

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 5, 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 5:06 p.m. Board members present were: Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Clark, Annie King-Meredith, and Beverly Scott. LaSaunda Tate, Andrea Bailey and Aaron Morgan are absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

At 5:39 p.m. the agenda and minutes were reviewed. Motion by Gilmore to approve agenda and minutes. Dr. Clark motions yes, Scott seconds. Annie King Meredith abstains because she was not present at last months meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula White/Watershed Project: reporting that they recently helped finish the Resilient by Design Project, wants to present next month also. Many partners involved, and were ongoing in work. Will hope to show a masterplan to NRMAC and work with NRMAC moving forward.

Cynthia Jordan asked a question, why was the creek so cluttered up at the Verde School bridge crossing. Paula had no answer for her. Accordingly, to Paula's response, Cynthia concluded that the creek appears to not be of concern to the Watershed Project.

Paula and the Watershed Program has been working in partnership with Tania Pulido/Community Service Coordinator.

Tom Sumner/NR Resident: States that Richmond PD will not take affidavits on animal control issues. Also construction is occurring off daytime hours and should be stopped. The city should seek revenue from illegal home businesses. Also a plethora of commercial trucks are driving thru the residential parts of the neighborhood. Dr. Clark asks Sumner to give NRMAC a list of the illegal businesses. Sumner states that construction working hours should be from seven to nine. Vehicles should have modified exhaust pipes on them. It should be illegal for small body trucks to come into the neighborhood.

Cynthia Jordan, Intern/Northern California Breathmobile Project: Reporting that the program is winding down for the summer. They will be participating in local activities thru-out this summer, and will resume working with the children in August.

PUBIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Yodira Contreras/NR Resident: Ms. Contreras recently bought a house in North Richmond five months ago. She has fell victim to eight different house break-ins. She was assaulted last weekend during a break in and someone was arrested. She calls in illegal dumping and drugs activities. She doesn't feel like enough is being done. She is asking for help from the CCC Sheriff's Department to work with her and respond. She lives near county housing, 6th and Verde Streets.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Lt. Buford and Officer Culbrson/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting, the month of May 2018. Crime is up by three reports. There was one residential burglary, (13) reported crimes, and there is a rise in stolen vehicles.

Dr. Clark ask the law enforcement officers to keep a closer watch on remote areas of the community, including alleys and vacant lots. Annie King Meredith says drug sales, drug traffic, on 5th Street seems to be increasing. Lt. Buford says stolen vehicles are often dropped off in North Richmond, and that adds to the totals of crimes.

Officer Anderson and Officer Bruno /CHP: Reporting for the month of May 2018.

Officer Bruno reports that Officer Abernethy is injured, so he may not be out here as much in the next few months. There were two arrest last month. Fourteen stolen vehicles recovered. Ten abandoned vehicles, twelve citations issued and twenty verbal warnings given.

Dr. Clark and Cynthia Jordan reports that squatters continue to occupy vacant properties and ask for assistance. Dr. Clark also asked about the litter at the corner of Alamo and Battery. Annie asked about the overall excess clutter of litter and abandoned vehicles at Truman and Verde.

Officer Bashan/RPD: Reporting for the month of May 2018. The crime analysis did not have very much information. It has been a quiet month on the city side of North Richmond. There was one trespassing call, one arrest for drug sales, a vandalism call, no violent activity reported.

Dr. Clark asked how was things going around Shield's and Reid Park. Reply that there was no arrest or calls to report. A citation was given out to the occupant of a loud/music parked car.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Aaron Morgan not present to make presentation on NRMAC retreat.

Stephanie Ny of Love Your Block: Reporting that the mural at Lucky Market was completed in the middle of May. There was heavy volunteer participation. Ribbon cutting on May 11th. Over a hundred and fifty people and twenty organizations attended.

Dr. Clark asked if there are any other projects. Stephanie says unknown for LYB, but will be doing mitigation projects. She has four NR residents hired to lead projects. Will be helping Ms. Annie King-Meredith work on her property on June 15th, at 2:00 p.m., located at 301 Verde. They are hoping to do a footprint path on the sidewalk to highlight safe routes to school for children, in route to Verde School. Also just met with property owner at 5th and Silver Street, to clear it out and install a garden, that is still pending.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSIN AND/OR ACTON

Tim Bauters, Director/Slurry Wastewater Solutions: Mr. Bauters presents his plans about the property purchased at 113 Brookside Drive last year. He wants to do slurry separation and reuse. Will use vacuum truck to separate the material, with water. Beneficial reuse for materials, rather than landfill. Fill materials can be used in construction. Needs a small access ramp. All materials are contained in storage tanks, so no leakage is to be expected. A centrifuge process will be used to spin the material, in order to separate the material. Three to four people will manage the facility initially; ultimately he hopes to have six employees working on the site. He would love to have local workers, local hire opportunities will be provided through the NRMAC and Supervisor's John Gioia's office.

There is a lot of illegal dumping at the area lot, but it will decrease when the facility begins operations. There will be frontage and drainage improvements as well. Trucks will come into the parcels, trucks will be kept off the road to improve traffic flow. There will be (15-20) trucks (initially expected) a day coming into the facility.

Annie King-Meredith asks whether they will work with Cal Trans. The answer was yes, pertaining to the use of the roads. They have a site in Hayward and one in Seattle. They have had no violations and many commendations. A question was asked about dust. He says wet application in centrifuge means that there is minimal dust. Water at each transfer point. Wastewater? Most of the time, no, they don't put any water to waste, they reuse. Only when they have an excess, and then they would discharge into system. They will not be using any drinkable water, only gray water. Note that by the time that they are done with the water, it does meet drinkable standards.

Annie King-Meredith motions to accept project based on presentation and support. Dr. Clark seconds. Aye. Unanimous.

Mike O'Brien/Heavy Hauling for trucking yard application: Mr. O'Brien has been in the trucking business for eighteen years. His annual income is approximately five million dollars yearly. He has a place in Benicia and he rents at the Port of San Francisco. He has been renting for over twenty years, this has been expensive for him.

Recently he has taken out a small business loan in order to acquire his own property. Wants to take advantage of the opportunity to make this piece of land home for business. Will store trailers and equipment there. Will not be driving trucks into Brookside Drive often, minimal truck traffic. He will store trailers and equipment there. The trucks are used to transport electrical transformers from California to across the country. He is not allowed to store them here at this site.

He is willing to train drivers here, from the community. The company does support children sport leagues and activities, and expects to do the same in this community.

Beverly Scott moves to support with expectation that business will invest in North Richmond and attempt to hire from North Richmond. Dr. Clark seconds with senior program, community festivals and community benefits friendly amendment seconded. Unanimous aye.

LaShonda White/City of Richmond, NR Annexation: LaShonda reports ongoing work, dialogue with potential annexation. Lots of outreach, door to door work. There will be a meeting at Verde School, June 6th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There will be translation provided in Spanish, child care and food will be provided also.

This is an opportunity to talk about it, for people to share and express their opinions. Surveys will be available, at the meetings. Surveys' will also go out by mail. Results to be presented to the city council. LaShonda will present preliminary findings to the city at the end of July. All of this is to be taking place before the city, submits application to LAFCO.

Upcoming meetings will be held at Shield's and Reid Park, and the NR Missionary Baptist Church in late June. Ultimately, this will probably not be decided until the end of 2019.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports that Public Works and Supervisor Gioia's office support a grant application to redo Market Street, with better sidewalks and traffic calming bulbs. NRMAC members Gilmore, Clark, Meredith, and Scott respond positively and look forward to receiving the letter to become signatories.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED CONTINUEED

Don Gilmore, Director/CDHC: Don reports that groundbreaking for Heritage Point occurred, and construction is going well. Also he and concerned citizens have been getting community input on the Las Deltas rebuild.

Tania Pulido, Community Service Coordinator/CHDC-Mitigation Fee Funded: Tania reports that tomorrow is North Richmond Green meeting. There will be a baseball league appreciation celebration at Shield's and Reid on June 20th, a cleanup project is included concurrent during the day of the activities.

Newsletter is coming out in the next week. She has been taking reports on illegal dumping and blight. She has been working closely with the residents on Battery Street. Residents are activating and doing well.

Cynthia Jordan states that she is well informed about the history of the property located at the corner of Battery and Alamo Streets. The owner lives out of town, squatters are littering on the property. She feels as if the owner should take full responsibility for what happens on/at the property, or fines should be levied upon the owners' property, due to neglect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fourth of July Parade: A huge celebration is in the making for the fourth of July. Festivities will include a parade, and plenty of games and fun for that day's events. The parade will start at Fred Jackson Way and end at Shield's and Reid Park. For more information, please contact: Ms. Eleanor Thompson at (510)-837-0188.

N R 9th Annual Music Festival: The festival will be held on July 17th at Shield's and Reid Park. Festival starts at 12:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. Many NR residents look forward to this event/festival every year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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