

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

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 5:09 p.m. by board member Annie King-Meredith. Annie was the only board member present at this time, the meeting was considered unofficial due to lack of a quorum. Board chairperson Don Gilmore and LaSaunda Tate arrived and joined the meeting in progress.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda was reviewed and approved by board members. The minutes were put aside until next meeting, due to lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier –Director of the Northern California Asthma Breathmobile Project;

Mary announces that the mobile asthma clinic staff, provides services to various schools in the East Bay Area. The children are taken out of school twice a month, for their appointments on aboard the mobile breathmobile. They are scheduled for regular ½ hour appointments, at such time they are treated for their asthma symptoms.

Spanish and English interpreters are on staff, at the mobile clinic. Due to this program there has been a decrease in emergency room visits. The project is very interactive with Chevron. Leslie Zeoena will be taking over Mary's job. Ms. Zeoena has made presentations to parents at Verde School, presenting information about asthma and mold cleaning. CESC attended the presentation, and gave out information, and signed parents up to participate in the programs.

Cynthia Jordan notes that the mitigation funded garden at the senior center building is inadequately maintained and Carla Orozco/NR Mitigation Outreach, should be made aware.

Annie King requests that Carla Orozco be present and punctual at NRMAC meetings.

Lynitta Cooper reports that gambling and loitering and unkempt dogs are present at vacant Las Deltas units.

Akeele Carter/Local Hire Job Coordinator for the Richmond Refinery Modernization Project. Advertising modernization project and local hire and training programs. Trades Day Two is scheduled for January 25, 2017. The location will be at the Bermuda Room/ Richmond Memorial Civic Center, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA. Time 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 P.M., there will be four sessions. For more info you may call (510) 242-4018.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Vanessa Chau/Community Service Works-City of Richmond: Ms. Chau announces that programs and workshops are available to prep young adults for college. Presently they are recruiting volunteers age sixteen thru twenty four. For more information she may be contacted at (510) 620-6552.

Charlene Harris/Healing Circles of Hope/Mothers Against Violence: Charlene announces that the organizations had a successful Xmas season. They were able to give out toys to needy children during the holidays. The organizations continue to work with the local Sheriff's Department, and the local prison system.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Deputy Lewis and Deputy Hunter/CCC Sheriff's Department: The deputies are reporting for the month of December 2016. There were one assault, one auto burglary, two recovered stolen vehicles, six armed robberies and one felony vandalism.

Reporting on the ongoing situation at the Las Deltas Housing Projects/Lynetta Cooper complaint: Arrest was made regarding the dog situation. Officers continue to patrol the area more frequently, and are jumping out on the loiterers/trespassers.

A question was asked, was armed robberies on the increase. The answer was that, there seems to be an increase at the Richmond Parkway Estates.

Officer Diaz/Richmond Police Department: Officer reports for the month of December 2016. Reporting that the city side of NR has been relatively quiet. Statistics are as follows: two abandon vehicles towed, two reports of discharged weapons, one warrant was served and one recovered stolen vehicle.

Board member LaSaunda asked that a copy of statistics be provided prior to NRMAC meeting. Board member Annie asked about the presence of the CHP/reporting at the meetings. Robert replied that he and officers are constantly reaching out to the CHP, requesting their presence at the meetings.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Dr. Connie Potero and Jim Hanson on Point Molate activities: Ms. Potero is the previous chairperson of the Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission. She served as chairperson for nine years. Tonight she presents along with Jim Hanson/Chairman of the Point Molate Commission. Three public meeting will be held, to discuss the future development of Point Molate.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATION CONTINUED

Dr. Connie Potero on Point Molate activities: The site is 400 acres and has 38 structures, including 24 vacant houses and the historic Wine Haven Site. Infrastructure challenges like electricity and water.

The city council recommended these actions; Direct staff to schedule three public meetings starting in October, 2016, after a planning process with stakeholders, so that the public can provide input on key values for Pt. Molate's rehabilitation and redevelopment.

They need feedback ongoing from NRMAC to inform planning process and will reach out periodically.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Mary Halle/CCC Engineering Department: Mary reports that the county is devising measures to improve traffic in North Richmond. The department seeks NRMAC feedback.

The proposed projects will reduce truck traffic through configuration and calming measures. Including tightened roads and elevated crosswalk.

Solutions:

1. Ask developers to control traffic at their sites, by staying clear of residential areas, and traveling by way of the Richmond Parkway.
2. Traffic calming measures, a constriction of the roadway, like making the lanes narrower, which would give vehicles a cause to slow down. Signage that identifies that travelers are entering a residential community, and elevated crosswalks.

NRMAC members who were present support concepts that Halle described.

Members of the audience support the concepts that were presented. It was expressed that at one point in time, via presentations by Mr. Sean/CCC Public Works, resolving NR's traffic problems was looking grim and negative. Halle will be back with further updates and will continue to solicit feedback from NRMAC.

Mary also reports that Fred Jackson Way was selected for funding in the amount of three million dollars. The funded areas includes Fred Jackson Way, starting at Grove Avenue and ending at Brookside Drive. County road funding is in limbo. All road funding projects must be constructed by 2020.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION CONTINUED

Gary Ghalotti/Maggiora and Ghilotti Inc. development plan: Ghilotti provides update on his project to cap contaminated/dirty soil on a piece of his land. The Army Corps of Engineers also have guidelines and restrictions pertaining to the project. Million yards of dirt has to be filled in, raising surface of the land to ten feet. After capping, (projecting in ten years) further development may be able to proceed, and will come back to NRMAC for presentation.

The parcel consist of (19.1) acres, off the Richmond Parkway, adjacent to Oliver's Towing Company, and the Old Stauffer Chemical Site. In 1939 the land was farmland; geographically the land has not changed. The property was also known as the Old Radiant Property.

NRMAC expresses general support for the capping of the land. Cautions that it will provide feedback and approval contingent on how well the future development conforms to community beneficial uses. Owner vows to come back to the NRMAC to discuss. NRMAC will vote on this issue on February 7, 2017.

Galaxy Desserts/Engineers from CSW/Stuber Stroeh Engineering: Explaining proposal to merge seven parcels down to four, which will allow previously NRMAC approved work on desserts manufacturing facility to proceed.

NRMAC members present express full support. NRMAC will vote on this on February 7, 2017.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports that Supervisor Gioia's Verde School Holiday Fundraiser was a great success again this season. They were able to raise a total of \$8,000 and provided the students with books and Hooded Sweatshirts. Chevron Refinery donated tote bags to the students. Congratulations to a job well executed.

Don Gilmore/Director and Janie Holland/Community Resource, Community Housing Dev. Corp: Don announces that Heritage Point Development is on schedule to go before county for funding. They are also going in for state funding. CHDC hopes to break ground late this year or early this year. This will be a major milestone for the NR community.

Tax Preparation will be offered again this year. The program will start up around the middle of January 2017.

Jannie is in charge of issuing free disposal vouchers or bulky item pickup. These vouchers are available to NR residents. Participants must provide required proof of residency. Contact the CHDC office at 1535 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond CA. (510) 412-9290.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Belinda Thomas/Assistant Director REACH Fellowship Program: Belinda announces that Dr. Santiago is attending training in the Silicon Valley. Belinda introduces two new program participants: Sandra Thrope a new intern and Nat Agvilar the new youth coordinator.

In 2016 REACH completed all their goals and projects. Dr. Santiago recently met with HUD representatives and Representative Carson in Washington D.C.

Carla Orozco – Mitigation Fee Funded NHNR: Carla reports that the NR Green Newsletter (January edition) draft has been developed, and is now being reviewed by city and county staff.

The NR Green Youth Twilight Basketball League Program is currently recruiting youths to participate in the Basketball Program for the 2017 season. The season begins in mid-January. Interested boys and girls ages 7-14 are encouraged to register. Youths are also currently being recruited for the Little League Program. Ages 4-14, boys and girls are encouraged to register. All players will be expected to participate in beautification projects and eco workshops during the season.

A timeline has been developed in partnership with the Watershed Project for organizing specific tasks to help guide the implementation of the Outreach Program for the 2016-17 fiscal year. For more information on any of these projects contact: Carla at (510) 776-7568.

Princess Robinson/Director Urban Tilth Farm: Ms. Robinson announces the farm had over (200) attendees at the opening celebrations. They are planning a celebration for MLK Day, on January 16, 2017. They are currently seeking entertainers to perform at the celebration.

In 2017 the farm is being made available for public use. Call Princess at (510) 478-7808.

Stephanie Ny/Love Your Block: Three grants were awarded toward neighborhood revitalization and beautification. The grants were as follows: The renovation on Lucky A's Baseball Field (the bathrooms), Contra Costa Service Center received a grant, and the community garden (Communities United Against Destroying Mother Earth), located at 1642 Fred Jackson Way, received a grant.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:12 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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