

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 1, 2024

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

515 Silver Street

N. Richmond CA 94801

MINUTES

Meetings are conducted in person at the Corrine Sain Senior/Family Community Center, 515 Silver Street. N. Richmond, CA 94801. The meeting is also available on ZOOM.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. Board members present: Princess Robinson, Beverly Scott, and Annie Meredith-King. A quorum was not present until Dulce Galicia joined the meeting. Absent: Jorge Rico Vera, and Glory Lopez.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

After a quorum was present, the agenda was reviewed, and a motion was set forth to accept the agenda. Beverly motioned to accept and Princess seconded, all were in favor.

After Dulce joined the meeting, the minutes were reviewed, and Annie made corrections to the minutes. On page (2) the minutes read as follows: Annie says that thieves are stealing copper wire from the infrastructure at Davis Chapel Church. It should read: They are stealing copper wire from the light poles.

Annie has another correction: On page (2) it reads as follows: Annie has a comment about the ongoing parking problem at Davis Chapel Church. The congregation members are getting highly upset. Residents are taking up all of the parking spaces, including the ones that are designated for church members' parking.

It should read: Residents are parking in the red zone. The blind spot location is 369 Chesley, off the corner of Truman and Chesley Avenue. Thanks to Officer Sakai the parking problem has been resolved.

Annie motioned to accept the minutes with a statement of correction. Princess motioned, and Beverly seconded. All are in favor; except Annie, who abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Princess Robinson, New Executive Director/RichmondLand: RichmondLand is a 501C3 Non-Profit Organization. It is the first Community Land Trust in Richmond. Its purpose is to provide pathways for people to collectively obtain property acquisition, and land development around affordable housing. Basically, they are rooted in anti-displacement and community control assets.

Currently, they have two job positions open. The first is for a Community Engagement Manager. The other position is for a Real Estate Manager. They are also looking for four new board members, to support their mission and vision.

Wyatt Patack/Community Gospel Outreach: Wyatt announces their Day at the Park Gospel Outreach. This will be their sixth year hosting this event at Shields Reid Park. The event starts on November the 2nd.

Lunch will be served every day from twelve to one. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be served. There will be children's activities and games. There will be a Child Evangelism event and a Fellowship and Fall Pumpkin Prayer event. A lot of gospel outreach and sermons will take place. Members will be out in the community spreading the word.

North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church is the host church, along with about six other churches in CCC. They are also in fellowship with the Bay Area Rescue Mission. You may contact Wyatt at wyattpatack@yahoo.com

Latifah Abdullah, Community Engagement Manager, Urban Tilth Farms: The farm has a job opening for a Social Media Manager who is skilled at storytelling. There is also a job opening for a fund development associate.

On October 19th, a workshop will be held entitled: How To Make Your Own Salve. They will be using flowers, herbs, and oils. The time will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You may call Latifah at (510) 232-0911.

The Extended Learning Program will be doing an after-school event at the farm.

There will be outdoor games and arts and crafts. This will take place every Wednesday, starting October 23rd, at 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The age will be from Pre-K through 5th graders. She invites people to come out, do a tour, or volunteer.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Tania announces that Jorge will be stepping down from the NRMAC board. There will be an opening on the board. If interested in serving on the NRMAC. send an email to Tania, and she will send you an application.

Beverly presents the Doctor Henry Clark Service Award to Ashley Davidson. She is a community member who supports the NRMAC.

Ashley says that she really appreciates the award. She is new to the community and is doing her best to be involved in the community.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Deputy Patrick Webb, CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of September 2024. There were 270 calls for service. Eleven turned into police reports. The reports consisted of burglary, theft, and vandalism. One select crime was reported, compared to 12 to 14 in previous months.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Bacilla Macias/Architecture: She is representing a client, for a proposed duplex located on the corner of 4th and Silver.

The structure will be two stories, upper and lower units. A total of three new housing units. Part of the project is providing an ADU in the rear of the property. There will be two off-street parking spaces.

Laticia asks about parking on the streets, instead of on the property. She says that street parking in the community is out of control. Bacilla says there will be garage parking and two parking spaces will be at the front of the property.

Beverly asked Bacilla if she was seeking a recommendation of support/approval from the NRMAC. The answer is yes. Beverly put forth a motion to approve the project. Princess second, all are in favor, Annie abstains.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Tony Ucciferri, Deputy Executive Director/HACCC: Still working to get the below-market/scattered site purchasers into escrow. Three of the four buyers are ready to get into escrow and close. Waiting for RichmondLand to comply.

In the future will be focusing 100% on the market rate units, as well as getting the RFP for the main campus released. As soon as they have a better understanding of what that schedule will look like, they will send out an email to all the people who requested that they be notified when the RFP gets ready to be released. Will be alerting them to the fact that it is coming.

It's going to be roughly a 90 to 120-day application process. While that is happening, will be engaging with the selection panel. Will be making sure that everybody is up to speed with the rating criteria, and making sure that everybody is familiar with the process.

Hopefully to have a developer or multiple developers selected, fairly soon after the application process is closed. Will be sure to keep the NRMAC involved and updated as they know more. Will make sure that the community is aware, when there are going to be meetings with the newly selected developers.

Will start talking about what the developer's plans are, and getting input on what kind of amenities the community would like to see in the replacement units. Any type of suggested plans the community has. All of that will be discussed in the engagement meetings.

Janine Shaheed, Community Engagement Manager/Corrine Sain Senior-Community Family Center: Had a presentation by Urban Tilth Farm. They have these boxes called medicine boxes. If you need help in healing - these medicine boxes will be of great help. Special boxes are being made just for the seniors.

The ambassadors from Urban Tilth Farm have agreed to maintain Mother Moore's Prayer Garden. The relationship with Urban Tilth Farm is growing. They are developing a new program called Sitting With the Seniors. They will be bringing gardening inside the center.

OTHER AGENCY/ PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

The seniors will start to plant and grow seedlings in planter pots. They also had a great discussion about a possible greenhouse building. Annie says that Mother Moore is a vegetarian.

Seeking donations of candy for the Halloween Candy Giveaway.

Kalu Dennis, Community Service Coordinator/CHDC - Mitigation Fee Funded: Money has been secured to update the kitchen at the senior citizen building. A new stove, refrigerator, and sink will be installed. These new appliances will enhance the program.

Volunteers are coming out tomorrow to work the garden at the center. New planter boxes will be filled up with plants or seeds.

The resource center had about (195) residents visit the program last month. In the process of securing monies for the Clean Slate Program.

The N. Richmond Green Letter is out in the community. The Willie Spears Cleanup will be on October 19th. Six dumpsters will be set up throughout the community. They will be accepting (20) tires per resident. Some sites will be accepting metal. The main site at Shields Reid will accept tires and metal.

The N. Richmond Green Newsletter has a barcode that you can scan, with directions and info about dumping. Developing a resource sheet, for how to get help, in case of emergencies and other useful information.

Jan says to come and see her for the disposable dump vouchers. Twenty-four disposable vouchers worth \$120.00 will be available for each N. Richmond resident.

Latifah Abdullah, Community Engagement Manager/Urban Tilth Farms: Construction at the farm is going really well. If you drive by you can see the progress.

The outdoor classrooms are in place. The spear-looking objects that look like sundials are the outdoor classrooms.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Phase II is looking really good. Items in place are the compost toilet, the nursery, the Watershed workshop, and the tool shed.

The farm is hiring, two positions are open - a social media manager - looking for someone that is good at storytelling. The other position is for a fund development associate.

Please register to attend the workshop: Make Your Own Salve. After School at the Farm is a new program that will be starting up at the farm.

Trick or Treat, and clean up at Verde School/Wildcat Creek Trail, on October 31st., from two to four p.m. Next month there will be a Community Day at the farm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

November 5, 2024

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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