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

January 3, 2017

515 Silver Avenue, Richmond CA 94801

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

