



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

6:30 PM

Open Door United Methodist Church,
6226 Arlington Blvd, Richmond, CA

94805 |

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/818744784>

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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

Accept and Approve September Minutes

[25-170](#)

Attachments: [erhMAC Minutes 9.18.24](#)

Accept and Approve October Minutes

[25-171](#)

Attachments: [erhMAC Minutes Oct. 16, 2024](#)

Accept and Approve November Minutes

[25-172](#)

Attachments: [erhMAC Minutes Nov. 20, 2024](#)

3. Presentations

P.1. Presentation by Contra Costa County Supervisor's Office

P.2. Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

P.3. Presentation by Sheriff's Office Bay Station Commander, Lt. Brian Holland

P.4. Presentation by California Highway Patrol

4. Discussion Items

DI.1 Discussion & Vote on Moving Monthly Meetings to Bi-Monthly

DI.2 Boat Ordinance Adoption for East Richmond/Hasford Heights

5. Subcommittee Reports

SR.1 Land Use Committee: Joann Pavlinec, Jinwei Zhang

6. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ERHMAC Meetings

7. Regional Historical Presentation

8. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

The next meeting is currently scheduled for February 19, 2025

Adjourn

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-170

Agenda Date: 1/15/2025

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Advisory Board: East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council
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East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council September 18, 2024 MINUTES

PROPOSED

Hybrid Meeting. Recording on Supervisor Gioia’s YouTube channel: [📺 20240918_ERHMACmeeting](#)

MAC PRESENT: Members: Chair: Jon Sargent, Vice Chair: Victoria Curtis, Jinwei Zhang, Joann Pavlinec, Pam deWitt, Alternate: Bara Sapir

MAC ABSENT: Alternate: Royer Ruiz-Ramirez

6 other persons attended in person and ___ attended via Zoom.

time stamp	Topic	Presenter	Notes/Actions
0:05		Sargent	Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm.
0:39	Minutes	Pace	No minutes to approve.
0:43	Treasurer’s Report	Mills	\$2300 in budget. Several reimbursements pending. [Note: Fiscal year ends June 30.]
1:20	Office of Supervisor Gioia	Mills	Noise Ordinance Task Force meeting tomorrow, Sept. 19, 6:30 in Martinez. Get link from Mills. Had successful collaborative Dumpster Day in Hasford Heights on August 21. The County is seeking volunteers for boards and commissions. Contact Mills. Sup. Gioia has appointed Pam DeWitt to fill Stephanie Nye’s seat on ERHMAC. Sapir asked if ERHMAC can become bigger due to Hasford Heights being included in the ERHMAC. Mills: No. Mills said he sent three emails about the open seat on the ERHMAC.
5:00	CCC Fire Protection District	Michelle Rhinehart	County Coordinator grant (her job) has been extended to December. CalFire East Richmond Heights Shaded Fuel Break grant was denied, due to “lack of community support.” Con Fire will “regroup, gain additional resident support and reapply in the coming cycle” the date of which is not known, yet.

9:26		Inspector Barumen	<p>Oct. 19 is ConFire Open House at 2945 Treat Boulevard in Concord.</p> <p>Inspector Derrick Barumen gave a 24-minute presentation on how to become a Firewise Community: “a little to no-cost commitment that uses your sweat equity to make your community more fire-resistant.” See firewiseusa.org</p> <p>Rhinehart will share the slides with Mills.</p> <p>Rhinehart reminded neighbors to use the “Exterior Hazards Complaint Form” if a neighbor’s property poses a fire danger.</p> <p>Mills will put the “Exterior Hazards Complaint Form” form in his Friday “Update” newsletter.</p> <p>Pace asked Rhinehart for addresses in East Richmond Heights that have had [Measure X] fire mitigation work done. Rhinehart shared a “Project Locations” map that was too small scale for participants to read. “Applications by City” chart showed that very few Measure X fire mitigation projects have been done in unincorporated West Contra Costa County.</p> <p>Rhinehart “will carry” Sargent’s request for a reinstating of the “Wildcat Fire Group [includes all Wildcat municipal fire chiefs] “to leadership.”</p> <p>When asked Rhinehart said building resident support [for next fuel break grant application] will include: “emails, door-to-door, door hangers, community meetings, engaging with Firewise teams, gaining letters of support...I am willing to put my tennis shoes on and go talk to people...this project is important to the Fire Department.”</p>
57 :20	Sheriff’s Department	[Lt. Holland had to leave for a call. Mills reported]	Lt. Holland sent these statistics: 0 select crimes reported, 64 calls for service, 9 reports generated, 64 calls for service, most re: towing, alarms, 911, and parking complaints.
58:00	CA Highway Patrol	Sargent	No report, but Sargent reports that CHP was present during school hours recently with radar and giving tickets for speeding on Arlington.
58:41	Public Works Department	Monish Sen, CCC	None of the three Hasford Heights intersections where neighbors asked for stop signs meet the volumes, collisions,

		Senior Traffic Engineer	and sight distance warrants necessary to generate stop signs. Contact Supervisor Gioia if you want to request a sidewalk be built. Chances are that <i>new</i> developments will have a “road diet” and will typically have better pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, possibly even trail requirements. For speeding problems look at the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Contact Sen if you want him to come out and see the traffic problems in front of your home.
1:16:24	Discussion Items		None.
1:16:26	Land Use Committee		No projects.
1:16	Agenda Items		A regional historical presentation is coming.
1:17	Announcements		No announcements from ERHMAC.
1:16 1:18:45	Public Comment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pavlinec announced that the General Plan has been passed by the Board of Supervisors with all of our suggested changes and additions [Ed. Note: See 08.16.24 Minutes.] ● Pace welcomed all to the free “Second Sunday” concert at 6226 Arlington, October 13, 5:00 pm. Artist is: Kate Boyle. ● Sargent welcomed Pam DeWitt as the new MAC member [replacing Nye] ● Pavlinec: We need subcommittees to work on our priorities. ● Curtis: I will be on a fire subcommittee. ● Sargent: We will have a Festival subcommittee. ● Sapir: Please have PGE come and talk about undergrounding. Mills will contact PGE for an update on undergrounding (which is being done in Berkeley.) ● Sargent: Let's get Wildcat Fire group going again. ● Sapir: How do we get County to monitor NextDoor?
1:25:01	Adjournment		Sapir moved, Curtis seconded, to adjourn meeting. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.



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PROPOSED

Hybrid Meeting

Recording on Supervisor Gioia’s YouTube channel: None posted.

MAC PRESENT: Members: Chair: Jon Sargent, Vice Chair: Victoria Curtis, Jinwei Zhang, Joann Pavlinec, Pam deWitt, Alternates: Bara Sapir, Royer Ruiz-Ramirez

MAC ABSENT: None

9 other persons attended in person and ____ attended via Zoom.

Topic	Presenter	Notes/Actions
	Sargent	Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.
Minutes to approve	Sargent	Pavlinec moved, Sapir seconded approval of August 21, 2024 minutes. Passed unanimously.
Treasurer’s Report	Mills	\$2300 in Treasury, pending a few items from past Festival.
CA Highway Patrol	Sargent	No CHP officer present.
Contra Costa County Animal Services	Ben Winkelblack, Director	<p>Director Winkelback, a Certified Animal Administrator, has been on the job for 5 months and gave his report in person.</p> <p>Basic facts about the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● serving 7,000 animal/year ● Average stay is 20 days. ● Animals must be spayed/neutered to be able to adopt (state law) ● Measure X funding will fund 2700 spay/neuter services in the next three years. ● Animal Benefit Fund will fund 544 spay/neuter this year as well as community outreach. ● July 5 is the busiest day ● 3, 998 licenses in June, a 54% increase. <p>Animal Services challenges are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Down 5 field services officers. ● Increasing animal intake. ● Shelter is beyond capacity every day. ● Medical costs went up 40%. ● Veterinary costs have increased 100%. ● Increased needs in community

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Usually responding to 300 “holdover calls.” <p>Animal Services is addressing these challenges by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adding staff (see below.) ● Focusing on “pathway planning:” weekly meetings with partners to coordinate care of animals most in need. ● Rolling out barcode scanning to collect health data. ● Adding sound-deadening in the cat area. ● Planning to house dogs differently. ● Opening some of the kennels. ● Making a renewed focus on animal licensing, to meet rabies requirements. 37% return to home rate. Goal is 100%. ● Reopening “adoption galleries” in the back. ● A vet behaviorist has toured and made facility suggestions, i.e. different kinds of beds for dogs; different ways to feed dogs; new ways to lower stress in animals. ● There is a cat foster program. ● Possibly starting a “Barn Cat” program. <p>Staffing changes being made are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 new officers have completed training and 4 more are in the training process. ● Chief of Shelter medicine is an open position and the Department has begun to recruit for. ● A dog foster program person has just been hired. ● No dedicated staff right now, for youth programs. (Some partners do “humane education.”) ● Hiring an additional medical technician. <p>Upcoming events include a microchip support event. In answer to audience questions he assured us: strays are not put in play groups; no, there is no longer a facility near Sugar City; he wants partners [i.e. Jelly’s] to succeed.</p>
Regional History Presentation	Cappelletti	Due to technical difficulties the presentation on the ODUMC stained glass windows is postponed to the next meeting.
Discussion Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Curtis moved, Sapir seconded: “The ERHMAC increase the amount paid for taking its meeting minutes to \$125/meeting retroactive to the September minutes.” Approved unanimously.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavlinec moved, Ramirez seconded: “The ERHMAC will cancel its December ERMAC meeting.” Approved unanimously.
Land Use Committee		No new proposals this last month.
Agenda Items/Speakers for Upcoming ERMAC meetings		<p>Sapir: Reminder to get PGE to speak. JinWei: Let’s make our banner Sapir: “We need to make the MAC sexier,” and spread the word by reaching out to PTSA’s, Houses of Worship, Schools.</p>
Adjournment		Sargent moved, Sapir seconded: Adjournment. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



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East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council November 20, 2024 MINUTES
 PROPOSED

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MAC PRESENT: Members: Chair: Vice Chair: Victoria Curtis, Pam deWitt, Alternates: Royer Ramirez-Ruiz

MAC ABSENT: Chair: Jon Sargent, Members: Jinwei Zhang, Joann Pavlinec, Alternate: Bara Sapir

6 other persons attended in person and 7 attended via Zoom.

#	Topic	Presenter (recording)	Notes/Actions
1.	Roll Call/ Introductions	Curtis (0:42)	Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.
2.	Minutes to approve		No quorum, so cannot approve September, nor October minutes.
3.	Treasurer’s Report	Mills (4:09)	\$1183.00 in Treasury, pending a few items from past Festival.
4. P.1	Presentation: Supervisor Gioia’s Office	Mills (5:50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House @ Gioia’s office @ 11780 San Pablo Avenue, Suite D, December 12, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Fundraiser for Verde School. • Board of Supervisors “passed the adoption of the new edits to the East Richmond Heights community profile for the 2045 General Plan. All proposed edits from the community were incorporated into the adoption of the final draft.” Ruiz-Ramirez asked that the Community Profile map in the General Plan include Hasford Heights. Mills will follow up. • The county is seeking residents to serve on advisory boards and local commissions. Contact Mills for info: Ronnie.Mills@bos.cccounty.us • “The County is exploring several improvements to the current Republic Services franchise agreement including: requiring Republic garbage trucks to drive a specified route to pick up illegally dumped materials twice per week based on dumping hotspots: convert one of the two on-call scheduled residential clean-up days to a scheduled day in order to encourage greater customer participation; increase the once per year bulky item cleanup to

			allow 3 bulky items to be picked up instead of one; and develop a timetable for all garbage trucks to be converted to quiet, non-polluting electric trucks.”
4. P.2	Presentation: CCCo Fire Protection District	Rinehart (4:26) and (11:16) and (19:00)	<p>ConFire is exploring other funding sources for a fuel break. Rinehart has drafted model letters and will share them once the funding sources have been identified.</p> <p>Ramirez-Ruiz: Asked that fuel break map and applications include Hasford Heights.</p> <p>ConFire Open House hosted 700+ attendees. Genesis Platform (for evacuations) was shared there.</p> <p>Rinehart urges all to register for the CWS notifications and to follow ConFire on social media.</p> <p>Reminder re: evacuation drills. Please coordinate with ConFire.</p> <p>Home Hardening Program starts in 2025, with \$2,000 material limit (i.e., gravel, vent mesh, etc.) Visit website for application or (925) 440-5831 or mrine@ccfpd.org</p> <p>Fuel Break 192 acres for Moraga/Orinda Rossmor, 80% complete.</p> <p>Insurance discounts applications open in 2026.</p> <p>[Ronnie — please insert here the insurance links Rinehart put in the chat during the meeting.]</p>
4. P.3	Presentation: CCCo Sheriff’s Office	Lt. Brian Holland (13:02)	<p>1 burglary last month. 52 calls for service, 4 reports generated. The state has cracked down on recyclers, so now there are fewer problems with catalytic converter thefts.</p> <p>Holland will have the boat parked at 5959 Harbor View Way investigated.</p>
4. P.4	Presentation: CA Highway Patrol	Officer Zeid, Public Information CHP (30:58)	<p>Have increased units on Arlington, particularly around school drop-off and pick-up times.</p> <p>Zeid will confirm that intersection camera footage (in public places) is available to public through the Public Records Act.</p>
4. P.5	Presentation: West County Wastewater	Judy Chen, Planning and Support Manager and Angela Andrew	<p>Sewer Lateral Compliance and Incentive Program</p> <p>The Public Incentive Program for Efficiency of Sewers (PIPES) is max \$4,500 per house for repair/replacement of sewer laterals. Include [Ronnie — Please include here the QR code that was in chen’s presentation.]</p> <p>There is \$400,000/year to disburse, first come, first served. Applications open July 1 each year. There is</p>

			<p>[Ronnie, please include all contact info from her second to the last slide] Apply for “PIPES” before you start construction. It cannot be used for work that has already happened.</p>
5.	Discussion Items		None.
6.	Subcommittee Reports: SR.1 Land Use Comm.		No report given. (Members absent)
7.	Agenda Items/Speakers for Upcoming ERHMAC Meetings	(1:05:00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mills will get an update on Adams. ● Ramirez-Ruiz reiterated that the ERHMAC wants to hear from PGE. Mills is waiting to hear back from them. ● Mills will follow up re: a View Ordinance. ● Curtis will chair the Fire Subcommittee. ● Ramirez-Ruiz will chair the Traffic and Road Safety Subcommittee.
8.	Regional History Presentation: “Historical Windows in East Richmond Heights”	Fran Cappelletti (1:15:35) and (1:34:00)	<p>Cappelletti gave a fascinating talk on the stained glass windows, upstairs, one of which was made by Dr. John Wallis of the Wallis-Wiley Studio of Pasadena. The north window includes pictures of the following people who all influenced founding pastor Leon Loofborouw, who had the window built as a memorial, after his wife died: William Taylor Edwin Markham, David Starr Jordan, Aurelia Reinhardt, Junipero Serra, Will Rogers, Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, Amos Alonzo Stagg. The architect was Reginal F. Imwood, who also designed Northbrae Church in North Berkeley.</p>
9.	Public Comment	(1:32:00)	ODUMC invites all to “Wreath & Greet!” Sunday, December 1, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, 6226 Arlington Blvd. Make your own wreath with donated materials. Free. All welcome.
	Adjournment	(1:35:50)	Curtis, moved, deWitt seconded: Adjournment. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Next meeting is January 15, 2025. For additional information contact:

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