

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL RECAP 2020

JANUARY 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Jordan/Concerned Citizen: Requesting that the City be more helpful and mindful in providing information about projects that they work on in the community. In particular the big renovation of the building and ball field at Sheiles and Reid Park. It is to the understanding that the Shield's and Reid Neighborhood Council was presented with plans of the projects, but not the NRMAC.

Robin Bryant/Citizen at Senior Building in N.R.: Expresses the need for proper notification of community events. Dr. Henry says the Green Newsletter goes out to the neighborhood, informing residents about community events. Janie Holland says that she will make it here business, to get that information posted at the senior citizen complex. Cynthia says the NRMAC bylaws states that the announcement of meetings should be posted at the place of the meeting and in the community, 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

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Miguel Molina/Richmond Promise: Presents info on the program and its accessibility to the youths of NR. Program launched in 2016. Students are encouraged to apply for the Richmond Promise Scholarship. Applicants could receive \$1,500 each year, plus a mentor, for up to six years, and extra college support. One thousand students have engaged in the program. The first graduating class will be this spring.

Qualifications: Richmond or N. R. resident. No GPA or income requirements. Students must have attended school within the WCCUSD boundaries since 9th grade. Students must attend a Summer Transitioning Program. Students must be enrolled in 12 units. The FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application must be completed by March 2nd. Lily Rahnema notes that the program was started with \$35 million donated by Chevron.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office:

The Verde School Xmas fundraiser was a great success for the students. Joseph Pulido Jr. was one of the biggest individual donors. Chevron and Lumber Baron were the biggest corporate donors. Joe also donated to Merrill Pierce 5th grade class, toward their annual snow field trip.

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Shields and Reid's renovation is near completion, this is a huge benefit to the community. The City has put over one million dollars into the renovation of the

building. New additions were developed within the building, upgraded kitchen, new appliances, etc. Cynthia is concerned about the dirty skylight at the building.

The death of Jamerrea Frazier goes unsolved and is a terrible tragedy to his family, classmates, and the N. R. community.

Dr. Clark asks about the Mitigation Funds and Veolia funding for N. R. Robert says that the Mitigation funds meeting was target and funding was steady for various nonprofits. Lily says that local organizations were funded. Social Progress Inc., Men and Women of Valor, and Love Your Block were funded. Info on Mitigation funding Meeting:

The program did add a third meeting for this year. They are talking about starting a task force to figure out how to get money into the community.

Veolia money is supposed to be coming, and we must reach out to LaShanda White, and the City of Richmond again for the status of the program. Cynthia presents an update on the report from LaShanda. In April of 2018, she reported that the funding has been sitting there for a few years. Continues to collect the money annually, part of the conditional use permit. Twenty-five thousand per year for programs and projects for the Iron Triangle and North Richmond. Has about \$155,000 available. Funding decisions were made for the money to be made available by January 2019. Need five-panel members for the funding to be disbursed into the community required via the permit. The panel should consist of: One member from the Iron Triangle, one from N. R., one from West County toxics, and two from the business community.

Don Gilmore, Director CHDC: Don says that Heritage Point is halfway full with occupants. Will have 100% by February. The grand opening should be in February. Need to raise more money for the store part, probably a couple hundred thousand more dollars. Pertaining to the store, CHDC is reaching out to vendors.

There is an undeveloped room at the Heritage Point Complex. Looking to set up a resource center. Want to make it a hub for training, focusing on computer skills to write resumes, job resources, and social service resources, etc. Jessie Slocum's name is proposed to be on the building, in a memorandum of his dedication to the N. R. community.

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DeAndre Evans/Urban tilth Farm: The farm continues to grow. Every 4th Saturday is volunteer day at the garden. Martin Luthern King event is upcoming. Celebrations will be held at the farm and also at the Richmond Greenway.

Carlos Lemus/Healthy Richmond: Thinking about the next chapter of the resident leadership team following the Quality of Life Report last year. Priorities were established for the community. Business, housing, youth community center, and community safety.

Warehouses to be located in N. R. between Verde and Urban Tilt Garden are an issue. Center Point is the company that presented to the NRMAC, about this project in April 2018. At that time the NRMAC had a 5-0 vote in favor of the warehouse. Dr. Clark asks that they come back to the NRMAC, when they know exactly what the warehouses would be used for. Mr. Howe of Annie's Annuals owns the property.

Lily announces that there is a training program for industrial work at Chevron that is open to all.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Henry Oden, Committee Member/North, and Greater Richmond Blues Foundation: Announcing the formation of the foundation. The main goal of the foundation is to preserve the legacy and historical aspect of the music revolution that occurred in N.R.

Stephanie Ny, Director/Love Your Block: Will be implementing a mobile tool library. The mobile tool library will be open to residents. They will be hiring two employees to run the library. Has the funding for an N.R. bulletin board, looking for residents' input, by the end of June, as to where the bulletin board should be installed.

Annie announces Neighborhood Air Quality Mapping. Aclima's low and zero-emission vehicles equipped with highly accurate air quality sensors are driving every city street several times to measure air pollution. Identifying areas with elevated levels of air pollution.

Trey Clark/Property Developer: Mr. Trey is developing a site on Chesley, between the two railroad tracks. The site is technically located in the City of Richmond.

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Allison McKee, Gia Paoline, Amy Mockoski/CCC Library, and Troy Porter/City of Richmond Parks and Recreation/Shields and Reid Remodel: North Richmond center will soon open an early childhood reading room. Have been working for seven to eight years, to make this a reality. Partners from the West CCC Library, Richmond Public Library, and the City of Richmond's Community Services Department. A \$50,000 grant from an anonymous donor and a federal ADA upgrade grant "in the millions", helped bring the reading room together.

The early childhood reading room aims to prepare infants through Kindergarten-aged children for elementary school. The program is a benefit for after school, summer, and weekends. Early literacy toys and other goodies, technology, and tablets will be

available. The after school program, based on S. F. Tiny Tots Program. The mobile library services the community during the summertime.

Cynthia asks were there any repairs or cleaning of the skylight at the building.

Janie Holland, Community Building and Engagement Director/CHDC:

A task force patrol event will take place, February 13th. That's when County agencies and residents get together and walk and observe designated areas in N. R. Looking for abandoned properties, illegal dumping, etc.

De Andre Evans, Director/Urban tilth Farms-Gardens: MLK day was a great success. Garden day is every 4th Saturday. Mothers Day Festival is upcoming.

Kathleen Sullivan, Director and Cantessa Tate, Care Center Director/GRIP:

GRIP is a 54-year-old organization, providing services for the homeless and the hungry. Located at 165 22nd Street, Richmond, CA. Kathleen became the director in 2017 after long time director Art Hatchett resigned. They are booming with success and feel like they can eliminate homelessness. GRIP also contracts with the school system, helping youths enroll in school. They just got a refrigerated truck. Will be taking the soup kitchen out on the road. In the future churches, non-profits will no longer be able to pass out free lunch in the community, without required documents.

Cantessa Tate, says they do housing navigation and intensive case management including mental health. Have a partnership with the county's mobile health van.

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Diane Salinas/CHDC , and California Air Resources board Programs: Driving clean Assistance Program; CHDC is offering residents the opportunity to purchase electric Vehicles through a partnership with California Air Resources Board and local lenders who provide low-interest vehicle loans. The program provides financial education, credit, and budget counseling, as well as assistance with an electric vehicle that fits your lifestyle.

The grant is up to \$5,000 and the loan up to \$20,000. The vehicles can do hybrid, battery, and plugins. Counseling and education are part of the program to benefit residents. They have 180 slots and \$2 million available.

James Lee/application for cannabis project at 703 Chesley Ave. Mr. Lee tells how he became involved in the cannabis business. His son has depression, and medical cannabis has helped him struggle with mental illness.

He wants to invest \$3 million into this project. \$1 million on build-out. The operation will be of high-end technology. He will be doing his own security, a company that he owns. Hoping to operate by the end of the year. The company will employ 34 workers. He will put 5% of the profit toward mental initiatives. The money will not be available for the next three years.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert reports on the new literacy room in Shield's and Reid's Park recreation building. The reading room is fantastic. There are many hands-on interactive projects. Reading is the main focus, storytelling time, and creative activities.

The grand opening of the Behavioral Health Center in West County. North Richmond residents will be utilizing the center. Robert asks residents to please use the mobility option grant, for the Clean Air Assistance Program. The grant is being offered by CHDC, for the purchase of Clean Air Vehicles.

Robert gives tips on reducing the spread of Coronavirus Disease. Dr. Clark requests that we have a CCC Health Department officials come to the NRMAC and give health reports on COVID-19.

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CCC Public Health director Dan Peddicord has never presented at the NRMAC. Dr. Brunner, the former director, was a regular presenter at the NRMAC meetings. Dr. Clark also requests that the new director for the NR Service Integrated Center, make a report at a future NRMAC meeting.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: CHDC is raising money for the resource center to be housed at Heritage Point. The program is entitled: Hidden Geniuses Program. Hope to be in operation by the summer.

Janie Holland, Community Building & Engagement Director/CHDC: Janie reports the next community clean-up day is in June. Earth Day will be held on April 25th, at Shields and Reid Park.

De Andre Evans, Director/Urban Tilth Farm/Gardens: MLK event was another success. The CSA produce and fruit box is available every two weeks, or once a month. Must sign up to participate. Community Service hours are available to those that volunteer at the Urban Tilth Farm.

Stephanie Ny, Director/Love Your Block: Stephanie reports that the program is hiring four people to work in the Adopt A Senior Program. Six seniors in the neighborhood will be selected to participate in the program.

APRIL - MAY - JUNE (NO MEETINGS)

JULY 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Harris/Local Filmmaker: Doug makes an announcement about an exciting new photo exhibit project, about N. R. It's an interactive photo exhibit about the history of North Richmond. This project consists of excerpts taken from the four award-winning documentaries, (produced by Doug and the Youths of N. R., that worked in the Summer Youth Programs). The exhibit was originally scheduled to be presented at the Richmond Art Museum. Due to COVID-19, the exhibit was changed to an online experience. Special thanks to Supervisor John Gioia and staff.

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Kristine Solseng, Planner/CCC Planning Department-Census Outreach: It is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, Article 1-Section 2 since 1790. Every ten years the United States must count its population. Locally outreach grants were awarded to : Urban Tilth Farms, Rich City Rides, and Shield's and Reid Neighborhood Council. Men and Women of Valor are working directly with the Census. North Richmond is struggling a little in getting the census forms filled out. Reporting about 47.9% of households have filled out their Census. NR, Bay Point, and Antioch are behind in filling out the census forms.

Daniel Barth, Director of Safe Organized Spaces, (SOS): Presentation on work being performed at the homeless camps, in and around the Richmond Area. An organization that aims to establish safe and secure living situations for unsheltered individuals.

Working under the Chevron Environmental and the Community Investment Agreement Program. Lilly Rahnema attests to the chevron program. Richmond Street Team is also sponsored by Tent makers Inc, a community housing development corporation.

Has hired homeless people \$15.00 an hour to help clean up trash. Presently eight to nine people are working on the Street Team. The program works to transition homeless encampments into a clean, safe place with intentions of connecting individuals with resources. Mobile showers and toilets have been brought into the homeless encampments. Trash is the number one disorder in the homeless camps. The main problem is having the trash taken away, once cleaned up. Need to get with public service to work with them. Another major problem at the homeless encampments is stolen vehicles.

Kaprice James, NR Activist, and Resident: Kaprice has expressed this issue numerous times. She is a homeowner, residing on Vernon Street. The empty lot next to her property, is a dumping ground for trash and discarded appliances. Robert has and will continue to assist Kaprice in resolving this problem.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

James Lee, member of Richmond Chamber of Commerce/Cannabis Business at 703 Chesley Avenue: Mr. Lee presented to the NRMAC on 3/3/2020, about the proposed cannabis business. The location is at the old rheem building on Chesley.

This proposed plan has been presented to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Lee has been invited to come back to the NRMAC in the future, to further discuss the project.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Carlos Lemus, Project Manager, Resident Leadership/Healthy Richmond:

Reporting on Healthy Richmond Activities. Focusing on Las Deltas, meetings with the CCC Housing authority. Working with RYSE Youth, figuring out exactly what type of services the youth in NR needs. Hope to roll out this plan in October 2020. Doing outreach to the youths, making videos of outreach work and workshops. Conducting surveys around cannabis. Have concerns about proposed warehouses to be located at Parr and Verde. Have concerns about climate action plans.

Annie suggests Healthy Richmond outreach to the Hispanic population in N.R. Educate the residents about safety guidelines during the Pandemic. Carlos says that they have no COVID-19 outreach, they did make face masks, to be given out to seniors. They are seeking funds for undocumented residents. People need relief funds due to job loss.

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert addresses the issue about the Parkway & Pittsburg (Logistic Center). A resident has made complaints about the noise that goes on during working hours. Robert says that the work that is causing the disturbance should be completed within a month. It is not causing any impact on reducing the solidity of the Parkway Estates Homes. No shifting of the home's foundations. Cynthia recalls that when the recycling center was under construction, the community experienced the same type of problem, due to the driving of the piles for the building.

Robert announces a terrible tragedy in the community. Mark Randle was killed last week. He was the grandson of Mr. Charles Reid, a legend in the N.R. community. The mural at Verde is ongoing. Joe Pullido and Chevron are amongst the generous donors, toward the project. This year the 4th of July awas different. There was an unusual amount of illegal fireworks activity all throughout the Bay Area. There is a new COVID-19 testing site at Kennedy High School.

Janie Holland/Community Building and Engagement Director/CHDC: Jamie says during shelter in place, some departments are essential, and are still up and running. Heritage Point has no vacancies. Healthy Richmond and Urban Tilth have been providing food and resources to the community.

Janie introduces the newly appointed, Community Service Coordinator: Felisa Orozco.
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AUGUST 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia brings up the trash issue that has been a nuisance to community resident Kaprice James. This issue has been going on for at least three years. A vacant lot next to her resident is a dumping ground for trash. She is very discouraged about the fact that she purchased the house at that location, and is dismayed that the problem has not been solved.

Robin Bryant/NR Resident: Robin says for five days straight, at 2nd and Ruby St. individuals get in their cars and rev their engines, before six in the morning. On one particular morning, an individual in a van was revving up his engine. Then the individual rammed into this car, over and over. This incident will be checked out by the CHP.

Lt. Buford, introduces Assistant Sheriff John Lowden. Sheriff Lowden thanked the NRMAC for his invitation to attend the meeting. He says that the Abatement and Litter Program was put on hold. The program is to be restarted soon. Mask violation forms will be available next week. Fines for not wearing a mask will be going into effect.

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Supervisor John Gioia (Robert Rogers standing in for Supervisor, and Kim Mc Carl, CCC Health Department-Communications Officer: COVID-19 Update:

The department of public health held a press conference with Dr. Desmond Carson, a staff member at Life-Long Medical. Doctor Carson, a local physician, and resident of Richmond delivered his commentary-complete with liberal use of words. He pointed out the facts: In CCC hospital beds are currently at 47 percent capacity. At the time of the press conference, CCC had 7,670 confirmed cases to date, with 119 deaths and 110 people currently hospitalized-including suspected cases, according to data, it has 144 hospitalized patients, with 42 in ICU beds.

An ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors, mandating the wearing of face masks. Violators will be fined.

Questions being asked: When people test positive for COVID, are they cleared to go back to work in ten days after incubation, are they contagious? Could they spread the virus around? Answer: there is a difference between being symptomatic and contagious. It takes ten to fourteen days for some tests to come back. Annie asks why different sites vary in the time that it takes to get test results back.

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Answer: Different testing labs, depends on which labs do the test kit. Contact tracing is done for positive tests.

Sherry Stanley, Board of Directors/WCWD- Updates: Still working on the levee project. Want to build a levee to protect the community from flooding and sea level rising.

A living levee and natural habitat are being proposed. The Wastewater District approved ½ million dollars to do research, \$640,000 in funds came from a nonprofit group. In the future may be asking the NRMAC to write a letter to Chevron, to join in and work with the project.

Sewer pipes replacement is needed in the N. R. community. A study of the pipes has been approved. N.R. pipes are the worst, in need of replacement. The pipes are over fifty years old and have exhausted their life span. Extra water gets into the pipes, which causes backups etc. A lot of the pipes are cracked due to age. The lateral pipes connection from the houses needs to be replaced. The old pipes connection from the houses needs to be replaced.

Mr. James Lee, Business Entrepreneur/Cannabis project at 703 Chesley Ave.

This is a followup from last month's meeting, proposed cannabis growth business. Mr. Lee makes a commitment to job training for security guards. Increased lighting at 703 Chesley, he makes a commitment of giving back 5% of the company's earnings to the community's mental health programs.

Robin asks will you be working with local youths? Cynthia asks why you would want to locate a cannabis business in N. R. She points out that the community has a past history of drug abuse, gun violence etc. Besides 703 Chesley is located directly across the street from a community housing complex. The residents consist of children, young adults and seniors. Dr. Clark does not support the 5% give back to the community, that is way too low. While working with Luz on the NRMAC, years ago it was agreed upon that 25% from companies that operate in N.R. area, would be a feasible give back into the community. Why should we change?

Latecia asks if there was any outreach into the community about the proposed project, and what would your outreach plan be? Dr. Clark says that this is your third time coming before the NRMAC, and you have not reached out to the community.

Dulce asks once jobs are opened, how will they be publicized. She wants Mr. Lee to invest back into the community more than 5%. Mr. Lee says that he is being realistic,

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About what he can afford. He is reaching out to NRMAC first before reaching out to the community. If NRMAC says no, then he will stop the planning process.

A motion is made to turn the project down. Beverly makes motion not to support the project. All except one board member were in favor of not supporting.

Results as follows: Henry against, Annie against, Beverly against, Don against, and Lilly abstain.

Nicolle Smith, representing Verizon and Sprint/land use permit 385: There is a cell tower located off the Richmond Parkway, by Action Metals. The land use permit needs to be renewed. It expires every ten years.

Questions: What benefits or kickback does the phone companies provide to the community, other than cell phone service. Annie asks, what area does the tower service? What is the expiration date of the present contract? Answer: 12/20 and 4/21 of next year. Robert says a \$7,500 permit fee probably goes to Public Works.

This discussion was carried over to the next NRMAC meeting. Amendment made that we get some answers to questions about funding going back into the community .

Annie, Beverly, Lilly, Henry, and Don all motion for carry over to next month's meeting, in order to receive more information on funding.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Carlos Lemus, Project Manager/Healthy Richmond: Healthy Richmond staff has been working with Supervisor John Gioia and the County Health Department, addressing the Pandemic. There is an urgency for people to wear their facemask.

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert says there is a spike in COVID-19 cases, mainly in West County. Penalties are in place for not wearing face masks. The Verde school mural is fantastic.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: A third of the funding for a local grocery store to be located at Heritage Point, is in place. Continuing to work with Las Deltas and the Housing Authority of CCC.

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Marco from Urban Tilth Garden/Farm: Due to the COVID crisis some of the community gardens have closed down. Workers were compensated and given servants pay. The fresh fruits and vegetable program transitioned from pickup to delivery. The farm has two new packaging areas and two vans were donated to the farm .

SEPTEMBER 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Stanley, Board of Directors/West County WasteWater District: Sherry is seeking a letter of recommendation/endorsement from the NRMAC. She is campaigning for reelection to the board of directors voting Ward #2, which includes North Richmond.

The NRMAC board members opened up for discussion. Don says that we could give individual endorsements. Dr. Clark says we can't do it openly like that. It's not proper for NRMAC members to endorse individually. Furthermore the NRMAC should hear from each candidate that's seeking that position, to present themselves to the NRMAC Decision was made to table the entire issue, in order to give each candidate an opportunity to make a presentation to the NRMAC.

Josh Bradtt, Watershed Specialist & Project Manager, Specializes in Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Watershed Management Issues/San Francisco Estuary: Working on the N. R. horizontal levee work, and shoreline public access project in N. R. They are helping to facilitate and support this effort and move it towards implementation. Concerned about the sea-level rise.

Karla Silva, Health Promoters Project Specialist/LifeLong Medical Care: Carla announces that training is available for leaders in the community. This is an eight week long program. To take place in mid October. Focusing on leaders in the community. Ensuring that community leaders have the proper tools to work with.

Annie has concerns about the NRMAC web-site logo. Presently there is a logo of a mural, a picture taken from the side of the old Neighborhood House building on Chesley Ave. Robert says that he will remove the logo and install the NRMAC logo. Cynthia says, upon looking at the NRMAC logo, in her opinion it does not reflect N. R. She says it looks like a picture of a Metropolis City. She feels like one should be able to look at the logo and identify something pertaining to N. R. such as the creeks, wildlife, or the newer additions to the community. The bottom of the logo should read NRMAC, instead of MAC.

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PRESENTATIONS

Charles Thomas, Battalion Chief/CCC Fire District: Honoring the two fallen firefighters that died recently fighting wildfires. Firefighters Scott and Matt. Numerous grass and vegetation fires were caused by fireworks on the 4th of July. Extra staff was brought on board, July 3rd thru the 5th. During that weekend: 93 fires, 63 grass and structure fires. The fire season started with 400% uproar of fires.

A crew of twelve firefighters have been established as a fire prevention crew in East County. Specializing in fire prevention and control. The department has created a Wildfire Preparation web page. COVID-19 symptoms have increased within the fire dept. Helicopter rescue has increased, Con Air One and Con Air Two are in operation.

Paula White, Project Coordinator/CCC Watershed Project: Paula announces the Coastal Cleanup Days. Due to COVID-19, the cleanup will be different this year. Small cleanups will take place, supply kits will be delivered to people who register.

A social media campaign is underway. The film: The Story of Plastic, will be aired on September 13th .

Joe Hamilton, Agent for Crown Castle, Infra Structure for Sprint and Verizon: Wireless land Use Permit-Renewal-880455 N. Richmond: This is the third time that this presentation has come before the NRMAC. The NRMAC votes to oppose this land use permit renewal, with stipulation that applicants provide some offer for financial public benefits to the community. The vote 4-0 by NRMAC board members: Don Giolmore, Dr. Clark, Annie King Meredith, and Lily Rahnema._

OCTOBER 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annie King-Meredith/Board Member: Asks this month, are we scheduled for the Willie Spears Community Cleanup. The answer is yes, the (Community Clean-up) is scheduled for October 24th. Annie asks is this cleanup derived from the Willie Spears cleanup.

Don says when Felisa/Community Service Coordinator gives her report, the cleanup will be explained in more detail.

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Princess Robinson, Project Manager/Corporation Richmond: Princess just wanted to check in with the NRMAC. She has changed jobs, presently working to help residents open and develop cooperative business in Richmond. She is still involved with the Urban Tilth Garden Project.

Annie King-Meredith/Board Member: Annie announces that she is running for election for the board of the West County Wastewater District. She says that she is well qualified for the position.

Carlos Lemus, Project manager, Resident Leadership-Healthy Richmond: Reporting on Healthy Richmond activities. Continuing to focus on gathering Census information. The deadline for the Census is October 31st. N. R., San Pablo, Central Richmond, has a low response rate. Doing tabling events, and phone calls also. Working to keep COVID-19 down amongst the Latino population.

Also involved with Richmond Housing Services, hosting workshops 203K-FHA. Opportunities to be qualified, to buy property in need of repair.

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert announces Clean Air Day tomorrow. The majority of events will take place viral, and through millions of small actions. Men and Women of Valor will sponsor a Clean Air Day.

Free produce, plants, planet seeds, and food will be given away. The planting of a few trees at the site will take place. A resolution will be presented. CHDC will take part in Clean Air Day. they will be featuring the Electric Hybrid Vehicle Program. A chance for locals to purchase clean air vehicles.

Doug Harris'- North Richmond Exhibit will be hosted via Zoom, at 7:00 p.m.

Tony Ucciferri, Special Assistant to the Executive Director Housing Authority CCC. Working with attorneys to figure what the next step is, pertaining to the twelve acres at the Las Deltas site. In the final stages of working out details of the scattered sites. There are (42) buildings, consisting of (38) duplexes and four single-family buildings.

The scattered sites are in such dismay, they would have to be rehabbed. Hoping to make them affordable for people to buy, below fair market, or at market value.

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Felisa Orozco, Community Service Coordinator/CHDC, Mitigation Fee Funded: Have been distributing flyers for the upcoming (October 24th) Community Cleanup. Annie asks about the cleanup. What happened to the official name of the cleanup. Willie Spears Community Cleanup. The founder and originator of the cleanup. His name should continue to be acknowledged as in the past.

Question: Why wasn't the name put on the flyers, and who approved for the flyers to go out into the community without the original name (Willie Spears Cleanup Day).

Marena Brown/Shields and Reid Resident Council: Marena says that it would be nice to clean up North Richmond. Cynthia agrees, she goes on to say that N. R. is in a state of dismay. N. R. looks so ragged and rundown, regardless of all the recently added new development, of houses and business.

Community Service will participate in the upcoming First Patrolled Street Sweep. A variety of agencies will come together and convene upon the streets of N. R. They will be addressing the trash and homelessness problems of N. R.

Stephanie Ny, Program Manager/Richmond Love Your Block, Kene Levine-Snipes, Development Project Manager, Sarah Granquist, Community Service/City of Richmond: Redesigning Shields and Reid's Park: Under Prop 68, State of California Parks & Water Bond. Funding may be available in the millions, to redesign the park. Sidewalk design meetings have been conducted, to gather input from N. R. residents and community members about redesigning the park. Three park layouts have been designed based on the feedback from residents at the sidewalk design meetings.

Suggestions: Walking path, picnic area, children play area, skate park, chess & checkers tables, art, (a gateway to the park) stage & performance area, shade trees, bike track, fitness and exercise equipment at the park, community garden, and (small habitat garden) permanent outside restrooms, no porta-potties.

Concerns: Cleanliness and maintenance, get rid of gambling and drinking of alcoholic beverages at the park. Adequate lighting at night, working electrical outlets outside. Working water fountains.

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Anne Bremer, Education and Community Programs Manager/The Watershed Project: Anne's goals are to connect people with the natural environment through education and action. Currently, in the N. R. area, Integrated Regional Water Management (DAC) Planning Process. For water-related improvements in disadvantaged communities.

Community Priorities - Area of Need Identifies: Clean drinking water, water conservation, urban greening/green infrastructure, solutions to sea-level rise, and flooding and water conservation.

Stakeholders for these projects are: The EBRPD, EBMUD, City of Richmond, and CCC Flood Control, etc.

Some top projects for the N. R. area: N. R. pump station upgrades: Tap water testing & outreach & education. Flood risk reduction in the Rheem Creek - Wildcat Creek Trail improvements, Habitable restoration opportunities and benefits to wildlife. Education for children to Watershed.

Next step: Report back to stakeholders, identify funding, seeking a grant from the Department of Water Resources for the fish ladder, at the creeks. Working on the CA Fish Passage Act Grant.

John Steere, Watershed Planner/Potential Proposal for the North Richmond Green Streets Corridor: The N. Richmond Green Streets Corridor Proposal Concept consists of three segments:

Segment-1 Parr Boulevard: from Fred Jackson Way to Bay Trail/West County Transfer Facility .

Segment-2 Fred Jackson Way (FGW): from Chesley to Parr Boulevard), which is mostly part of the North Richmond Watershed Connections Project.

Segment-3 Market Ave: from Rumrill Boulevard “Green Street” to Fred Jackson Way to be determined if it will be part of the proposal.

The benefits of the projects are to serve N. R., a significant DAC. The project is in County SW Resources Plan and GI Plan; Water Quality treatment for Pollutants.

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Connect to N. R. Watershed Connections, a funded project. Will involve the Watershed Project, Urban RTilth, and North Richmond community members.

Community benefits include access to Bay Trail, connections to parks, Rumrill Green Street, Wildcat Creek Trail. Provides a greenway-like experience parallel to Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks. The corridor is part of the countywide Bike/Ped Plan.

NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

Rajiv Pramanik and Bhumil Shah’s, Public Health Officers/CCC Health Department - COVID-19 health update: Test site available in North Richmond.

Here are some of the statistics for the North Richmond community.

Test	Cases	Cases per 100k Residents	Percent	Deaths
2,341	310	5,676	14.3	4

March - August - October - there was an acute spike in cases:

Afro American	11
Asian	11
Latino	201
Unknown	97
White	11

Total Caes Age Group

14	4 and under
32	5-12
26	13-18
76	19-30
66	31-40
34	41-50
35	51-60
18	71-80
11	81-90

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The County says that they have identified people that are out in the community doing outreach. They were distributing flyers. Working on signage in N. R. for COVID-19 awareness and compliance. People that are isolated with COVID-19, receive meals from Project Home, and various other food sources.

OTHER AGENCY PROGRAMS REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert comments on the high rate of COVID-19 in the community. The statistics are going down, and getting better.

PRESENTATIONS And Proclamations

Adele Ho, Construction Project manager, Princess Robinson, Project Manager/Community Engagement and Marco Lemus, Project Manager:

The staff is in the process of applying for Prop 68 - Parks and Recreational Grant to help build out some communal features of the Farm Park. Such as an amphitheater, North Richmond History Walking Pathway, Reflection garde, that would include native plants, and tribute to the native Ohlone Indians, the Coastonians, a coastal tribe, watershed classroom, farm stand, etc.

The Prop 68 grant, would allow the farm to partner with the First Mile/Last Mile Project. Need funding for other actual structures: Kitchen, fruit stand, office, bar, directional and factual history/signage on sidewalks.

More reports on the ongoing events at the farm: A new irrigation system, chicken coops, greenhouses, and 25 new crop rows, hands-on learning for yo9uth. Expanded Farm to Table CSA Program. Farm to Families free box program. A girls Garage - built by a non-profit girls group from Berkeley.

Feedback: Beverly would like to see the Black Cowboys and a horse arena activity. Cynthia would like to see a red barn, which is customary in the U. S. Other suggestions such as: Nature walk, hands-on learning center, adequate lighting, security cameras, an alarm system, the involvement of the EBRPD.

Stephanie Ny, Program Manager/Richmond Love Your Block: Stephanie presents the final up-dated design-redesigning of Shield's and Reid Park. Next month the proposed plan goes to Richmond City Council for resolution.

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Dr. Clark compliments Stephanie on her involvement in the redesign plan of the park.

Cynthia thanks her for making it possible to have the skylight washed at the rec building at the park. She hopes that part two of the skylight renovation is to replace the mismatched glass/plastic window panes of the skylight.

DECEMBER 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Jordan/NRMAC Secretary: Would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Casa De Manana Senior Thanksgiving Event. It was a success, special thanks to our own Joe Pulido, Patrice Chamberlin and Oakland Food Works.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator Supervisor John Gioia's Office: COVID-19 has a great disproportionate impact on NR. Free testing is available at the NR Center for Health. Statewide Mandatory Rules will be coming from the Governor's Office in a few days. Not only in CA but nationwide.

The Verde School Coat Drive and Xmas Party are coming along quite well. The event will be held via Zoom. on December 9th. Princess Robinson is the newest board member to the NRMAC.

A regular attendee of the NRMAC meetings and an active community member, Robin Bryant passed away. She resided at the Senior Citizens Building on FJW.

Don Gilmore, Director/CHDC: Don announces an upcoming news conference, which involves Neighborhood America. The discussion will be on Forgivable Grants. Grants will be available for five years, to all Bay Area Counties. Come to CHDC workshops, to get yourself qualified. The Memorandum of Understanding will expire as of this year. This memorandum has been in place for the last (20) years. It has helped to fulfill our vision of building on NR. CHDC is working with Supervisor John Gioia, on putting together another memorandum packet.

Alisa Orozco, Community Service Coordinator/CHDC-Mitigation Fee Funded: Continues to work on illegal dumping. In November (15) members of a task force against illegal dumping, went out into the community. During the walk, (8) code enforcement citations were issued. Fourteen cars towed, and four vehicles tagged.

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Pittsburg Ave. is a common dumping site. It is littered with trash and illegal dumping items. The County Health Department is working with the property owner and Republic, pertaining to the trash problems. A meeting will be held on Thursday pertaining to the problem.

Marcos Lemus/Urban Tilth Garden/Farms: Trying to get surveys out about the proposed plan to upscale and add new editions to the farm.

Latisa Chavez/Lyft Program: The program is still in operation. The program is available to seniors and the disabled.

Jose Javila/CCC Public Works: Jose says that Castro Street is getting worse, as a homeless encampment. He is working to put a camera up in the area, for (30) days. Just to monitor the activities. There is a big issue with homelessness by Pick and Pull. They are polluting the creeks, with numerous items, including human waste, and there are mounds of trash.

Robert thanks Joe Pulido for his contribution to the Verde School mural. Joe is a major contributor. This year Chevron, (thanks to Lilly), is a major contributor to the Verde School Coat and Book Drive.

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RECAP 2020

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

JANUARY 2020

Lt. Buford, Deputy Culberson, and Deputy Kyle Willams/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the Month of December 2019. Crime rates have dropped. There were five select crimes. Residents are asking about homeless issues; the deputy says that it is being monitored by several different agencies.

The homicide of Jamerrea Frazier, which occurred in front of Rancho Market, is under investigation, no arrest has been made yet.

Officer Abernethy/CHP: Reporting for the Month of December 2019. Homelessness is on the incline, in the community. Speeding down Chesley is a priority.

Mr. Howe says there have been sideshows in the neighborhood.

FEBRUARY 2020

Lt. Buford/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of January 2020. There were three hundred and twenty-six calls for service in January. The calls consisted of alarms going off, parking complaints, and a slight increase in thefts.

The department has a witness for a case against illegal dumpers. Presently the case is in the DA's office. So far at the demolition site of the Las Deltas housing site, there have not been any indications of a tent city.

Officer A. Domeuici/RPD: Reporting for the month of January 2020. There were six crimes from January 1st to February 1st. Three of the crimes involved handgun weapons charges. Two assaults and one vehicle theft. Drugs and alcohol problems, in

the area. Problems with trailers and tents. Advising residents to not leave anything in their cars.

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MARCH 2020

Officer Culberson/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of February 2020. Crime has gone down in the community. There was one select crime-a petty theft. There was a fire at 1639 6th Street, a Las Deltas vacant scattered dwelling. The house was boarded up, entry was forced. The individual was trapped inside, believed to be a squatter. Upon his rescue, he was pronounced deceased.

There is a lot of activity at a vacant house, located at 4th and Truman Street. Squatters are coming and going all of the time.

The Sheriff's Department is working closely with the Mitigation Department. CHDC is not allowed to go onto the CC Housing property. The problem with vacant, Las Deltas two units scattered sites, you can't see what's going on in the back o the units.

Officer Domenici/RPD: Reporting for the month of February 2020: There were four residential burglaries. One battery on an individual and there was one assault with a deadly weapon. There are concerns about the proposed homeless encampment. Officer states that NR is not a feasible area, for a homeless camp, that would cause crime to go up. RPD is not for it, despite the City Councils' vote for the encampment. The proposed site is located on the Castro side of Vernon Street.

Squatters have taken over a vacant property located at 237 Vernon Street. It is a huge dwelling, housing a large number of homeless transient people.

Officer Abernathy/CHP: Reporting for the month of February 2020. Crime is down in the area. There were reports of stolen vehicles. Annie has a friend that was driving home and was involved in a road rage incident. The individual could not find the right law enforcement agency to make a report to. This person was wondering who she should have reported the incident to. Answer: The law enforcement agency that patrols the area.

APRIL - MAY - JUNE 2020 (NO MEETING)

JULY 2020

No Law Enforcement Agency present.

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AUGUST 2020

Lt. Buford/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of July. there were (347) service calls. One search warrant was issued. Several individuals were arrested for warrants and drugs, at a house located at 237 Vernon Street. There was a report of a person shooting a gun in the area.

COVID-19 Testing site will be opening up in the community. The site is to be located in the parking lot on the 2nd Street side, at the N. R. Center for Health.

Deputy Cumberson was replaced by Deputy Cardona. Complaints about people not complying with the mandated rules and guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents asked questions about the do's and don'ts during the pandemic.

September 2020

No Law Enforcement Agency Present

OCTOBER 2020

Lt. Buford/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the Month of September 2020. There were (88) fewer calls for service. In August there were (361) compared to (273) in September. Eight warrants were served, and eight vehicles were towed. There were no assaults with deadly weapons. It appears that former residents of the Las Deltas Housing have relocated to Rodeo. A need for law enforcement services had increased in that community. There is an abandoned boat located at Alamo and Battery Streets. It has been abandoned for a long period of time. The boat has been tagged and should be towed away soon.

Law enforcement officers and Mitigation officers will be focusing on towing and the tagging of vehicles that are in violation. There was a strong presence of law enforcement agencies at 4th and Silver Streets. The police action evolved out of El Cerrito. Possible suspects were located in North Richmond.

Officer Kaiser/RPD: Reporting for September 2020. Illegal activities have picked up in Central and other areas in Richmond. Nothing affecting North Richmond. In other parts

of Richmond, there have been seven homicides, and multiple shootings, carjackings, and stolen vehicles.

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NOVEMBER 2020

Officer Domenici/RPD: Reporting for the Month of October 2020: There is a great concern about the homeless population, at the dead-end of Castro. The situation is really a bad one. There's graffiti, blite, and the smell of garbage and human waste is overwhelming. Burglaries are occurring in the area.

Stolen cars are being dumped in the area. Recently several stolen vehicles were towed away. A \$250,000 motor home was located in the area, abandoned/stolen. The stolen vehicles are being taken to the homeless encampment, stripped of their parts, and are abandoned.

There previously was a fire in the area, which caused threat and endangerment to the surrounding houses and businesses. Burglaries in that area are on the rise. At the paint shop, MACO, cars sitting in the parking lot, awaiting paint jobs are being vandalized. Officer Domenici says that the homeless encampment brings more crime to N.R.

DECEMBER 2020

Lt. Buford/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of November 2020. Crime continues to decline. There were (241) calls for service in N.R. Compared to (273) in October 2020. Three people got shot on Giarameta, with no fatalities. Fourteen vehicles were towed.

