

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

(RE-CAP 2015)

MARCH 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director, Northern California Asthma Breath Mobile: Asthma education and treatment, is being provided by the Northern California Breatmobile. The van comes to Verde School, and the Las Deltas Housing Projects.

Bishop Edwina Santiago/REACH Fellowship Outreach: REACH Fellowship recently started a program for women/re-entry.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

DISCUSS and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding Ghilotti Bros. Permit: Mr. Permill presents a letter to the NRMAC explaining their operations of a concrete recycling company, located in the community. They are seeking approval from the board, in order to obtain a permit to continue operations.

Don Gilmore and the board reviewed the letter, they would like to see the company more community focused, and offer more efforts toward the community. A motion was set forth to approve the permit. This item was seconded, accepted and agreed upon.

NOMINATE and VOTE new North Richmond MAC officers (chair and vice chair): The issue was discussed, it was voted upon that Don Gilmore would remain chairman, and LaShanda would be vice chairman. The motion was agreed upon, seconded and accepted in agreement.

DISCUSS and DECIDE time and date of meetings for 2015: It was proposed to change the meetings from second Wednesday of the month to second Tuesdays of the month. After discussion it was agreed upon to hold meetings first Thursday of the month. This action was motioned, seconded and accepted in agreement.

Lloyd Madden/Director NHNR: Mr. Madden states that Ms. Sain's time (staying late for the NRMAC meetings), is not being compensated for. Don Gilmore suggested that when the NRMAC have their retreat, there will be a discussion about providing Ms. Sain with a stipend for her time.

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DISCUSS and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding Panattoni Development-Tim Schaedler:

The Panattoni Development is formally known as the NOVE Property. Presently the property is zoned for housing. It is being suggested that the property be zoned for light industrial. The light industrial would be warehouse use.

The County needs to make a decision on the land use permit of the property very soon. The County and developers would like to take into consideration the NRMAC's opinion, yet they are willing to make a decision without their opinion. It was suggested that more information from the planner is needed. Luz states that this issue needs to be wrapped up as soon as possible.

Beverly Scott makes a motion that the NRMAC do not decide upon changing the land use permit at this time. She states that it may also change traffic flow in the area. This action was motioned, second, and accepted and approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Mary Halle of CCC Public Works UPDATE public on progress of Giaramita Street sidewalk developments: Giaramita Street Sidewalk Replacement Project. The amount for this project is two hundred and eighty thousand dollars. A one hundred thousand dollar grant has been awarded for the sidewalk replacement. The remaining funds will come from local sources. The estimated area of the project is eight hundred feet. The project area starts at Market and Giarameta Streets, and concludes at the Verde Elementary School entrance. There is a proposed sidewalk project for Fred Jackson Way. Luz suggested that the West County School District be notified about the Giaramita Street project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Future of Las Deltas Committee (Annie King, Don Gilmore): The Las Deltas Housing Project/Development is up in the air/in limbo. There is not nearly enough money to rebuild the units at this time. There is a challenge to maintain the housing that already exist in the projects.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS/PROGRAM REPORTS

North Richmond Annexation/Dr. Henry Clark: Five weeks ago there was a meeting with the City of Richmond, CCC County officials and planning experts. The topic was: (what does annexation of North Richmond mean to the community). The data from this meeting and findings is not available as of now. There was also a meeting with San Pablo officials; they are not interested in annexing North Richmond. The City of Richmond has priority. The City of Richmond Mayor is in favor of annexing North Richmond. Dr. Clark highly disapproves of the issue of annexation.

Annie King states that this issue of annexation is (un-heard of). Don Gilmore says that we need to see what the issues are, pertaining to this proposed annexation.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Community Service Coordinator/Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla continues to fight illegal dumping and blight in the area. There is a high increase of abandoned vehicles in the area. There is an abandoned vehicle program entitled (ABAC).

The North Richmond Green Project was recently newly funded. Six residents were hired to fill positions for ECO Ambassadors and ECO Captains. They will receive training from the staff of the Urban Tilth Farm.

North Richmond Earth Day, will be on April 25, 2015.

Urban Tilth-Farm Update (Tania Pulido): The farm has hired a new project manager. They are drafting a business plan for the farm stand. First community workshops, the designing of the farm will be held in June and July. There will be a series of three planned workshops.

Tina states that during the farm development, the history of North Richmond will be preserved.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION OF Luz Gomez's years of service:

An award for community service was presented to Luz, by the NRMAC board. Luz will be leaving, and going to work for the Bay Area Air Quality District.

Luz has been such a great positive force and asset to the North Richmond community. In her years of service she has provided such an overwhelmingly amount of concern toward the people and their issues. The NRMAC and community wishes Luz all the good luck on her new and up-coming adventure.

APRIL 2015

Mary Frazier/Project Director, Northern California Asthma Breathmobile: The mobile van continues to come to Verde School, and provide asthma clinics and treatments. On March 27th Mary and Cynthia Jordan an intern, attended a benefit breakfast at the Multicultural Senior Citizen Building. They made a presentation to the audience on the asthma program. They received great response and useful input, toward the program.

Thomas Summer/NR resident: Mr. Summer states that there is a need for more stop signs in the community. He is inquiring about the possibility of a stop sign being erected at the corners of Duboce Avenue and Fred Jackson Way. Mr. Summer states that Sunset Market, located at the corner of 5th and Chesley is a nuisance to the community. He feels that the workers inside the store are rude to the customers, and are selling illegal alcohol to minors.

Lt. Watts commented that they have been studying the problems and complaints about Sunset Market. Hopefully the issues will be resolved soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Abel Pineda Representative for Tony Thurmond Assembly member, 15th District:

Mr. Pineda comes before the NRMAC to announce that Assembly member Tony Thurmond launches a satellite office in Richmond. As of April 1st, assembly district 15 representatives will be able to meet with constituents on a drop-in basis at Richmond City Council Chambers, located at 440 Civic Center Plaza. Every 1st Wednesday, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and every 3rd Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Allison Mc Kee/CCC Public Library: Allison reports on the status of the library participation in the community. The library has plans of establishing a library in the community. Presently the plans are on hold due to lack of inadequate funding.

The library will continue to bring programs into the community this summer. The Summer Reading Program will be offered at Shield's and Reid Park this summer. The mobile library continues to make regular visits to the community.

Sequoia Erasmus/CCC HSD: Sequoia makes an announcement about an upcoming Earth Day Event, to be hosted in North Richmond. The event is entitled North Richmond Community block Party and Earth Day Celebration. The date is Saturday, April 25, 2015. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the location is at Giaramita Street @ Verde Elementary School.

Sequoia is also working on a project entitled Safe routes to School. A grant application has been submitted to construct a route from Fred Jackson Way, to the proposed Urban Tilth Farm.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Discuss, hear from staff AND make recommendation REGARDING Panttoni Development:

Francisco Avila/CCC Conservation and Development, Tim Schaedler/Panattoni Consultants and Eric Zell/Zell & Associates: This agenda item is being continued from previous meetings. The property that's being discussed is formerly known as the NOVAE Property. The purpose of this discussion is to seek the NRMACs approval of rezoning the property from multiple family/residential to light industrial. The application that's being submitted is to change from residential to light industrial, with intentions of building a (530,000) square foot building to house some type of business, the nature is yet unknown.

This item was discussed, moved for recommendation, second, and approved/passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CONTINUED

Bob Nisbet, Assistant General Manager at East Bay Regional Parks gives presentation of current condition of parkland in North Richmond and future projections: Mr. Nisbet states that there is a Salt Marsh Restoration Project underway at the Brunner marsh, located at Point Pinole Regional Park. The project description is as follows: Project area (150) acre, tidal and seasonal wetland (65) acres, and coastal prairie (85) acres. San Francisco Bay Trail 1.5 miles, staging area with restroom, and picnic and overlook areas.

The purpose of the project is to bring the land back to its original habitat. Save the Brunner Marsh was a project that was started by local North Richmond residents and activist. The land was originally scheduled for light industrial, and thru hard work and demonstration, the property was purchased by the East Bay Regional Parks District. Now it is a part of the Point Pinole Regional Park.

In the future the marsh will undergo a name change, from Brunner Marsh to Dotson Marsh. Mr. Dotson/President EBRPD was very instrumental in advocating saving the marsh. He has worked as a local community activist for Parchester and North Richmond.

Phase one of the project has been completed. The land has been restored to salt marsh. The second phase of construction involves the parking lot, and nature trails. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the year of 2017.

A new bridge currently called the Atlas Bridge, locate at the entrance of Point Pinole Regional Park is under construction.

Mr. Nisbet states that the Miller Knox Regional Park will be undergoing improvements. The lake that is located in the middle of the park, will be redesigned, and made into a natural lake with moving water. Currently the water in the lake is standing water.

Terrance Cheung/Chief of Staff Office of Mayor Tom Butt: Terrance gives an update on what is going on in the City of Richmond. Economic is a big priority. There will be several surveys conducted on how to get new business to locate to the City of Richmond. The city will be focusing on environment and a sustainability plan. Minimum wages will be raised in Richmond, Currently Richmond has a very high minimum wage rate. The city will be beefing up its youth platform and social media.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/District Coordinator Supervisor's John Gioia's Office/ Annexation of North Richmond: Mr. Rogers reports that the Mayor of Richmond has not shown any interest in annexation of North Richmond. This issue calls for an in-depth study. A consulting firm will be hired to conduct a study on what annexation would mean to North Richmond residents.

Carla Orozco/Community Service Coordinator, NHNR: Carla reports that North Richmond Green is hiring an ECO Captain that will have the opportunity of learning about working on the Watershed Project.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth Farm: Tania reports on the status of the Farm. The environment study is still underway. A director has been hired. The farm project will be hiring people from North Richmond to work in the Watershed Creek Projects. The farm will have a summer apprentice program. The age requirement for this program is (14 years) and up.

MAY 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Director Northern California Asthma Breathmobile: Ms. Frazier announces that the mobile van continues to come out to the Verde School location on a regular basis. Recently the director of the Oakland office, Dr. Burns made a presentation at Verde School honoring the principle of that school, for his participation in the program.

Nurses from children's Hospital in Oakland, have been donating much needed items to Bishop Santiago of the REACH Fellowship Program.

Linetta Cooper/North Richmond Resident: Linetta asked what exactly is the purpose of having the North Richmond Parkway in the community, if heavy traffic continues to come thru the community.

Lt. Watts/CCC Sheriff's Department stated that he would talk to Officer Jeffers of the CHP about the complaint. Annie King stated that if the community continues to keep the pressure on about the ill-legal traffic that comes thru the community, it could be stopped.

PRESENTATIONS

David Solis and Joseph Villarrea/CCC Housing Authority: Reports that there is (15 million dollars) in the immediate needs budget. They only have access to (1.5 million dollars). The housing projects in NR are only 80% occupied. Candidates for housing on the County wait list do not want to move out into NR. The Las Deltas housing projects, out of (211 units, 109 are empty.

The housing authority is now turning to HUD for help in saving the projects. They are looking for ways of converting public housing into private housing. Another option is the Federal government program called RAD. Rental Assistance Demonstration. The object of this program would be for developers to convert the units into private housing.

If approved for RAD, forty-eight million dollars over the next thirty years could be made available for the Las Deltas Projects.

Dr, Henry Clark/Presentation to the Mc Kelvy Family: A presentation of appreciation was presented to the Mc Kelvy Family. This family is a founding family of the North Richmond community. Mr. Joe Mc Kelvy was in the recycling business, and he helped many youths in the community to earn money, by buying scrap metal from them. Mr. Eural Mc Kelvy was a well-known recreation leader for the City of Richmond Recreation Department. The recreation center on Harbor Way, at Nystrom School, is dedicated to him. Eural was also a famous basketball star of the local entertainment, traveling team the Harlem Clowns.

Sharla Sullivan/EBMUD to discuss drought and water supply: Ms. Sullivan starts that we are in the fourth year of the drought, it is a severe situation. There is a 20% conservation goal. There will be a 25% surcharge on your water bill, due to the water use of the Sacramento River. Water use restrictions have been put into place.

OTHER AGENCY PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/District Coordinator, Supervisor's John Gioia's Office: Mr. Rogers reports that home smoke detectors are available for North Richmond residents.

Cherene Sandedge/Project Developer, CHDC: Ms. Sandedge is the project developer for the Heritage Point Project. For that site they are looking at a potential WIC Store, retail and office spaces.

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OTHER AGENCY PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Carla Orozco/Community Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: The community newsletter continues to be produced and distributed in the NR community. There is a North Richmond Green Team/Mitigation funded project in process. The first class just ended, they worked with residents of the community, and children from the Project Pride Program. The first class was based on How to Develop Community Gardens. The second class will be focused on Neighborhood clean-ups. They will be targeting the creek, and working with the Watershed Program. There is a Green Component and ECO Green Project being conducted.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth-Farm Up-date: The RSP was sent out to the civil engineer to do the designs plans for the farm. There is a summer apprentice program for five to eight youths. The garden is working on their business plan. June is the month when funding from mitigation ends, making June a big volunteer month.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 23rd, Davis Chapel Church will be having a flower planting project.

JUNE 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria Algeria/Field Representative/Tony Thurmond Assemblymemb, 15th District: Mary announces that Assembly District 15, representatives will be available to meet with constituents on a drop-in basis on certain dates and locations in West Contra Costa County.

Mary Frazier/Project Director Northern California Asthma Breathmobile: Mary announces about the grant that was allocated by Chevron Refinery, required for the program to put in economic development. As a result six registered nurses have been assigned to work in the program.

Mary has been meeting with the Alameda County Health Department to further their working relationship. The asthma van continues to service the Verde School location on a weekly basis.

Bishop Santiago/REACH International Fellowship: The Bishop would like to inform the NRMAC that the trash project is a great success.

Eleanor Thompson/Social Progress Inc.: Eleanor announces the 5th Annual North Richmond 4th of July Parade and Celebration. The event will be held on the 4th of July. The Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. at Kelsey and Alamo, the staging area is located at Chesley and Fred Jackson Way.

Eleanor has concerns about not having electrical outlets at the median located on Fred Jackson Way. This issue has been going on for years, yet not resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Mia Renauld/North Eastern University: Ms. Renauld is collecting oral history about the NR community. The purpose of this research is to understand how the Chevron Oil Refinery influences the daily life of Richmond residents. The aim of the study is to understand the impacts, positive and negative.

John Steere/CCC Water District/Public Works: Mr. Steere announces that a Green Project will be implemented in the community. There will be clean-ups going on in the community. Studies have determined that there is a great deal of trash and litter in the community. He will be working on this project closely with Supervisor's John Gioia's office.

PRESENTATIONS

Terrance Cheung and David Gray of Richmond Mayor Tom Butt's office discuss Richmond Promise Scholarship Program. Terrance and David presented to the MAC the Richmond Promise Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to build college for our children.

There will be two up-coming, Richmond Promise Scholarships Community Workshops. The workshops will focus on helping to craft the Richmond Promise to best serve the Richmond community and students. The needs of Richmond students and families will be discussed. Also how to prepare and support students to graduate from high school and pursue higher education.

Whitney Dotson/President Director, Ward 1, East Bay Regional Parks District:

Mr. Dotson states that access to the Bay Trail from this community is difficult. You have to go through several stop lights and onto the Richmond parkway, to access the trail. There is an over pass that is being proposed to be built at the entry gates of the trail.

Currently the issue at hand is to remove and make passage accessible at the current existing underpass. The underpass was built to allow access to the Bay Trail, but has not been useable since construction. There is flooding during the winter, and the water stands there and turns into silt during the dry seasons. Plus trash accumulates there, and undesirable people have been known to frequent and live in the vicinity.

The Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA have been out and accessed the problems of the underground passageway. In their findings both have agreed upon that this underground trail is just not going to work out.

Jobs are available thru the park district/Intern Junior Park Rangers. Work is being conducted at the Bruner Marsh, the restoration of the Wetland Habitat/Wild Life and Endangered species conservation is in progress.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Carl J. Roner, P.E./Associate Civil Engineer, CCC Flood Control & Water Conservation District:

Mr. Roner presents to the NRMAC the Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks Levee Remediation Project. The CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District has applied for and received two million dollars' worth of grants from the California Department of Water Resources to investigate, design and construct the Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks levees.

The project includes raising the flood walls at the sewage treatment plant. This levee repair project will reduce the risk of flooding in the North Richmond community. It will also keep homes in the area from being designated as flood-prone. FEMA states that if the levee walls are not the right height, they will be designated as flood-prone. Property owners would be required to have flood insurance. The project will also help train and employ local youths in environmental and community improvements efforts.

Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2016. The first phase of the project will begin with the pounding in of the sheet piles. During the process non-native species will be removed from the creek beds and levees. Urban Tilth Farms will be leading the community hire.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Mr. Rogers announces that on the weekend volunteers, Richmond Fire Department and members of Supervisor John Gioia's Office were out in the community installing free smoke detectors/fire alarms in resident's homes. Through this combined effort one hundred and fifty smoke detectors were installed.

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: Don announces that next week is Community Awareness Week.

Carla Orozco/Community Services Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla announces that she is still working with the Mitigation Program. This month the project participants went on an ECO Field Trip. They went to Alvarado Park, exploring and learning about nature and conservation. There will be a cleanup of Wildcat Creek scheduled for June 1-, 2015. A tour is planned for the West County Integrated Management Facility.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth Farm: Tania announces that the farm has received (88) applications for the Summer Apprentice Program. There is a Stewardship Program available, they are looking to hire eight youths for this program. The staff has been working in the community doing outreach. Five proposals on the farms design have been received. They have been narrowed down to three applicants. New maps of the farms design are available for public viewing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Janie Shaheed/Please Hear My Pride and Brian Hill/Black Men Speak:

Ms. Shaheed offers her services to the North Richmond community. She has partnered up with a local organization entitled: Black Men Speak. They are a local organization that outreaches to Afro-Americans in the local communities. Their mission is to inform and enlighten the mental health community and the general public about issues concerning Afro-American males with mental health or substance abuse.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Eleanor Thompson/Social Progress Inc. Eleanor announces that she is still in the process of getting electrical outlets installed at the median located on Fred Jackson Way. She has been working on this project for five years. Robert Rogers/Supervisor John Gioia's office states that he is working on getting the electrical outlet problem resolved.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

David Solis/Contra Costa Housing Authority site director report on Las Deltas: David has been working with REACH Fellowship on the clean-up of overgrown yards at vacant housing sites. The project has been a great success.

The housing authority annual Public Housing Inspection has been completed. A historical record has been set for this year. In the past the Las Deltas Housing has scored low on this project. Previous years the scores were in the 50% range, this year they scored in the 70% range. The inspection was rated on the maintenance and care of resident services, curb appeal and overgrown vacant housing sites.

Hispanic residents of North Richmond were present at the meeting. They mainly had questions about trash being disposed of/on or around their property. All of their inquiries were referred to Carla Orozco/Community Service Coordinator and Lt. Paul O'Mare/CCC Sheriff's Department.

Edwina Perez-Santiago/Director REACH Fellowship: The Bishop has taken on several interns for the summer. The young women are currently students at the University of CA/Berkeley. They will be spending the summer with REACH and will be learning about women's transition from jail back into society. They will also be focusing on education and employment.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS CONTINUED

Nathan Bickart/Urban Tilth Staff: Nathan reports on the Watershed Restoration and the job training programs. The Watershed Restoration Program is focused on learning how to take care of our ECO System/Wild Cat and San Pablo Creeks. Classes were held at the North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church.

Currently eight apprentices are on board. They are learning about the natural environment. Urban Tilth has hired their first group of interns.

Mia Renauld, PhD candidate from North Eastern University explains –industrial history project involving North Richmond and opportunities for resident involvement: Mia reports that she will be hosting workshops in the community. The workshops are on how residents would like to address health disparities and improve the North Richmond community.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/ District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Mr. Rogers says that the Giarimita Street Sidewalk Improvements are taking place. One side of the street has been completed. This project was funded by CCC Public Housing.

Carla Orozco/Community Services Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla announces that there was a successful event at the Senior Citizen Center. Sixty native flowers were planted in the garden. Twenty children from the community came out and participated in the planting of the flowers. There will be a neighborhood clean-up on July 6, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., meet at Shields' and Reid Park.

Carla will be going on maternity leave; Tania Pulido will fill in during her absence.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth: Tania reports that the draft farm design has been completed. The plans provide for three acres of farmland, located on Brookside Drive. The designs will be finalized at up-coming future workshops. A graphic designer has been hired to do flyers and to set up a website. A grant writer has been hired from the Townsend Corporation, to write grants. Thirty potential funders have been identified so far.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Allison Mc Kee/Contra Costa County Public Library: Allison reports that the library is participating in the West County Reads Summer Program. They have some books to distribute to the community. The library is doing the summer Reading Program, at Las Deltas, Project Pride and Shield's and Reid. This year the County Summer Programs are entitled, Read to the Rhythm.

There is a new library manager at the San Pablo library. Allison will be working with the new manager. There will be up-coming meetings with Supervisor John Gioia, to see if they could move forward with the proposed library site for North Richmond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Edwina Santiago/REACH Fellowship: REACH Fellowship will be publishing a newsletter; It will be available to the North Richmond community. The newsletter will be available in the English and Spanish language.

SEPTEMBER 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director of the Northern California Breathmobile: Mary announces that the breathmobile will continue to service the Verde School and Project Pride sites. Mary introduced a new intern, Julie Satterfield. She will be working on the breathmobile van.

Linetta Cooper/Las Deltas Resident: Linetta has a complaint about the workers at the Las Deltas Housing Project. She has a parking problem, and there was some confusion as to where she should park her car. When she parked in her designated spot, children would vandalize and put dents in her vehicle. Upon parking in another spot, away from the children, her car was hit and damaged by another vehicle, as a result her car was beyond repair and totaled out by her insurance company.

Ms. Cooper had a stoppage problem in the bathroom of the unit that she resides in. She called housing maintenance and reported the problem. The call was put in at 8:00 a.m.; workers did not come out until 12:00 p.m. After coming out the workers did not resolve the problem. One worker came in the unit; the other worker stayed outside, and did not come in to perform his job. While talking to the workers, they talked real bad and disrespectful to Ms. Cooper.

Robert Rogers/Deputy Chief of Staff/Supervisor John Gioia's office will report this incident to the proper authorities.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION-Public Health Award honoring Mary Frazier, Project Director for leading the Northern California/Oakland, Breathmobile Program to alleviate childhood asthma.

REACH Fellowship presents and award to Annie King-Meredith and Dr. Henry Clark:
Both of these board members are highly awarded and appreciated for their dedication and work in the North Richmond community.

Kiana Ward/City of Richmond –Love Your Block Program: Ms. Ward announces that there will be a clean-up event in North Richmond, on October 31, 2015. The staging area will be located at the vacant field behind Mc Glothen Temple Church/Chesley Ave/Gertrude Ave. They are also considering of locating the goats on the lot, to clean it up.

Ms. Ward announces a program that offers \$1000, to work on a project in your neighborhood. The program is entitled (Love Your Block). The Love Your Block Initiative is a high-impact service strategy in which the City of Richmond will engage community members in revitalizing their neighborhoods, one block at a time. They will disburse mini-grants to community members and organizations for winning projects that create a vibrant, more livable Richmond.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Cece Sellgren/Storm Water Manager County Watershed Program make RECOMMENDATION regarding County Watershed Cleaning & Greening Program: Ms. Sellgren announces to the NRMAC about a proposal to hire local nonprofit organizations to develop and implement anti-litter education and outreach campaigns and remove litter. This program is part of the North Richmond Trash Reduction Plan.

The county has spent over \$100,000 in North Richmond in the last fiscal Year to do “on-land clean-ups (1-2) times a month. This is a proposed plan based on reducing the litter load in North Richmond. The plan is for the county to contract with local no-profit organizations to hire North Richmond residents, including young adults to conduct the program. Up to \$300,000 of contracts, over three years to educate the community & pick up litter will become available for this project.

Discuss and make RECOMMENDATION regarding NRMAC budgetary support for overtime work performed by Corrine Sain/Director of Senior Multicultural Center: It is being proposed that Ms. Sain be paid overtime for keeping the center open during the NRMAC meeting.

Mr. Lloyd Madden, Director of NHNR stated that while holding meetings at the 515 Silver location, cost of utilities and insurance coverage should be taken into consideration.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CONTINUED

DISCUSS and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding NRMAC budgetary support for overtime work performed by Corrine Sain/director of Senior Multicultural Center: NRMAC Secretary stated that she has been secretary for almost ten years. She has received the same amount of pay year after year. She stated that no one has considered the fact that she may be entitled to a cost of living increase or a raise after ten years of service.

Board chairperson Don Gilmore stated that the NRMAC board will put together or draft a budget. Everything that was said at tonight's meeting will be taken into consideration and drafted into a two year budget.

It was motioned to draft a two year budget (for paying for), all that will be taken into consideration. The motion was seconded by LaShanda and approved by all board members present.

Oliver's Tow/Randy Wilcox, Discuss and make RECOMMENDATION regarding permit for tow yard operations at 2800 Radiant: Mr. Wilcox has applied for a tow permit with the county. The problem is that they were required by the county to re-model and re-due the facility, for various reasons.

All repairs and requirements that were asked of Mr. Wilcox by the county have been completed. Mr. Wilcox comes before the board for approval to have his business permit issued by the county and to continue to do business in the community.

A motion was made by Don Gilmore that the board support Mr. Wilcox, under one condition. The condition is that he practices the local hire program at his business establishment. Mr. Wilcox agreed to these conditions and he stated that presently he has only ten employees employed at the tow company. All applications for employment regarding Oliver's Tow Company should be directed to Supervisor John Gioia's office. The motion was second by board member Aaron and approved by all members of the board.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REORTS

Robert Rogers/District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Mr. Rogers reports that there will be a Town Hall Meeting on Senior Issues. Special guest will be Supervisor John Gioia, State Assemblyman Tony Thurmond, U. S. Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, September 14, 2015, at San Pablo Senior Center, 1943 Church Lane, 10:30 - 12 noon.

The Supervisor John Gioia/25th Annual California Coastal Cleanup, Saturday September 19, 2015, at marina Bay-Richmond. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Meet at Shimada Friendship Park. The agenda for the NRMAC is now being provided in Spanish.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: Don announces that CHDC, continues to offer Financial Loan Workshops.

Tania Pulido/reporting for Carla Orozco/CSC-Mitigation fee funded, NHNR:

Tania reports that applications for hiring in the North Richmond Green project went out last week. The program is working on developing the monthly newsletter. Mr. Madden stated that they plan to hire twelve individuals from the community to work on the Education of Litter Project.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth-Farm Update: Tania announces that today they met with the North Richmond Network, to talk about integrating the farm. A Community Feedback Meeting, is planned for Saturday, September 19, 2015, 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church, 1427 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA. On November 20th, 2015, there will be a food and culture fair. Garden events are scheduled every 1st Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the community garden located at the end of Market and 2nd Street in North Richmond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REACH Fellowship/Bishop Santiago: Announces that they will be hosting their first Transgender meeting at the City of Richmond/City Council Chamber. September 23, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The City of Richmond donated the facility.

OCTOBER 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director of the Northern California Breathmobile: The breathmobile van has started to make its scheduled visits to the schools in the area. They look forward to providing services in the area another year.

Intern Cynthia Jordan will be representing the Asthma Program at the North Richmond Annual Shoreline Picnic. There will be a display table set up, with information about the asthma program.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

CeCe Sellgreen/Stormwater Manager County Watershed Program/Regarding County Watershed Cleaning & Greening Program: A reminder to community based organizations to put in their applications for the trash cleaning project.

Bishop Santiago/REACH Fellowship: Bishop thanks Annie King, Corrine Sain, the members of Davis Chapel Church and everyone that came out and supported their first Transgender conference. The workshop was a great success.

Sequois Erasmus/CCC Health Department: Sequois participates in the Walk Children to School Program. Next Wednesday is International Walk to School Day. She encourages everyone to come out and participate on that day. Meet in front of Verde School at 8:30 a.m.

Elizabeth Mercado/California Charter Schools: Elizabeth comes to the meeting to announce that she will be making a presentation to the NRMAC next month. She works with the California Charter Schools.

Bob Bennaton/Community Gardening: Mr. Bennaton announces to the NRMAC that his organization focuses on soil quality issues. His organization would like to be a resource to this community. The organization is open to community based organizations, and is interested in hosting workshops in the community.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Welcome new member of NRMAC, Andrea Bailey: Andrea will be filling the business seat on the NRMAC.

CEO Paul Levitan/Galaxy Deserts: Mr. Levitan announces to the NRMAC that his company is close to owning a piece of land in the North Richmond area. His company makes French inspired deserts and pastries. The company was founded in 1998. The long range plans is to establish a bakery at 155 Parr Blvd. After the company is in full operation, an approximate three hundred jobs will become available to the area. Mr. Leviatn shared a variety of pastries and deserts that were made by the company. This project will be in full force by 2018-19.

Daud Abdullah/Local Artist: Mr. Abdullah takes old city trash cans and put art work on them. He has produced numerous trash cans in Oakland. He would like to bring his work to the Richmond area. The art work is designed by local youths in the communities. The City of Richmond has been working with him. He is here to drum up support to work in our neighborhood. Board member LaShanda suggest that the NRMAC partner with him. Lloyd Madden of NHNR, suggest that Mr. Abdullah make contact with him, about the project.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Discuss AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding adoption of proposed NRMAC 2015-16 budget. Board chairman Don Gilmore drafted a two year proposed budget. There may be opportunities for savings out of the budget funding. The amount paid each month for the taking of the minutes is \$100 a month. The projected NRMAC balance on July 1, 2016, assuming no additional expenses and no retreats: \$7,000. The NRMAC has a large surplus because members have not taken retreat in 2015, nor incurred any expenses beyond minutes.

It is being asked if NRMAC can spend money in a non-traditional way, such as providing payment of some kind to Senior Center staff for keeping the facility open for meetings. Answer is yes, but it will require a board order sponsored by Supervisor John Gioia and a board vote approving.

Chairman Don Gilmore motions that this budget be accepted, Annie King endorses the motion and LaShanda Tate second the motion, all is in approval.

Secretary Cynthia Jordan is still concerned about a pay raise. Board members seem to think that \$100 a meeting is sufficient enough pay for taking of the minutes. Board member Annie stated that what Cynthia was asking of was not of importance at the moment. The main thing was to compensate Ms. Sain/NHNR for her time that she spends after hours during the NRMAC meetings. Cynthia stated that none of their logic makes any sense to her. She feels that the NRMAC is focusing on saving money and underpaying her. Due to inflation, the value of today's dollar is not the same as it was in 2006, and she feels as if she should be compensated for the rate of deflation of the American Dollar/inflation of the economy.

DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding potential sites for historic preservation in North Richmond: Board member Annie stated that she received an e-mail from Dr. Clark, whom brought this idea to the NRMAC board. Dr. Clark would like to look at a historical site for the North Richmond community. Annie states that Doug Harris and she have an historical base established.

Supervisor John Gioia wants to make sure that we select an excellent process, of formulating the museum. He said that the generation stage of the planning is really crucial. He also wants us to take the lead on this project. Board member LaShanda motions to implement an ad-hoc committee, to be head by Annie King. The motion was seconded and approved by all board members present. Robert Rogers says that we will bring this issue back to the NRMAC in future months.

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Robert Rogers/District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert announces the North Richmond Shoreline Festival to be held this Saturday, October 3, 2015, at the Point Pinole Regional Park. All this week is Food Week in the City of Richmond. The event is entitled FOOD DAY.org Richmond, California, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond CA.

Robert reports that supervisor John Gioia and colleagues have had a victory. The County Health Plan has been opened up to all people, regardless of their immigration status.

Don Gilmore/Director Community Housing Development Corporation: Don announces that Legacy Court is still in the process of becoming a reality. This project consists of forty three units, this is part of the Filbert Street Property Development.

There will be a workshop next Saturday on Financial Wellness, 1555 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA.

Lloyd Madden/Director of NHNR/Mitigation Fee-funded: Mr. Madden announces the Willie Spears, North Richmond Community Clean Up Day/Free Disposal Drop Off. Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Mr. Madden announces that they did two clean-ups in September 2015. At the first clean-up site one hundred pounds of trash was picked up. On September 17, at another location and additional hundred pounds of trash was collected.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth: Urban Tilth Garden will be celebrating its 10th anniversary at the Richmond Crain Way Pavilion. The event is called a Barn-raiser; there will be on-going classes about gardening and the growing of produce. A fence has been put up at the Urban Tilth Farm Site, and the goats have been relocated to Chesley Street, in North Richmond.

Guadalupe Morales/City of Richmond-Love Your Block Program: Ms. Morales announces that the City of Richmond is starting its own tool lending library. A tool lending library works exactly like a regular library, except you can check out tools instead of books. They are looking for new and gently used tools to start stocking their inventory.

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Annie King/Board Member: Announces Community Development Anniversary Dinner, The date of the event is November 11, 2015.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Jordan Intern/Northern California Asthma Program Breathmobile: Cynthia announces free flu Shots, Saturday – November 14, 2015, Maple Hall at San Pablo City Hall, 13831 San Pablo Ave, San Pablo, CA 94806. From 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. this event is being sponsored by the Medical Reserve corps and the Northern California Breathmobile.

Rev. W. F. Lewis of the North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church: The church will be holding a shredding of documents event. The date is December 12, 2015, 1427 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Princess Robinson of the UrbanTilth Garden Project: Announces that on every 1st Sunday, it is volunteer day at the garden. The garden is located at the end of Second and Market Streets in North Richmond.

Pam Saucer/Bilbo of Men and Women of Valor: Pam announces a career fair was held November 11, 2015, at Men and Women of Valor. She also announces that there will be a toy giveaway at the same address on December 21, 2015. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. The toys are being provided by the U.S. Marines Corps.

Dr. Sally Williams of the Davis First AME Church: Dr. Williams announces an up-coming Senior Information and Senior Day event. This event will be held at Davis Chapel. More information will be provided in the future.

PRESENTATIONS

Elizabeth Mercado/California charter School Association: Elizabeth works with Charter Schools 101/CCSA Families. CCSA Families is an organization of parents and community members who advocate for all California children to have an access to great public schools of their choosing. They educate and engage the parents. They empower parents to take action and influence decision-makers. CCSA is part of California Charter Schools Association, a nonprofit organization that helps empower charter school leaders, teachers and parents to make their voices heard. They are currently working with the Richmond Promise Program. Currently in North Richmond they are doing an assessment of students that may qualify for the charter school program.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Alexandra McCroskey/Marin Clean Energy/City of Richmond, nearby solar farm:

A project entitled the Solar One Project/At Chevron It is proposed to be the largest solar field in the Bay Area. The location is at a former (brown field) which consist of (60 acres).

MCE is a public power agency located here in Richmond. Solar Field/MCE and City of Richmond are partners on this project, and they are eager to see this (10 ½) acre solar project evolve. The Stein Company will be building the tracking panels.

This program is designed to give the people new renewable energy options. The project will take approximately a year to build. Three thousand plus homes could obtain power form this energy source.

There will be local hiring of jobs within the project. While constructing the project, there will be an estimated (80) construction jobs. The project is scheduled to start January, 2016.

Justine Blanchet of GRID, on solar Tech in North Richmond: Richmond homeowners can now qualify for a free solar system, funded by the City of Richmond and the State of California. The program require that you own and live in your Richmond/North Richmond home. Your income must meet the required limits.

The program installs solar for low income home owner. The program has a triple of helping for the family with energy cost. Three homes in the North Richmond area have benefited from the program.

Board member Andrea Bailey of Chevron highly endorses the program.

MRMAC chairperson Don Gilmore asked if ta family owned home has a damaged roof, and cannot afford to repair it, what are the consequences. The answer was unfortunately in that case, the home owner would not be able to have the solar panels installed.

Don went on to say that perhaps CHDC would/could be able to help with the repairing of roofs, for low income home owners. If GRID is open to this idea, CHDC would be happy to help out.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Luz Gomez/Bay Area air Quality District on proposed refinery emissions rules: Luz announces that new air quality rules are being drafted. A board meeting, open to the public will be held On November 11, 2015, at 9:45 a.m., 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA. Community members will be allowed to make presentations.

Six different rules are being drafted that impacts the operation and emission output of local refineries. Air monitoring at the fence will be required at each local refinery. An inventory will be required of each refinery, in order to monitor how many cases of cancer are in excess of the normal rate. Refineries will be required to tell the public exactly what they are doing to conserve energy. Twenty percent of refinery emission should be reduced by 2020. Significant energy reduction should be achieved. The reduction of greenhouse gases should be achieved. This will not interfere with Cap and Trade. The refineries will have to notify the public about any changes in the way that they process crude oil. Phase One and Phase Two will be taking place at the Richmond Chevron refinery.

E. J. Shalaby of WCWWD on local sewer line work: Work is being done on the sewer line in North Richmond on Market Street. Old sewer lines are being replaced with new ones. The time frame for this project, all work should be completed by February 2016. There are other scheduled projects, to be conducted in the future, which are part of a five year plan.

John Steere/CCC Watershed Program: The Watershed Program is shifting existing budgeted to fund community-based on-land cleanup team(s). They are in the process of issuing a request for proposals to establish a community based on-land cleanup program. Copies of the proposals for this funding request will be located at public places throughout the communities.

Mary Halle Civil Engineer and Jon Surmnick/Contra Costa County, DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding County Area of Benefit priorities: An update on the North Richmond Area of Benefit Program. AOB funds are used to fund projects that improve the mobility and safety of the existing transportation network. AOB funds are used to fund projects that are listed on an SOB project list, which is updated periodically. The North Richmond area has not been updated since 1989.

Currently on the AOB list for this community, as defined in 1994. 1) widen road from Richmond Parkway to AT&SF railroad track, by providing a middle turning lane and 8' shoulders. 2) On Brookside Drive proposed to widen roadway to 32' interim pavement width; 3) On Pittsburg Avenue widen existing road to 32', interim pavement width & extend easterly to Fred Jackson Way along property lines; ultimate road and R/W widths=(48/68 ft.) 4) On Fred Jackson Way widen existing road to 48' & realign road to either (a) meet Parr Boulevard or Goodrick (bridge over San Pablo Creek; or (b) intersect Goodrick north of Parr; Ultimate R/W-68'.

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Mary Halle Civil engineer and Jon Surmnick/Contra Costa County, DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding county Area of Benefit priorities; The potential projects for Updated List are the Richmond Parkway at Pittsburg Avenue northerly to the Richmond City limits, to add one additional NB lane. Market Avenue between Fred Jackson Way and AOB boundary to construct bicycle lane, and sidewalk improvements. Fred Jackson Way, between Grove Avenue and Brookside Drive, widen sidewalks and add bike lanes.

NRMAC Board Members/DISCUSS NRMAC budget passed on October 1, 2015: Board member Annie asks for an amendment to the budget, directing as to how Ms. Sain should get compensated for her time spent at the building during the hours of the NRMAC meetings.

Don Gilmore is open for recommendations: Annie motion to give Ms. Sain a stipend of \$75.00 a session and \$25.00 a session should go to NHNR for use of the facility.

The motion was voted upon, seconded and all was in favor of the amendment.

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Robert Rogers/ District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: The annual Verde School Hoodie & Book Drive. Instead of toys, books will be provided to every student this year, courtesy of West County READS. They need to raise \$7,000 to cover 320 hoodies. All donations must be received by Friday December 12, 2015. There will be a party celebrating this occasion on November 9, 2015, Supervisor John Gioia's office.

Carla Orozco/Community Service Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla reports about the North Richmond Green Outreach. NR Green Banners are falling off the street light poles in North Richmond. She is looking into whether it is possible to remove the old one and replace them with new ones.

North Richmond Green Youth Twilight Basketball League Program is recruiting boys and girls ages 7-14. Players are expected to participate in ECO Workshops and Beautification Projects in North Richmond on a volunteer basis in exchange for sponsorship and free registration. The annual Willie Spears Clean-up Event, held on October was a great success. The North Richmond Green Team Project Community Program held an orientation session, organized at the Young Adult Empowerment Center on November 4, 2015. Six resident workers participated, and have been hired on a stipend basis to fill either the position of ECO Ambassador, ECO Cadet or ECO Captain.

There will be a training session led by Urban Tilt-to acquire skill sets associated with community garden development urban agriculture. An ECO workshop about Air Quality/ Health & Illegal Dumping Prevention is scheduled for November 19, 2015.

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Princess Robinson/Urban Tilth Farms: They are looking for an outreach manager. Tania Pulido is no longer with the, she moved on to another career opportunity. There is an architect on board. There is a soil management meeting planned. Urban Tilth has been meeting with a number of county agencies, discussing the design and plan of the garden project. Urban Tilth staff will be out on site at the garden, every Wednesday, located at the corner of Fred Jackson Way and Brookside Drive.

Annie King-Meredith/NRMAC Subcommittee-report on Historical Assets in North Richmond: Annie starts that they are working on the sub-committee. Nine potential participants have been contacted. She is waiting to hear back from them.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Linetta Cooper/Community Resident: States that the members of the NRMAC board need a microphone at the table. Don stated that public comment was not the proper time to make that suggestion.

Andrea Bailey/chevron announces that Chevron has an entry level training Regional Occupational Program (ROP): This is being sponsored by the CCC Office of Education in Partnership with Chevron. The two trainings that are being offered are: Industrial Maintenance Mechanic (IMM) and Process Plant Operator (PPO).

All interested student should attend an informational session to learn about the ROP courses and related careers. Students must meet the following criteria; At least 18 years old, possess a high school diploma or GED, pass a basic math and reading comprehension assessment, have a valid CA driver's license.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Mark Howe on potential new business in North Richmond: Mark Howe is a business man in North Richmond. He brought the old Rheem Plant in 1998. Currently he has purchased a piece of property located at 2200 Central Street, North Richmond, CA. Mr. Howe plans on locating a development plant on the property. There are existing buildings on the property and he plans on remodeling those buildings into production plants.

Board member Annie asked was he the owner of the Rheem Plant. He answered yes and that he has about three hundred employees at that site. Board member Andrea asked what rental cost would be. He answered about \$10.00 per square feet.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS CONTINUED

Stan Hakes, Executive Director of Recyclemore, community welcome introduction: Mr. Hakes introduces an agency entitled (Recyclemore). A local government agency officially known as The West Contra Costa Integrated Management Authority/ (WCCIWMA).

It is a joint agency created by the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo, and Contra Costa County CA. They are charged with making sure the region is in compliance with CA State law "AB939", which mandates reducing the amount of material going to landfill by 50%.

Mr. Hakes would like to make sure that all post material of recyclables is taken out of the neighborhoods. He would like to show his face in the participating communities, and make his self-known.

Sal Vaca of RICHMOND WORKS on employment and training opportunities associated with solar field project: Mr. Vaca announces that Richmond Build is now recruiting for their upcoming training program. They are offering free construction and HAZMAT job training for Richmond and San Pablo residents. Participants have the opportunity to be trained and certified in the following positions: HAZ Whopper 40, OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR, Construction and more. Energy Sufficient Certificates will be issued. There are upcoming employment opportunities for the Solar One and the Chevron Modernization Projects. Classes start January 11, 2016.

Cynthia Jordan/Community Resident: There is a need for a four way stop sign at the intersection of York Street and Alamo Ave. Recently there was a tragic accident there, and have been tragic accidents over the years. Community residents have asked Cynthia to present this request to the NRMAC board.

Board member Annie stated that this issue was looked into years ago. There is an issue with one side of the street being County and the other City. Chairperson Don Gilmore asked about the traffic patterns in North Richmond. He also stated that there are several areas in North Richmond that are County and City. Don asked does that board need to recommend this issue to Supervisor John Gioia, to get a study of some type of a plan of action. This request will be looked into, and followed up.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Randy Figueredo/Discuss AND MAKE recommendation REGARDING PROPOSED PRODUCTION

FACILITY AT 775 Brookside Drive: Mr. Figueiredo is looking at developing the property at 775 Brookside Drive, North Richmond, CA. The proposed facility is entitled the Nanawall Production Facility. They will be manufacturing folding and sliding window products. The facility will primarily be doing assembly work, putting pre-cut products together. There is one building on the site; they are looking to expand the operation. They will be looking into hiring people from the community.

Robert Rogers states that we need an approval or disapproval from the board members, about this company expanding their operations.

The NRMAC board recommended that they be part of the hiring process, and motioned in favor that the company moves forward. This motion was first, second, and approved.

DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding NRMAC 2015-16 budget allocations

A two year budget for the NRMAC was passed two months ago. Last month an amendment was made toward the recommendations. Now there is some type of discrepancy, Lloyd Madden/Director of Neighborhood House of North Richmond, express concerns. He has created his budget for NHNR, thinking that NRMAC would be allotting him \$1,200 for use and rental of the facility, 515 Silver Ave, Richmond, CA, where the NRMAC meetings are held.

Originally the board was intending to compensate Ms. Sain for her overtime, for keeping the building open after hours. Board member Annie suggests that they do a closed session on this issue. A motion was made to have Chairman Don Gilmore speak to Mr. Madden about his statement made, pertaining to the budget. This motion was second and agreed upon.

Chairperson Don Gilmore recommends that they have our retreat to discuss things. A date will be scheduled in the future, perhaps in February of 2016.

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator Supervisor John Gioia's Office: the Verde School Hoodie and Book Drive have received a ton of support from the community. Fred Jackson's brother will be acting as Santa Claus this year that was the role that Fred played for many years.

Don Gilmore, Director/Community Housing Development corporation: They are still in the process of acquiring funding for the Heritage Point Development. The proposed plan includes (42) apartments and a healthy food store. The Cap and Trade application is due in February of 2016. They are working with CCC Housing Authority to come up with a plan for the Las Deltas Projects. Home buyers workshops are being conducted every month. They are working with the City of Richmond to renovate homes.

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Carla Orozco-Community Service Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla announces that the North Richmond Green Newsletter is continuously being produced. A planning committee is being formed to help organize the 6th Annual North Richmond Green Festival, which is scheduled for April 2016, in light of Earth Day.

North Richmond Green Team Project held a prep work shop in the garden at the Family Service Center, about 20 twenty residents participated. Today five resident workers known as ECO Captains, ECO Cadets, or ECO Ambassadors lead a native planting project at the Neighborhood House of North Richmond Multicultural Senior and Family Services Center. Despite of the weather, the event was a success.

Rochelle Monk/City of Richmond-Love Your Block: Ms. Monk announces that the Love Your Block Program is focusing on the area of Chesley Avenue and Kelsey Streets.

December 15, 2015 is the deadline for the Love Your Block grant applications.

Annie King/NRMAC Historical Committee: Annie says that she has spoken to Lloyd Madden about being on the committee. There is several other North Richmond residents that she wants to participate on the committee. To name a few: Ms. Watson, Mr. Ellison, Joe Barrett, NRMAC members, Doug Harris, Robert Rogers, Jessie Slocum, Cynthia Jordan and Donald Hampton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is hosting a fair well party for Richmond Police Department Chief Chris Magnum. He is taking on a position at the Tucson Police Department. The party will be on December 22, 2015, at Hilltop Mechanics Bank.

