

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.