

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 7, 2017
515 Silver Avenue – North Richmond, CA 94801
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Board member Annie opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Board members present were: Annie King-Meredith, Dr. Henry Clark, Aaron Morgan, Andrea Bailey and Beverly Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were reviewed. A motion by Andrea to move item C to item A, due to speaker's time schedule. Dr. Clark first the motion, Aaron 2nd, all was in approval.

Dr. Clark motion to adjust the agenda: In honor of Black History Month, and give presentation, with Annie and others, on the great works of African Americans throughout history.

It was motioned to approve the agenda and minutes. Annie first the motion, Andrea second, and all was in approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Zecena/Northern CA Asthma/Breathmobile Program: Leslie announces that the breathmobile continues to operate in the community. There is new staff, replacing the wonderful Mary Frazier. Leslie Zecena is the replacement person for Mary. Andrea notes that CESA also partnerships with the asthma program.

Ryan Bealer of Healthy Richmond: Robert report that he will be working in the NR community. He works with Roxanne Crrillo, whom made a presentation to NRMAC about the program in November 2016.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. England/CCC Sheriff's Department: Lt. England reports for the month of January 2017. Officer Hunter has been reassigned to the NR community. He will be in attendance at the next NRMAC meeting. He is bilingual and speaks fluent in the Spanish language.

The lot located on the corner of Alamo and Battery Streets, is being monitored by the department, on its clean up progress. The place is in an awful blight/trashy mess. Crimes have gone down: Armed robbery went down from six in December to zero for January. Strong arm robbery went down from four to zero. There were no thief's, two recoveries of stolen vehicles, one felony burglary, and one felony civil dispute.

Officer J. Odegaard/RPD: Officer reports for the month of January 2017. Property crime is up, mainly auto burglary thief. An occurring problem with empty trailers parking on Hensley St.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Chinyere Madawaki/Director, of North Richmond Center for Health Operations:

Chinyere reports that the center opened up 18 years ago. Dr. Clark, Meredith, Jordan and Dotson and others were instrumental in its founding. The center has twenty five staff members. It started out with two providers, it currently has five providers. The site has a lab work facility, and offers one on one counseling. Clinics offered are: Asthma, diabetics, psychological and HIV Aids. Over 1,500 patients are seen a month. Fifty percent are Afro-American and forty-nine percent are Latino. The clinic also has video monitors to access foreign languages. The counties my CCLink is available to access patient's primary care doctors.

Lesla McIntosh/Board Director of EBMUD: Lesla reports that the reservoirs are overflowing. They are at 102 % capacity. Rates talks coming in months. Looking for state money to expand Consumer Assistance Program for low income. All lead has been removed from pipes in 1990's. The drinking water for this area is pristine; it comes from the snow runoff. Anyone can call EBMUD for home lead test kit. There is a taste and odor change in the water due to the usage of San Pablo reservoir. The Orinda treatment plant is in the process of being upgraded.

John Steere,AICP/CCC Watershed Program: John reports on the Watershed Connections Project. The walkable waterways grant program is a five year project. The duration of the project will be from 2017-2021. An ample amount of funding is already in place. They are applying for a State coastal Conservancy Grant, the proposals are due in a week and a half.

The Watershed Connections is comprised of three sub-projects, and is a collaboration of CCC Transportation Engineering, the County's Watershed Program and several local nonprofits including Urban Tilth, the Watershed Project, and the NHNR.

The subprojects, from north to south are: Raingardens adjacent to the North Richmond Urban Farm (led by Urban Tilth). First Mile/Last Mile on Fred Jackson Way, a green/complete streets project (led by CCC Public works dept.) and "Walkable Watersheds: Clean and Green Streets/Adopt-a-Block program primarily on 5th Street (led by the Watershed Project.)

Nathan Bickart of Urban Tilth and Josh Bradt of Estuary Partnership: They present on project to map transition zones along the NR Shoreline areas that may change or become threatened by sea level rise. The ultimate goal is to develop a community-informed vision for the NR shoreline that engages residents with their shoreline and helps to identify opportunities for protecting community resources, improving access, improving natural habitat. Dr. Clark wants to know will the NR Shoreline Alliance be involved in this project.

They have the funding on hand, a grant received from Climate Ready Estuary EPA Program.

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DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATION regarding Maggiora & Ghilotti development:

NRMAC votes 4-0, with Morgan abstaining and Clark, Meredith, Bailey and Scott voting yes. General support was expressed, for Gillotti cap and cautions that it confirms to community beneficial uses. Mr. Gillotti owns property adjacent to the Richmond Parkway. The soil is contaminated; he is being required to cap the soil with ten feet of clean soil. This project will be completed by 2017. Owner vowed at previous meeting to conform to regulations and develop according to market, and come back to the NRMAC to discuss.

DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATION regarding CSW/Stuber Stroeh Engineering subdivision plan, representing Galaxy Desserts: NRMAC votes 5-0 approve sentiment of non-quorum NRMAC expressed in January. That support is for Galaxy Desserts engineers 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.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/Deputy Director Supervisor John Gioias Office: Robert reports that Aaron's son Amillion Morgan is the winner of Verde Elm School spelling bee. Last year won second place, this year he vowed to come in first. He will continue to compete in higher level spelling competitions.

Supervisor Gioia's voted against jail expansion. The Sheriff's Department wants state and government grant money. It did pass at the supervisor's level at a four to one vote. This same thing happened last year. The application will now go to the state level.

There will be a free documentary film showing about Parks. The location is the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

CCC Housing Authority will be opening the Section 8 Wait List: You must apply on line for the application. Opening up on February 27 – March 4, 2017. One thru five bedroom units will be available. Go to www.ccchousing.org

Urban Tilth day of service and Steere's work to bring resources into community.

Annie King- Meredith/Dr. Clark: Asking about an odor issue in the community. It is unknown where the odor is coming from. Some people believe that it is coming from the waste water treatment plant; others say it's coming from Republic Landfill. It is also rumored that the smell is coming from a closed compost project on Parr Blvd. Robert says that he will get Republic and WCWD to come to the next meeting.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Lloyd Madden/Director NHNR: Reporting that Carla Orozco is no longer employed at the agency. She has taken on a job at the City of Berkeley. An opening for the vacant position entitled: Community Service Specialist will be publicly listed in March. Applicants must be bilingual. There was some opposition about the bilingual qualification. It was suggested that the position, be divided into two half time positions, in order to present more opportunity to applicants.

Lloyd reports NHNR will be submitting an interim plan to complete its current contract responsibilities to the Mitigation Committee on February 17th for review and approval.

Three teams have been formed for the NR Green Youth Twilight Basketball League Program. One ECO Green workshop and two beautification projects have been organized for the youth players to participate in. The ECO workshop about “weeding” will take place at Project Pride, on February 15th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The first beautification project, is scheduled for March 1st from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the NHNR Senior Citizen building. The second workshop is scheduled for March 8th, from 3:30 to 4:30. This is a cleanup project, the streets to be cleaned up are: W. Grove Ave, N. Jade St., Silver Ave, 1st Street, Harold St, and Market Ave between N. Jade St. and 1st Street.

Bishop Santiago/REACH Fellowship Outreach: Bishop has started her consulting firm, it is entitled P.S. Consulting. She will be focusing on and studying communities that are in distress. REACH would like to take a look at the Las Deltas Project, to focus on helping residents that will be displaced upon the closing out of the housing projects.

*Meeting was extended to 7:15 p.m. Aaron proposed, Henry motioned, Annie second.

Nada Perez/Love Your Block: They are planning three projects for the future. One will be hosted at the Community Garden on Fred Jackson Way.

Dorian Robison/Director and Princess Robison, Urban Tilth Garden: There was a huge turnout for the MLK Day Celebration. Activities were: tree planting, barn painting, entertainment and games. Every 4th Saturday is volunteer day at the farm. The time is from 10-1 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the day. The garden has a bumper crop of fruits and vegetables; they are donating them to needy families that live in the area.

Meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

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