

## **NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

515 Silver Street

N. Richmond, CA 94801

Meetings are being conducted at the Corine Sain Senior/Community Center, 515 Silver Street, N. Richmond, CA 94801. The meetings are accessible on ZOOM.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Board members present were:

Annie King-Merridith, Princess Robinson, and Latifah Abdulah. Board members absent were Donald Gilmore and Glory Lopez.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cynthia Jordan thanks everyone who made donations toward the Eighth Annual Casa De Manana Senior Thanksgiving Event. Your donations are truly appreciated. The event was a great success again this year.

A North Richmond resident has an ongoing complaint about the street sweeping and eighteen-wheeler trucks driving through the neighborhood.

On street sweeping days, the street sweeper just drives down the middle of the street.

Parked cars are not being moved on street sweeping days. No one from the traffic division is enforcing the street sweeping law. Code enforcement should drive ahead of the street sweeper and ticket cars that refuse to obey the street sweeping signs.

By not being able to sweep the streets and curbs this causes a health hazard.

In the past, Officer Abernathy (CHP) would enforce the street sweeping laws.

The eighteen-wheeler trucks continue to come through North Richmond. This resident has been presenting his complaint to the NRMAC board since 2025. He has even tracked the truck drivers down and confronted them about driving on the streets of N. Richmond.

There have been several accidents in the community involving the big trucks. There are alternative and designated routes for these trucks. These big heavy-duty trucks cause damage to the roadways. This adds unnecessary expenses for the City or County Public Works Department.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED**

Princess and Annie have participated in campaigns monitoring the heavy-duty traffic that comes through North Richmond. There were times when law enforcement cracked down on these big rig trucks that continued to drive through N. Richmond.

These trucks come through the community 24/7. It was suggested that we track down the companies that these trucks are delivering or receiving merchandise from.

Lieutenant Loucas asked if the trucks were towing trailers or just driving in the truck cab.

The answer is that they are towing trailers. Lt. Loucas will talk to the Traffic Unit Lieutenant at the Richmond Police Department. They should be able to send someone out to monitor the truck traffic that comes through N. Richmond.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

Upon reviewing the agenda and the minutes, Annie asked for a motion to approve.

Princess motion, Latifah second, all are in favor of accepting the agenda and minutes.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT/AGENCY REPORT**

Lieutenant Loucas/Richmond Police Department: Reporting for the months of October and November 2025. There was a homicide in the Central District, on Bissell Avenue.

This incident is under investigation.

There were 482 calls for service. Crime decreased by 7% in the last 30 days.

Fifty-three incidents were reported. Nine arrests were made. Calls for loud music. There were 83 calls for abandoned vehicles. Thirteen stolen vehicles, nine were recovered. Fourteen parking violations, CORE, and SOS were contacted to assist homeless people who are in need, after having their vehicles towed.

Richmond Police Chief Bisa French retired after 27 years of service. The City Manager appointed Assistant Chief Tim Simmons as RPD's new chief.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or ACTION**

Del Carpio Properties/CC Planning Permit Recommendations/s: CDDP25-03017 and CLP25-02040: Requesting NRMAC comments and approval regarding the proposal to build a development for a 2,400 square-foot duplex, each consisting of three bedrooms, two baths, and parking spaces.

The vacant lots are located on Gertrude and Ruby Avenue. The application to the planning department reads as follows: Duplex Family Residence, 0 West Gertrude Ave. Richmond, CA 94801. Owner: Del Carpio Properties.

Princess asks how many other properties Del Carpio Properties owns in N. Richmond. The answer is one on Gertrude and one at 319 Willard Avenue. Princess also asks, "Who did they purchase the property from?" The answer is that the property was purchased from a private owner.

Annie motions to approve the development plan. Latifah seconds, all are in favor.

## **PROGRAM AND OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

Tony Ucciferri, Deputy Executive Director/Housing Authority Contra Costa County:

Reporting that the scattered sites have all been sold, with the exception of one.

The HUD shutdown kind of put a stop to things. All the purchases and sales, and agreements are waiting to be approved by HUD, before the sales can be formally closed and the legal transfers for the properties.

Every one of the sales went to families that are affiliated with the N. Richmond Community. Looking forward to finalizing the sales and getting the lots sold.

So attention can be focused on the main campus.

Still working out the agreement with CHDC and Eden Housing. Have traded comments on the agreement a couple of times. Waiting to hear back if things have been finalized.

Once that is finalized will execute a development agreement that will truly include all the details about a timeline, the various types of housing that will be put on the lots.

Expecting and anticipating seeing some activity there.

## **OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED**

There is still lots of money that needs to be identified. Need 150 to 200 million to create all the housing. Housing does have optimistic outlooks of getting that done.

Latifah asks if some of the rentals will be senior housing? Yes. The princess says this is exciting. Annie says that it is good to know that things are moving along.

Tania Pulido, District Coordinator/Supervisor, John Gioia's Office: Tania announces the Annual Community Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 9th, 5 - 7 p.m., Supervisor John Gioia's office, 11780 San Pablo Avenue, Suite D, El Cerrito, CA.

Supervisor John Gioia & Senator Jesse Arreguin invite you to the Community Holiday Party to support W. County's Children. Help support N. Richmond's Verde School students get free books and sweaters by writing a check to CHDC % Verde School Drive. You may also bring non-perishable foods to be distributed during the holidays

There will be lots of food and friendly conversation at the party. The giveaway will be held on Thursday after school.

Janine Shaheed, Community Engagement Manager/CHDC - Mitigation Fee Funded:

Reporting for Kalu Dennis, there were 92 infractions for the month (illegal dumpings)

Nineteen dumpsite cases, 45 abandoned vehicles were towed away. The Sheriff's office did a big sweep. Forty-three tires were found and reported. Twenty-four hazardous material cases. Forty-two oil, paint, household furniture, and scattered trash.

Janine reports 516 illegal dumpings in October. Fifty-seven pieces of evidence were collected. In November 438, hazardous materials were collected. For the City (50) hazardous reports,

Did a patrol walk at Wildcat Creek. The homeless population has increased. Continuing to work with the task force team, consisting of various agencies.

The Senior Center had a Red Cross Blood Drive. The event was a great success, Nineteen participants donated.

## **OTHER AGENCY PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED**

The pre-Thanksgiving giveaway at the senior center was huge. Would like to thank the sponsors; 250 families received Thanksgiving groceries. Urban Tilth Farms donated Produce. The bags consisted of a wonderful variety of organic fruits and veggies. With the cost of groceries being at outrageous prices, this helped the families tremendously.

The food pantry was held on Tuesday, and residents came in giving thanks for the provisions that were offered up for Thanksgiving. The center is gearing up for the Toy Drive and will be partnering with Social Progress. The center needs warm coats, hats, gloves, and socks for the children. There is a special need for teenage gifts. Donations may be dropped off at The Senior Center, 515 Silver Street, Richmond, CA.

Sewing classes are in progress at the center. Ms. Mary Frazier has brought her Sewing With Seniors program to the community. Sewing machines and instructions are provided. So far, the seniors have made tote bags, pillows, and are in the process of making aprons. In the future, the program will be expanding to the Senior Apartments located on Fred Jackson Way.

Princess Robinson, Executive Director/Richmond Land: RL is the first community land trust in Richmond/CCC. RL is one of the nonprofit organizations that was granted property from the Housing Authority's sale of Scattered Sites. Two sites near Verde school were awarded to RL.

RL is involved with new and emerging developments. Has partnered with CHDC.

Have come to realize that the design of small footprint homes is just not feasible for the N. R. community. There has been a change in design; the houses will be of larger units, but will stick with the small houses theme.

RL is continuing to move forward; new members are always welcome to join. Richmond Land is looking forward to making the vision a reality.

Latifah Abdullah, Community Engagement Manager/Urban Tilth Farms/ North Richmond

The N. Richmond farm consists of three acres and is working on making the farm a ten-acre site. The farm is committed to inspiring and hiring locally. The farm just recently celebrated its 20th year. The farm started out with five volunteers; presently, it has over

80 employees. There are paid opportunities; A number of Fellows just graduated last month.

## **OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAMS CONTINUED**

The farm provides fresh produce to 500 families a week. Some products are grown at the farm, and the farm partners with local farms. Produce goes to the CSA Program, and A Free Farm Stand is available. The farm gave away over 3,000 plants this year at various events. Every week, you may come and get free plants for your garden.

Last month, 450 bags of produce were provided to various organizations for Thanksgiving. Produce was donated to The Senior Center in N.R., New Hope Church in N.R., and Casa De Manana Annual Senior Thanksgiving Event.

Cheryll Lopez, Community Engagement Manager/Urban Tilth Farm:

This Saturday, the time is 10:00 a.m. at Lucky A's Ball Field, a workshop is being sponsored. Featuring Native Plants and Their Medicinal Healing Properties.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

**January 6, 2026**

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