

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 4, 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 5:07 p.m., as unofficial for lack of a quorum.

At 5:37 p.m. all board members were present, declaring the meeting an official one.

Board members present were: Dr. Henry Clark, Andrea Bailey, Aaron Morgan and LaSaunda Tate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed and approved. There was an adjustment/correction made to the minutes. An adjustment on page (4) – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION – Andrea Bailey and Carlos Lopez from Center for employment Training in San Jose seek NRMAC support for E-Quip Richmond Training Center in North Richmond. The sentence states: “There are plans by Chevron and Equip Project to open 24,000 square feet employment training center in North Richmond. The correction to minutes is that: Chevron will be funding the project. Upon corrections being made, the minutes were moved for approval and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Zecena, Northern CA Asthma Breathmobile: Leslie announces that the program is ongoing at local schools. They continue to visit the sites on a regular basis. This year the van has made four visits to each school, in this area. The statistics for Verde School: Twelve students have returned to the program and three students were added on. The NC Asthma Program staff is thankful for the opportunity, to provide asthma prevention and care services to the local schools. The Chevron Refinery newsletter (March 2017), has an article featuring questions and answers/ meet our partners - Mary Frazier.

Pamela Sauce Bilbo, CEO/Men & Women of Valor: Ms. Bilbo announces: May 1st. the agency is hosting a Clean Sweep Cleaning Up Event in NR. Men & Women of Valor invite everyone to come out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to their free Exercise and Nutrition Program. The agency also offers job readiness programs. They are located at 1350 Kelsey Street, Richmond, CA. You may contact Ms. Bilbo at (510) 255-7603.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. England and Deputy Lewis/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of March, There were two armed robberies, two residential burglaries, one grand theft and two vehicle arrests. There was one apprehension of a crime suspect.

Dr. Clark inquired about the armed robberies and residential burglaries. He wanted to know if anyone was injured during the incident. The answer was yes, there was a minor injury at the incident that occurred at 4th Street and Verde Ave.

Aaron stated that he seen a lot of sheriff officers in the Las Deltas housing units on the 29th. He would like to know what was going on. Lt. England replied that the officers were doing follow-up of arm robberies and various crimes.

The housing authority staff is still in the process of evicting squatters, from the vacant units. They are in the process of turning off the electricity and water at the vacant units.

Officer Chou/Richmond Police Department: Reporting for the month of March. Officer Chou reports that crime is on the increase. There has been a rash of strong arm robberies, and grand theft. Officer Chou announces that an incident had taken place in the City of Richmond this morning. A young man had shot and killed his estranged girlfriend, with her two children in the car witnessing the incident. The suspect is at large, his picture and a video recording of the incident is posted on the departments website, and is posted on social media.

Officer Jeffers/CHP: Officer Jeffers reporting for the month of March. He reports that March was a bad month for the CHP. There were numerous collisions in the community. Seven collisions and four hit and run. There is an enormous situation of false vehicle registration, and this is a huge issue in the neighborhood. False vehicle registration is a felony. Stolen car reports are down, only two incidents were reported. Officer Jeffers provides children car seats, for parents that are in need of them.

Annie was not present; she sent word by Dr. Clark, that she still has concerns about high volume of traffic on busy streets.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

A proclamation was presented to Pamela Saucer Bilbo for her outstanding service to the community. Ms. Bilbo is the CEO of the non-profit agency: Men and Women of Valor. This is a grass-roots CBO, Ms. Bilbo is a grass-roots individual. Always available and ready to lend a helping hand to any one, that is in need of her services. Ms. Bilbo is especially effective in reaching out and helping the youth in the community, she is well respected and appreciated.

Nadia Perez/Love Your Block/Communities Against Destroying Mother Earth: Nadia announces an event entitled: Celebrate the Life & Legacy of Fred Jackson. With the community help, they will assist artist Timothy B. create a mural dedicated to the late, great Fred Jackson at CURME's Fred Jackson Harmony and Peace Garden. The date is April 23rd and 29th, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., location 1643 Fred Jackson Way, North Richmond, CA. The audience at the NRMAC meeting provided Ms. Perez with useful input and suggestions. They gave her an insight about how Fred Jackson's and his family's life was like, living and growing up in North Richmond.

You will have the opportunity to meet the artist Timothy B. A full time artist and spiritual being who claims the earth by way of Oakland. His message is simple: Be you, and let me be me.

Rising Sun Energy Program: A presentation on free energy saving, services for NR homes, and other communities in West County. RSEC's mission is to empower individuals to achieve environmental and economic sustainability for themselves and their communities.

The program offers: California Youth Energy Services, a youth employment program focusing on energy efficiency and resource conservation. CYES hires between 180 and 200 young people (ages 15-22) each year and trains them to become Energy Specialists. CYES' Leaders-in-Field-Training program creates additional professional and leadership development opportunities for former CYES Energy Specialists. LIFT energy Specialists learn how to supervise staff, facilitate trainings, and attend to administrative duties, while serving as positive role models for their peers. LIFT members participate in ongoing weekly training and professional development modules and then, in turn, share their expertise with their peers during weekly workshops.

Rising Sun offers part-time, outreach and marketing jobs, April – June 2017. For a full job description and application visit (risingsunenergy.org/jobs). You may call: (510) 665-1501, The Rising Sun Energy Center is located at 2998 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702.

Josh Bradit and Heidi Nutters/S.F. Estuary Partnership: Presentation on North Richmond shoreline vision, inviting NRMAC to provide input and feedback through process. Funding from EPA, Vision finalized by October for unveiling at Shoreline Festival. Everyone is invited to come out and join the North Richmond Shoreline Tour and Community Visioning, will meet at the Point Pinole parking lot, Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Reserve a space: Contact Jesse@thewatershedproject.org or call (510) 730-2150.

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PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued

Cynthia Jordan, for Whitney Dotson, President East Bay Regional Parks District: Cynthia announces the dedication/opening ceremony of the Dotson Marsh. April 22, 2017. Cynthia presented a brief history of the marsh and the campaign to save the marsh.

Whitney's father, the late Rev. Dotson and local citizen's started the campaign to save the Breuner Marsh. The marsh was destined to become an industrial park. Whitney picked up the campaign where his father left off. In May of 2008, the EBRPD was able to acquire the marsh through the Eminent Domain Process after three years of legal battles. In 2012 the EBRPD board of directors, adopted a plan to restore the marsh and improve public access to the area. Presently the 150 acre marsh has undergone an extensive, \$14 million habitat project funded by more than 10 agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and through local bond measures CC and WW.

On Tuesday November 7, 2016 the EBRPD board of directors, voted unanimously to re-name the Breuner Marsh after the Dotson Family, for their long standing efforts to save the Richmond shoreline from Development.

Saturday April 22nd: Point Pinole Regional Park, 10:30 a.m. Atlas Road Bridge Dedication, 1:00 p.m. Dotson Family Marsh Dedication.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

None

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, Deputy Director/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports on Sup. Gioia's work to end juvenile incarceration fees statewide and creation of Racial Justice Task Force. Events highlighted: The 7th Annual NR Green Festival/Earth Day at Lucky A's Ballfield. April 22nd, 2017. Festival is from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteer: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Clean –up of Wildcat Creek and Garden Projects for volunteers to participate in. Volunteers please report to 2000 Giaramita St. at Verde elementary School for registration, tools, and assignments. For more information contact: Eren Samano at (510) 776-3220.

Lucky A's ballfield public restrooms now have lights, thanks to work by the city requested by Earth Day planners. Supervisor Gioia sponsored CPR training at Sheild's Reid on April 1st.

Doug Harris' documentary: North Richmond Past, Present and Future, will be aired on local television channel (KCRT) April 11th. A very inspiring and comprehensive documentary about NR, depicting facts that are very essential to NR's history.

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Janie Holland/Community Housing Development Corporation: Janie announces, Fresh Cargo/Mobile Farmers' Market has returned to the community. The mobile van will be located on the corner of Chesley Ave. and Fred Jackson Way, every Wednesday from 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. This is the fourth year that local California farmers have offered fresh fruit and vegetables to the community. Product prices have been reduced for NR residents.

First time homebuyers are invited to come and learn about CHDC's HUD approved homebuyer education series. Thursday April 27th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Location Community Heritage Senior apartments, 1555 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA 94801. The purchasing of a home may be in the following counties, CCC, Solano, Alameda. CHDC works with the Spark Point Center to bring homeownership within the reach of those who could not otherwise own their own home. RSVP (510) 412-9290 x 226.

Free disposal vouchers or bulky item pickup, is available to eligible households located within the NR Mitigation funding Area. Participants must provide required proof of residency.

Additional information on the above listed programs may be obtained by contacting: CHDC office at 1535-A Fred Jackson Way, (510) 412-9290, go to www.nrgreen.org website to learn more or request your vouchers. Janie may be contacted at (510) 760-3241. Programs are funded jointly by CCC and City of Richmond.

Lloyd Madden, Director/Neighborhood House of NR: Lloyd announces thate Carla Orozo's former job position is open to the public. The position is entitled, Community Service Coordinator. Opening dates are April 3-May 12th. The salary is \$42,000 annually. Starting date is July 1st. For job description and more details contact personnel department. Neighborhood House of NR 3065 Richmond Parkway Suite 114, Richmond, CA 94806, (510) 229-5000, www.nhnr.org

NR Green Mitigation report as follows: The 7th Annual NR Green Festival and Earth Day Celebration. April 22, 2017. Over thirty health/environmental booths, pony rides, Richmond Little League games, A's Major League Baseball Mascot "Stomper", Barbeque and Hispanic food, 106 KMEL/ DJ, live entertainment, hula hoop station, Zumba, jumper and inflatable soccer field for kids, petting zoo, and arts and crafts.

North Richmond Green Little League Program (Community Program). On April 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., youth players will participate in a garden project to plant native plants at the NR Native Plant Communities Garden, located at the NHNR Multicultural Senior and Family Services Center.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAMS REPORTS CONTINUED

Lloyd Madden, Director/NHNR: North Richmond Native Plant Communities Garden Project: First educational workshop covering weeding was held on March 1st. The objective was to explain the nature and importance of garden up-keep and to introduce garden ecology principles. Garden care team continues to remove weeds from fences separating properties, and minor excavation work was done to prepare ground for upcoming planting project.

NHNR hosted two eco-workshops. The first was about leadership and was the first opportunity that the block ambassadors had to meet each other. A special award was presented to one of the Block ambassadors, Todd Warner, for his strong commitment to cleaning. He was cleaning both sides of the street on his block every day. The second eco-workshop was for children, their parents, and the block ambassadors. This community-building event gave the block ambassadors the opportunity to demonstrate leadership in keeping the NR community clean.

Love Your Block: On April 22nd, at the Shield's Reid Community Center Open House event, a children's' community garden is being installed. Volunteers are needed to assist with the project.

Ryan Bealer/Healthy Richmond: Healthy Richmond announces a town hall meeting, hosted by U.S. Rep, Mark De Saulnier with constituents. Topics to be discussed are a congressional update and questions and sharing thoughts from the audience. The date is April 11th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Location: Lovonya Dejen Middle School, 3400 Mac Donald Avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Multicultural Senior Citizens Center will be hosting an Easter Brunch, on April 8th, from ten to one o'clock. Donations are \$8.00, location 515 Silver Street, Richmond, CA.

Shields & Reid Community Center Open House: April 27th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments provided, chalk activities for children. Please come out and help to beautify the back of Shield's and Reid for children and the community. The painting of a mural will take place, cleaning the park and building planter boxes. Location: 1410 Kelsey Street, Richmond.

Meeting adjourns: 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 515 Silver Avenue – Richmond, CA

