CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Meeting started at 5:03 p.m., Board members present were: Dr. Henry Clark, Beverly Scott, Annie King Meredith, Karen Garcia and Lily Rahnema, Don Gilmore (absent).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES
The agenda was reviewed by board members present. Upon the presence of a quorum, at 6:15 p.m. the minutes and the agenda, were reviewed, motion to approve the agenda and the April minutes. Motion by Dr. Clark and second by Garcia--Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Rick Wesson/NR Resident: Mr. Wesson states that this is his second time, requesting to have a homeless item on the agenda. Mr. Wesson's residence is in the area of a homeless encampment. Located near Brookside and Paar, in the vicinity of Brookside and Paar and Fred Jackson Way.

He is grateful that some of the R V's of homeless people were taken away. Yet there are some still there in the area. Now a new problem exists. Young women are hanging out in the area, servicing the tow truck drivers.

Thomas Summers/NR Resident: Mr. Summers complains about too many people living in a single house, in the NR community. This living situation creates an overflow of trash/garbage that’s discarded from members of the household. The garbage cans are overflowing, trash into the streets. He suggests that garbage bills should be based on number of occupants in the household.

He says that there are too many trucks in the neighborhood. At Verde and Giaramita there is way too much trash. The children have to pass by this health hazard, on their way to school. He says that it is shameful to expose children to what’s going on, out there in those streets.

Bishop Edwina Santiago, Director/REACH International: Has a thousand-dollar reward out for the perpetrators who broke into the 4 J's Restaurant and Sanctuary. Valuable and essential items/working equipment were taken.
PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED
Sherry Stanley, Director/WCWD: Sherry says there is an opening on the WCWD, with the passing of Director Lenard McNeil. This is a big opportunity for North Richmond. Robert says this is an important spot, and it would be great if NR was represented on it.

Dr. Clark says Lenard McNeil was a great champion. Dr. Clark grew up with the McNeil family, in the NR neighborhood. Dr. Clark also acknowledge the fact the Lenard McNeill was once the mayor of San Pablo. Cynthia says that the McNeil’s were members of the same church, growing up as children in NR.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS
Deputy Durant/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of April 2019. *Note that Lt. Buford is in attendance. Crime is down, there was one burglary. The homelessness situation in Las Deltas is out of hand. The Sheriff's department did a raid, on the units. They brought in a big van and arrested about eight trespassers/squatters. Many of these people do not want help from the system. They do not want to comply with rules and regulations. They would rather be homeless, and have access to the going on and happenings in the streets. There was a shooting on First Street, suspect is identified, the investigation is ongoing.

Dr. Clark asked if the officers are carrying the nor-can, that’s used for drug overdoses. Answer, every vehicle and sheriff has it.

PRESENTTIONS and Proclamations
Russell Bloom, Director/BART-Civilian Independent Oversight Committee:
After Oscar Grant killing, an oversight mechanism was created. The Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) is an integral component of the Citizen Oversight Model adopted by BART’s Board of Directors in 2011 and refined in 2018. A civilian oversight and they ensure that complaints are investigated thorough. Independent police auditor position, they work on policy modification as well. OIPA at all times, be totally independent. All investigations, findings, recommendations, and requests made by OIPA shall reflect the views of OIPA alone.

OIPA duties are: May accept and investigate any complaint of misconduct. Any person may file a complaint. Monitor and review BART Police Department Internal Affairs Bureau investigations. Provide a mediation option for resolving some complaints. Respond to the scene of officer-involved shooting incidents and monitor the ensuing, BART Police Department investigation.

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Annie says BART Chief Rohas presented to the NRMAC two years ago. He has been in office for 30 years. He recently retired, one of his deputies Ed Alvarez is currently acting chief police until they get thru with a national search, for and replacement. BART's general manager is in the process of retiring also.

Henry asked about fare invasion. There are sixteen fare inspectors for the entire system. BART staff and personnel is working diligently to resolve this problem. Beverly asked asks how much power the committee has? Answer: if approved, our recommendations must be implemented. If not, must provide explanation in writing.

Marcus Walton, Communications Director/WCCUSD: Trustee area map for 2020. This started in 2018, when an attorney letter alleged that there was racial polarization. To this day, no one has done an official study to see if that's true. The district did not take action on the litigation until after the safe harbor period was over, and the plaintiff filed a lawsuit. The litigation and the response created the map that we have here tonight. We want to inform and take feedback from you.

Changing school district to district based elections. School board will elect board members, based on the new districts. Areas (1,2& 3) will be four year terms. Areas (4&5) will be two year terms. Area 5 is the most controversial. Area 3 includes North Richmond. Plaintiff's attorney was a powerful force in dictating this map. It had to meet their approval. The map is for November 2020 alone. It will be redrawn after the 2020 census.

If you want to advocate for resources at Verde, best to go through the principal and working with him to navigate the system.

Sharla Sullivan, Community Affairs Representative/EBMUD: Reporting on infra structure and consumer water usage rates. Capacity is full, thanks to rain and snow. The quality of the water is excellent. We are looking good for the next two years, we should always work hard to conserve water, the drought will come back.

EBMUD has a wastewater partnership at the North Richmond reclamation plant. That's partnered with the County wastewater. EBMUD provides 7.5 million gallons of recycled water per day to Chevron for their cooling towers. They are looking to expand to 20 million per day by 2040. EBMUD provides 100% of their power and have award winning resource recovery programs. Chevron has a fantastic cooling system.

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Given the crisis with lead in Flint, Michigan, it should be mentioned that EBMUD and all K-12 schools provide lead testing. There is an action level of 15 mcg per liter. Two schools had more than that, but it wasn't EBMUD water, it was fixtures that they had fixed. Anyone can have testing at their own home. Private schools can have testing done too. In the 1990's EBMUD removed all pipes containing lead. The more pipes replaced/less water main breaks. Water is tested several times a year.

The local water that EBMUD provides is some of the best in the country. It is very clean. Since 2005, EBMUD has cut greenhouse gas emissions by more than half. They will meet long term goals.

Pipeline replacement: main breaks are reducing. EBMUD are rapidly replacing pipes along 4,200 miles of pipe.

Water bills: Average user here uses 748 gallons per day and costs $1.64 per day. Basically, a whole day's water costs about the same as one small bottled water.

EBMUD also have customer assistance programs (50%) reduction, in place for those who quality at 200 percent of poverty line, this program was started up in 1987. Last year two million was applied toward this program. Customers may qualify for this program, every two years.

EBMUD is investing in solar energy creation. Energy and power is provided. Last year 4.3 million dollars annually generated from sale of energy.

EBMUD aims to never over borrow, bond ratings are high. EBMUD is proposing a $2.3 billion budget, most of which is capital improvements. Rate increases over a two-year period: proposed July 1, 2019, a 6.5 percent increase. Over the last ten years, the average increase has been about 5%. Those increases are on average of about $5 per month. First rate increase will start on 1/20/19, the second rate increase 7/1/2020.

EBMUD is a direct utility provider, sells directly to the customer.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORT
Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Office of County Supervisor John Gioia:
Robert says General Plan meeting, for NR's future on May 13th is a good one to attend. Healthy Richmond has produced a great General Plan, for the future of NR.

There are plenty of county board positions and jobs open; Verde School mural is done and beautiful. Earth Day was terrific; Youth position on the NRMAC needs to be filled.

Tania Pulido, Community Outreach/Resource/Mitigation Fee Funded/CHDC:
Earth day was a big success. NR Green newsletter is out and available. Have a baseball team at shield's and Reid’s Park. Three ECO workshops are scheduled for June. A community wide cleanup is scheduled for June 29th, similar to the annual Willie Spears Cleanup.
Note that dumpsters will be out in the community.

Bishop Edwina Perez, Director/ REACH International Fellowship: REACH is at a fork in the road. At this point, all goals that they set out to accomplish have basically been satisfied. They have a need to branch out, and expand. Jail programs have been successful, has lease on Naomi House another year.

Partners from out of town came in last week, to talk to them about the future and help. Would like to put a think tank together for the next 30 days. Going into their 10th year at the county jail. Belinda will be doing PhD coursework, focusing on nursing and women reentry issues.

Princess Robinson, DeAndre Evans/Urban Tilth Gardens: May 11th, the Mother’s Day Festival of Flowers, will take place at the Urban Tilth Garden. This is an all-day event. Come on by, see what the garden has to offer. It is looking good, and progressing, right on schedule.
Good work/wonderful job.

Princess has been working on Wildcat Creek's Trail, creating a community vision.
Other trails thru-out the Bay Area are accessible to residents, for leisure and recreational purposes.
Why North Richmond, trails have to go neglected? Meeting 5/31/19.
Senior Citizen Center 515 Silver Street, Richmond, CA, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cynthia Jordan states that this is serious business. The creeks, trails, pathways are one hot mess. Why such neglect, by those that are obligated to maintain these natural locations and animal habitats, in the community. The creeks are overgrown with foliage, thus presenting a serious environmental health hazard, breeding grounds for the West Niles Virus. The trails and walking paths are inaccessible. It's just a bad case of neglect. Something must be done, perhaps the Army Corps of Engineers should be called in, to rectify the situation.

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Pierre Thompson, Associate Program Officer/Healthy Richmond: Pierre reports that North Richmond's Quality of Life Plan, which contains as lot of great ideas for improving.
He states that their role is kind of like a restaurant where customers have ordered, they are providing the kitchen for everyone to work together and create the dishes. One is a community traffic safety forum over the summer. another is home ownership workshops. Working with RYSE Center and Verde School, to try to create a process for youth at Verde and Richmond High to provide input, for future community center. Historical signage in the community, also a community land trust in North Richmond.

Motion was made to extend meeting to 7:27 p.m. Dr. Clark motions, Annie seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.