

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
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 5:03 p.m. Board members present were: Aaron Morgan, Andrea Bailey, Don Gilmore, Annie King-Meredith, Dr. Henry Clark and LaSaunda Tate.

*Note: Tate joined board at 5:26 p.m., Morgan departs at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The board reviewed the agenda and minutes, agenda and minutes passed unanimously by all board members present. (Tate not yet present)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Gieseke/More Than a Game: In collaboration with One Richmond, they are in the process of putting together an event to be entitled: The North Richmond Olympics. The program will consist of events in Football, Soccer, Baseball, etc. Practice for this event will be on-going.

Cynthia Jordan, Intern/Northern California Asthma, Breathmobile Program: The mobile van makes regular visits to Verde Elementary School, and other schools in the area. Patients continue to receive treatment for their asthma symptoms.

In order to waste fewer medication on the van, providers were surveyed about medications that they feel is necessary. Community providers were asked to consider testing Breathmobile patients for allergies.

Upcoming health fairs are scheduled for this school year. The Breathmobile Program will be extending it's services to East Contra Costa County.

Cynthia Jordan suggest that the NRMAC board members take a tour of the NR community. It would be a plus and an advantage for the members to be able to visualize the community.

Aaron Morgan, Community Activist: Announces that amateur boxing classes are held every Wednesday and Thursday, at Shields and Reid Park. This is a continuation of a NR tradition. Boxing classes have been offered at the park since the 1950's. Mr. Charles Reid used to give the local children boxing lessons.

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PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Andrea Bailey/Chevron Refinery: Andrea thanks Janie Holland and CHDC for improvements at the Senior Center.

Don Gilmore/CHDC: Don thanks Andrea and Chevron for key support of the senior center.

Belinda Thomas, REACH Fellowship International: Belinda thanks Robert and the NRMAC for supporting the Naomi House Grand Opening Anniversary (4th year).

Dr. Connie Portero/One Richmond : Dr. Portero says she went to a parent meeting at Verde about annexation, and it was a wonderful discussion.

Janie Holland/CDHC : Janie states that the Senior Center has a new arrangement.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. Buford, Deputy Culberson and Deputy Brooks/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for January and February 2018. There was a shooting near 5th and Market, stemmed from a traffic accident. No one was fatally injured. Vehicles are being towed, mainly due to street sweeping. Burglaries increased in January, there were five burglaries. There were a few side shows.

Very few residents remain at Las Deltas Housing, they are about a year away of everyone moving out of the projects.

Officer Bruno and Officer Abernathy/CHP: Reporting for the months of January and February 2018. They are back in the neighborhood, located at the office on Fred Jackson Way. They are happy to be here and be an ongoing presence and helpful resource. Officer Abernathy will be working with young adults, stolen vehicle cases, and traffic control. No stats to be reported, will be presented at the next meeting. Two cars were towed.

Aaron asked about abandoned vehicles. Dr. Portero said she seen the CHP officers at their office today, getting the office together. Cynthia also seen them today, it was assuring to see their presence in the community. The officers may be contacted at (510) 450-3821.

Lt. Mollenberg and Officer Bashan/ RPD: Reporting for the months of January and February 2018. Lt. Mollenberg, says the lines that separated North Richmond aren't a problem anymore. Officer Elizabeth Bashan from Berkeley is new, but requested to be here and is excited. Stats are shared from Central district, which is much larger than only North Richmond. Vehicle thefts are increasing lately. Thirty encampments (homeless people) were removed by BNSF on railroad tracks over 7th Street.

Azibuike Akada/BAAQMD: Azibuike reports that Air Monitoring Workshops will be conducted thru- out the area. The first workshop begins on February 21st, at the Richmond Convention Center, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Azibuike may be contacted at 415-243-7261.

PRESENTATIONS

Sandy Mendler/Mithum Program, on Resilient by Design Challenge: Created by Rockefeller Foundation. Looking to created designs across the country to build resiliency in communities. Community based. Integrated with housing, neighborhoods and open space. Big ideas can draw funding. Looks to be preemptive, before disasters. San Francisco and surrounding communities was a chosen recipient of this grant. Equity is vital to resiliency. They were attracted to NR because of opportunity and resources that can be brought to the area, and will provide maximum benefit. They have identified 21 people to potentially work on their board and provide input for project. By May, goal is to identify actionable short-term projects that can be implemented.

Dr. Clark expresses concern about past efforts not getting or respecting community input. He asked about community meetings and timeline of project. Sandy says: Design team will earn a stipend. Workshops time frame is only through May. Next steps beyond that might occur with us or without us, not known yet. NR Shoreline Vision, done previously by SF Estuary, was a big draw for us to be here. This are is a flood plain. Clark worries about gentrification. Sandy says anti-displacement is fundamental to the project's aims. Will continue to keep the NRMAC informed and continue to attend meetings.

Stephaine Ny and Erika Ito/Love Your Block Mural Project: Mural project on the Rancho Market, with apprentices, funded by a grant from the Richmond Art Center. Will be hosting community workshops to develop the design. Will have a block party for the mural on Earth Day, 4/21. Also a grand opening on May 12th.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Josh Bradt of SF Estuary Partnership presents the North Richmond Shoreline Strategy. The strategy was developed with community input from residents and nonprofits. Looking for NRMAC to support and recommend adoption of this by the County Board of Supervisors. Bay is pushing in, and creek corridors are susceptible to climate change. Access shoreline is key to bridging the community divide with its natural assets. We recommend limiting any building development on the west side, the bay side, of the parkway. Putting this strategy to paper and booklets is a key step to resource development to actualize these projects.

Dr. Clark motions to support, Annie King seconds it. Vote of unanimous support by King, Dr. Clark, Bailey , Gilmore, Tate.

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Dr. Clark: He inquires about percentage of proceeds to be split between Iron triangle and North Richmond, managed by the City of Richmond. Says it has been over 3to 4 years of waiting. Dr. Clark requests a letter from the NRMAC to City manager requesting details about money accumulated in this fund and the plan to implement/spend it moving forward. Clark moves, King seconds. Unanimous vote yes.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert gives report, thanks CHDC and Chevron for work on Senior Center: thanks all for supporting Verde School through Supervisor John Gioia's annual fundraiser.

Notes amazing synergy in North Richmond, including Josh and Sandy resiliency.

Notes Tania is a great contact for all law enforcement issues. Every 4th Saturday volunteer day at 10 am at the North Richmond Farm.

LaSaunda asks Robert for code enforcement reports next time, they work here. Dr. Clark asks for draft of letter with Ms. Mason of Iron Triangle as a signatory, IT Neighborhood Council.

Tania Pulido/Community Outreach Service Coordinator/CHDC: Tania reports about street sweeps, Love your Block, Safe routes to School, neighborhood cleanups. Fred Jackson Way, ditches will improve, more pickups by Rapid Recycles.

Belinda Thomas,RN/REACH Fellowship International: Continues to provide services in the Las Deltas Projects. Lauren Rodrequez is new staff person, and will be helping with cleanups. Will be seeing R bags soon again. Annie King Meredith comments that REACH has never left the community.

Erika Ito of Love Your Block: Looking to hire a North Richmond resident for the mobile tool library. Also, another plan, through mitigation, is looking to hire four residents to become love your block ambassadors.

Meeting adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Next Meeting

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