

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 7, 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 5:04 p.m. as unofficial for lack of a quorum.

At 5:30 p.m. all board members were present, declaring the meeting an official one.

Board members present were: Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Clark, Andrea Bailey, Aaron Morgan, Beverly Scott, LaSaunda Tate and Annie King-Meredith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

There were adjustments made to the agenda as follows: Item (5B and 7e) were combined. The presenters were representing the same community based organization. Board member Annie requested that item (5C be moved to 5B) and (7d be reassigned as 5B-1). The agenda was approved by consensus.

The minutes were reviewed and motioned to be approved with the exception of a few typos. The minutes was approved by consensus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier, Director/Northern CA Asthma Project-Breathmobile: The breathmobile continues to operate in the community, providing regular asthma and respiratory health services to local children. Services are provided to the following schools: Verde , Grant, Lake, and Helms. Staff on board the breathmobile consist of a nurse practitioner, doctor and medical assistants. Each school is visited every four to six weeks. Children from age three months to eighteen years are eligible to participate in the program.

Luz Gomez, Representative/Bay Area Air Quality Management District: Luz presents about district work and upcoming public workshops, including in Richmond on 3/30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium.

Luz stated that the district is in the process of planning on how to improve on the climate situation and clean air emissions. Clean Transportation is giving out money to help people change out their fireplaces to clean fireplaces burning.

Dr. Clark asked Luz about the timeline for various proposed draft emission reduction rules. Rule 12-16 will be presented May, rule 11-18 in July and rule 13-01 in August – September.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. England/ CCC Sheriff's Department: Lt. England reporting for February 2017: Statistics are as follows: Two auto burglaries, there were no assaults, one residential burglary, one stolen vehicle recovered, one petty theft, two vandalisms.

Violent crime is down in the community. There were some squatter evictions in the projects. Deputy Sergio will be working in the community. He will be present at the next RMAC meeting.

Officers Jeffers/CHP: Lt. Jeffers has not worked in the community for two years. He has been assigned to multiple local areas. As of March 1, 2017 he was presently assigned to the community. He reports for February 2017. There is a rise in parking violations. A big rig issue persists in the community. He has been stopping local big rig drivers, that have legal business in the area. Nothing can be done about that, but he can stop passer trough's. He is trying to find the hot spots for the big rigs.

Henry Clark asked about driverless vehicles in the area. Answer is that a person must be behind the wheels of a driverless vehicle.

Officer Chou/RPD: Officer Chou reports for February 2017. Statistics are as follows: The same individual appears to be committing the reported auto burglaries. There were reports of vehicle thefts and discharging of a firearm.

The issue of the big rigs parking along the streets, adjacent to the Sealy Mattress Company, has been investigated into and action has been taken. The officers talked to the company, seven trailers were red tagged. There is a seventy-two hours parking limit. Officer are making sure that there are no abandoned trailers or expired tags.

Henry Clark asked about the RPD partnership with the park rangers. The answer is that the park rangers is a civilian unit that patrols the parks and greenway. Richmond Rangers and East Bay Regional Park Rangers are a sworn in agency.

Mary Frazier asked about the shootings on I80. The answer is that from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. a unit patrols the freeway, solely for that purpose. Highway 4 corridor to Pittsburg has license plate readers.

PRESENTATIONS

A'Million Morgan is honored for his spelling bee victory with a NRMAC/County proclamation. He is the top finisher at Verde Elementary School.

Dr. Edwina Perez Santiago, director/PS Consultant and Associates: Presenting on a new, for profit venture. She has traveled the country making contacts. Will unveil economic empowerment plan to stir investment and wealth building in stressed communities, including North Richmond.

She toured Detroit and across the country. Dr. Santiago did grass roots campaigning in the worst ghettos. She learned a lot from the people. She is concerned about the economic plight. Various Silicon Valley companies have formed partnership with REACH Fellowship. Bishop's goal is to bring Corporate America to dying communities such as NR. Bishop also has a strategic campaign program called Changing the Game. The concept of the program is to elect better candidates for political offices.

Beatriz Plasencia-Saez a new resident of the program, was introduced. Annie stated that Four J's Café, operated by REACH Fellowship is thriving and very successful.

LaShonda White/City of Richmond: LaShonda presents on ECIA grant opportunities, funded by Chevron in agreement for modernization project. Grants will be from \$2,500 to \$50,000. North Richmond organizations are available. Last year, three applied, and one, Urban Tilth, won a grant. Deadline 3/20.

Grant writing is being sponsored, information is available on-line. The qualifications are that organization must have a 501C3 status, or a sponsor, or be a governmental entity. This program should be available for the next eight years.

Dr. Clark asked about a dormant grant out of the Mitigation fund, pertaining to NR. and the Iron Triangle. Ms. White says that the grant is still available and active. The funding has tripled in dollar amounts. The grant is entitled the VEOLIA grant, twenty-five thousand dollars a year may be available to a qualified agency, in the designated area.

Annie says that it takes too long to receive funding. Ms. White says that an approved organization could receive a 25% advance.

Don asked is there is any system or guidelines on how the funds should be used.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Sherry A. Stanley, Director and Harry Wiener, Director/West County Wastewater District:

Sherry and Harry reports on long term capital improvement plans. The master plan recommended a number of high priority projects over the next 5 years, with an additional set of projects for the following 15 years. The total cost of the current 5-year Capital Improvement Program is \$91.6 million (July 2012 dollars). The CIP also includes funding requirements for the remaining 15 years of the CIP to assist the district in making financial decisions. There are numerous current projects underway. A widespread replacement of the sewer pipes is proposed for NR community. There is no set date, for when the project will start.

Mr. Wiener stated the local residents have been complaining about a foul odor in the area of the water treatment plant. He would like to clarify that the odor is not coming from the plant. Don comment and gave good remarks on the program, that the district offered.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Andrea Bailey and Carlos Lopez from Center for employment Training in San Jose seek NRMAC support for eEquip Richmond training center in North Richmond. There are plans by Chevron Equip project to open 24,000 square foot employment training center in North Richmond, off Pittsburg and Central. Projected opening is Fall of 2017. Private sector instructors. High wage fields. 6-9 month training. Target low income populations. NRMAC vote 6-0 to support project and draft letter of support from NRMAC. Bev Scott makes motion, LASaunda Tate seconds.

Mr. Lopez has been working with Andrea for eighteen months. This is a \$10 million investment in Richmond and North Richmond to fund innovative projects that prepare residents for the workforce, encourage small business development, and create pathways to sustainable, living wage or better jobs and careers in growth industries.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports that there will be an Earth Day/Green Day Event set for April 22, 2017, at Lucky A's Ballfield, all are invited.

Don Gilmore, director/Community Housing Development Corporation: Don presents that the Healthy Richmond Project will be looking at the Las Deltas Projects to decide what is feasible and in the best interest of the community, as to how the units should be phased out. CHDC is continuing the process of acquiring funding for Heritage Point Project, they probably will know something after this first quarter.

CHDC will be bringing back a resource center to the community. The location will be a 1452 Fred Jackson Way. They are in the early stages of planning on this project.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Lloyd Madden, director/Neighborhood House of North Richmond : Mr. Madden reports that a position opening for Community Service coordinator has become available. A requirement is that the qualifying person must be bilingual. Hopefully this position will be filled by May.

The Earth/Green Day Festival is set for April 22, 2017, at the Lucky A's Ballfield, all are invited. Over 25 organizations and groups have expressed their participation.

Nineteen Youth players from the NR Green Youth Twilight Basketball League Program participated in an ECO-workshop about "Weeding" at Project Pride Community Center on February 15, 2017. On March 8, the youth players will participate in a neighborhood clean-up on the following streets including: W. Grove Avenue, N. Jade Street, Silver Avenue, 1st Street, Harold Street, and Market Avenue between N. Jade Street and 1st Street in the projects area.

NHNR is in partnership with the Watershed Project are developing eco-workshops for the Block ambassadors workers to receive training to lead children organized into waste reduction teams on a neighborhood clean-up of small litter.

Stephanie Ny of Love Your Block: Stephanie reports that 3 of 8 neighborhood grants went to NR projects. At 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, there will be a bathroom restoration party at Lucky a's Ballfield, grant by LYB to Denise Carey of SIT. A mural will be erected in honor of Fred Jackson at the Fred Jackson Community Garden.

A motion was set in place to extend the meeting to 7:20 p.m. All was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p. m.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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