

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
515 Silver Avenue - North Richmond, CA 94801
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 5:00 p.m., as unofficial, pending on the arrival of an additional board member. Board members present were, Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Clark, Lily Rahnema, Annie King-Meredith. Aaron Morgan and Beverly Scott are absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

(Pending on arrival of board member.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leyna Nguyen and Cynthia Jordan/N CA Asthma/Breathmobile Program: Reporting on the activities of the Breathmobile. Staff was busy last month, attending the back to school programs, signing up new potential clients. The newly opened program in East County, looks very promising. Schools are back in session, and the mobile asthma van staff, is fully engaged in servicing the schools/students of the Bay Area.

Cynthia Jordan/NRMAC Secretary: Presents an invitation to the, North Richmond Shoreline Alliance 15th Annual Picnic. To be held on October 6th, 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., Point Pinole Regional Park.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Officer Culberson and Durant/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the months of August and September 2018. They say that they are working with multiple partners to reduce RV encampments in the community.

Dr. Clark ask about various incidents, and deputies give reports on whether alleged perpetrators were arrested. There was a shooting that resulted in an injury and the investigation is ongoing. Dr. Clark says violence should not be tolerated. The sheriffs agree to add tip line to the North Richmond Newsletter. Residents requests patrols at Garden Tract Road in the early morning hours due to dangerous activities occurring there.

Annie asks about the tip line, for law enforcement. Lana asked a question concerning anonymous tips, she wanted to know what is the procedure for call in's. Answer is that the phone call is forward to whoever is assigned to the case, and an investigation is conducted. The crime will be solved, if possible.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED

Officer Bruno and Officer Abernethi/CHP: Reporting for the months of August and September 2018. Parking enforcement is going well. Dr. Clark asks about sideshows in the Las Deltas area. CHP reports that the problem has lessened.

There were fourteen stolen cars reported in the last month. Citations were issued for six expired registrations, and thirty verbal warnings were given for various vehicle related infractions. Thirty vehicles were towed, for various reasons.

*5:25 p.m., APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES--Annie moves to approve agenda and minutes. Dr. Clark seconds, unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT REOPENED

Marcus Walton, Director of Communications WCCUSD-Trustee Area Elections: Marcus says the board will change to trustee area boundary maps to elect members from geographic communities. They need to create boundary maps. Looking for help from communities in re-drawing these maps. Redraw will be for election in 2020. Walton hands out flyers for up-coming meetings to engage in the process. This has no effect on where children go to school. Dr. Clark says he is not happy that meetings are not scheduled for North Richmond, and he considers them hollow excuses, he does not agree with the procedures.

A school board meeting will be held at Riverside School, on October 22nd.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Eleanor Thompson, Director/Social Progress Inc.: Eleanor reports that there is a vacant Las Deltas project house on 2nd and Chesley. She wants support from the NRMAC to occupy that building.

She plans on providing programming at site to young men in the community, including diploma programs, training for parents, clothes closets, free haircuts. She says she will be working with Men and Women of Valor as well. Social workers will be on the site.

The unit is a duplex. She wants to turn one into temporary housing and the other into the resource center. She says Supervisor John Gioia has spoken about bringing a resource center to NR.

She thinks that this would be a perfect location for it. She is asking for NRMAC's support, in obtaining the building.

PROCLAMATIONS and Proclamations Continued

Eleanor Thompson, director/Social Progress Inc: Dr. Clark asked about the ECIA grant for \$10,000. Eleanor confirms. Don Gilmore says that there is a process about developing a vision for the community and for scattered Las Deltas sites. Don Gilmore says that there may be some clarity in the first quarter of next year, but now it would be premature to make decisions. He also says we must ensure fairness.

LaShonda White, Assistant City Manager/City of Richmond/Report on surveys about North Richmond incorporation: LaShonda states that the process continues to move forward. The council three years ago began this process. Embarked on a feasibility study, City, NRMAC and County got a fiscal analysis commissioned. LaShonda says that annexation would be a cost to the City of Richmond of about \$2.2 million initially. She has led community outreach process for more than one year. LaShonda says on October 23rd, she will report to the council the full findings from community outreach. A mailer has already been sent out. LaShonda says she sent out 3,500 surveys, 1,300 of those were registered voters living here, and have received about 120 filled out, 95 no and 18 yes.

She reports that people were worried about taxes, gentrification and distrust of the city. She reports that the yes votes, said they expected better services and rent control protection. Robert commends LaShonda for heavy outreach work, and notes that it is all voluntary and none of it is required.

Residents and NRMAC members ask about door to door, statistics on feedback, and coverage areas. Meredith and Dr. Clark say deadline should be honored, and we shouldn't go back for more surveys past deadline.

Dr. Clark says he is not in support of annexation. Says Richmond will not serve NR well. Says Richmond sold that story to Parchester Village and tricked them. Says we will not get better services. Says seniors in the city of Richmond are mistreated. Says Richmond has a bad record of policing too. Says they killed Pedie Perez, they killed that Latino guy. Clark states that he has been doing outreach and encouraging everyone to vote no. Says you should not take any more surveys after deadline, says the count is the count. LaShonda responds that there is not an extension, but she will report late surveys separately.

Don Gilmore, director CHDC, Roxanne Garza Carillo/LISC, Las Deltas Planning: Roxanne is not present, Dulce Galicia and Don Gilmore gave brief report on Las Deltas planning. Dulce says data has been gathered. There will be a reporting meeting on October 20th, at Verde Elementary School, a community visioning event. One hundred and twenty-seven surveys have been conducted, Galicia says. Says the purpose of this is to create a report that will allow developers to see what the community wants.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations Continued

Gilmore says the process continues. they will get input and go back to the drawing board. In early 2019, there should be a big meeting to discuss options. Says we need to tell the developers, what we want the projects to look like.

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports on behalf of Luz Gomez. CARB has selected North Richmond for more air quality monitoring and will be here next month to discuss in more detail. Dr. Clark asks at that meeting, could she speak also about the research she gathered about multiple stressors and AB617.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Fred Knifer for #LP15-2017 presents on water treatment facility at 1850 Garden Tract Road, by K-VAC Environmental Services/K-Pure Waterworks: Mr. Knifer says that he is focused on cleaning non-hazardous waters, it is the company niche. The site is 1.5 acres; the building is 8,500 square feet. The company has about five trucks that they use at the facility. All fleets are CARB compliant, low emissions, newer trucks. Says reduce carbon footprint by having plant here rather than transporting down to Ranch Cucamonga. The operations significantly reduce the amount of waste going into are landfills.

The water that they discharge will be clean enough to sell to Chevron for usage. Located at the end of Garden Tract Road. They came up here to the Bay Area, because they were working for UPS, and the carbon footprint was too much. UPS wanted them to open a local terminal to reduce carbon footprint and keep the contract with them. Says they will also be looking for other customers, like car washes and construction firms, to gather water and sludge.

They say that they will have oversight by Contra Costa County and federal regulators through the Clean Water Act. The mechanical separating process is scientific and clean. The water that is left, after filtering is thick but non-hazardous. Biological techniques clean the water further. Final solids are called filter cakes, is non-hazardous, and will be discharged at an area treatment facility.

Job opportunities will be available for drivers, plant workers, and office administration. They are not looking for college grads, but high school or tech school. They need approximately (15) employees, Kaiser medical coverage and matching 401k, will be available to employees.

*** At 7:00 p.m. Annie King-Meredith motions to extend the meeting (15 minutes). Dr. Clark seconds, unanimous approval.**

Dr. Clark asks how many people they'll employ. They answer (15), at least initially. Dr. Clark ask about service area. The answer is from Fresno to the Oregon border. Trucks leaves here, pumps, and brings back.

Gilmore asks about outreach for jobs, he asked them to provide flyers and information to Robert and NRMAC to help in any hiring process of potential employees.

Meredith motions to recommend approval of project with understanding that applicant will operate as a responsible business in North Richmond, will not drive trucks through NR neighborhoods, will be open to hiring North Richmond residents and will be open to donating to various projects and festivals to help the community. Dr. Clark seconds. Approved.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports that the Shield's and Reed newly made over basketball court looks fabulous. The work was done as a partnership of local unions, Supervisor Gioia's Office and City of Richmond.

Robert reports that, everyone is sure to have a great time at the North Richmond Shoreline Alliance 15th Annual Festival. The event will be held on October 6th, at Point Pinole Regional Park, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tania Pulido, Community Service Coordinator/CHDC: Tania reports that the Community News Letter, has been distributed thru out the community. There is an up-rising homeless problem in North Richmond. Efforts are being made to clean up Battery and Alamo Streets. There was a successful clean-up, at a site on Second Street. The annual Willie Spears Clean-up is scheduled for October 27th.

Annie King Meredith requests that Robert have a housing authority official at the next meeting to talk about break-ins, electrical power being on in vacant units, and other assorted issues.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Stephanie Nye/Love Your Block: Stephanie announces that they are helping seniors clean up their property. There was a clean-up day at 20 Alamo Avenue, a senior's property was cleaned up. A Mitigation-Funded Resource Guide, had been made available to the NR community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

5:00 p. m. - 7:00 p.m.

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