



ADVISORY BODY ANNUAL REPORT

Advisory Body Name: East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council
Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 6:30 PM every other month in person & Zoom
Chair (during the reporting period): Jon Sargent
Staff Person (during the reporting period): Edgar Rosales & Ronnie Mills
Reporting Period: 01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

I. Activities

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Describe the activities for the past year including areas of study, work, special events, collaborations, etc.

Our MAC held bi-monthly meetings in February, April, October and December. Our June and August meetings were canceled due to a lack of quorum, and a change in county staffing. Our meetings informed residents of key issues affecting the safety, habitability and prosperity, as well as history of our community. Residents shared their views on several issues. Our main change this year was to return to safe, in-person meetings while also allowing attendees on Zoom for those who could not attend in person.

Our meetings are broken down along key sections. First, there are reports from law enforcement (County Sheriff and Highway Patrol), Fire and Supervisor Gioia's office. This section also includes presentations from County departments, when updates on these areas are considered relevant by the Staff and MAC members.

Another area focused on discussion of planning and zoning applications for new construction or modification of existing properties by our Land Use Subcommittee. This is a report on the projects they've reviewed since the last general meeting.

The third area is a historical presentation by community and MAC members.

II. Accomplishments

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Describe the accomplishments for the past year, particularly in reference to your work plan and objectives.

- 1) We continued to provide residents with various neighborhood issues and gave feedback to respective County personnel
- 2) We provided historical presentations on:
 - a) The Nike Missile Base and military presence in Wildcat Canyon during the cold war
 - b) The history of Adams Middle School and it's property
 - c) The Rooted in Richmond app, which guides users to 16 historical and cultural sites
- 3) We created a paid secretarial position so that our meeting minutes would be recorded and provided in detail
- 4) The East Richmond Heights Arts/Music Festival was unfortunately not held due to a complete lack of volunteers. We have already started plans to hold this Festival in 2024 and will solicit volunteers and leader(s) at our February 2024 MAC meeting.
- 5) Discussion continued on the blocked Kensington Avenue path but without any real progress

III. Attendance/Representation

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Describe your membership in terms of seat vacancies, diversity, level of participation, and frequency of achieving a quorum at meetings.

The ERHMAC ends 2023 with currently five core members and two alternates. The demographics including five women and two men. Members come from a wide range of professions, including business, government service, and academic/teaching. Attendance at the meetings have ranged from ten to twenty participants of the public. We also have a paid secretarial position for recording minutes of our meetings. This is a non-voting position.

IV. Training/Certification

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Describe any training that was provided or conducted, and any certifications received, either as a requirement or done on an elective basis by members. NOTE: Please forward copies of any training certifications to the Clerk of the Board.

not applicable

V. Proposed Work Plan/Objectives for Next Year

(estimated response length: 1/2 page)

Describe the advisory body's workplan, including specific objectives to be achieved in the upcoming year.

Objectives for next year include, but are not limited to, again hosting the ERH Annual Art and Music Festival, providing General Plan recommendations, consideration of a tree ordinance, homeowner view ordinance, further monitor preservation of Mira Vista Park and "dog park", and conclude the blocked Kensington Avenue pathway issue. We have plans to continue our neighborhood Historical Presentations which are enjoyed by all. The MAC would also like to explore a Disaster Preparedness Coordinator role.