

## **NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

July 1, 2025  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
515 Silver Street  
N. Richmond, CA 94801

### **MINUTES**

Meetings are conducted 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 5:07 p.m. Board members present were: Latifiah Abdulah and Annie King-Meridith. Absent were: Beverly Scott, Donald Gilmore, Princess Robinson and Glory Lopez.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

A quorum was not present; the agenda and the minutes could not be approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bair Malunov, Project Manager/ Legacy Court, and Ms. Sandra/ Eden Housing: Legacy Court will be providing affordable housing to low-income families. The project is located at three sites, 1243, 1300, and 1329 Fred Jackson Way, N. Richmond, CA.

Total units: 43 (42) affordable 1-2-& 3-bedroom units. The target population is 42 low-income households earning 30-60% of the area median income (AMI).

Thirteen units will support residents at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, &/or in need of mental health services.

Ms. Sandra from Eden Housing says their waitlist opens up on July 14th through August 1st. Go to the Eden Housing website, scan the QR Code, and apply through the Rent Cafe. CHDC will offer assistance with filling out the applications. There are two applications available, one on the HACCC website, which opened up on June 30th. and the other on the Eden Housing website.

JoAnna from CHDC says that they will be setting up sites in N. Richmond, at about four locations, to assist people with filling out applications for the wait lists

#### **NRMAC MINUTES/JULY 1, 2025**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED**

Ryan Lau/External Affairs Representative/AC Transit; Ryan gives an update on the Realign Service Plan. For the last two years, A.C. Transit has been reviewing and updating bus service based on a variety of different planning efforts and outreach. Have been adapting the service based on the rider's needs. The company is looking to go live with the new bus network on August 10th.

They will be posting information on exactly what that network looks like at the end of this week. Riders will start to see realign service changes. A.C. Transit will be doing a lot of outreach, advertising on BART stations, and on Social Media. Ambassadors will be at different locations.

Joelle Tony, Community Steering Committee/Bay Area Air Quality Management District: On July 28th, there will be a workshop entitled: AB617 Clearing the Air. The topic will be the transition from fossil fuel to clean fuel. The location will be at the Ryse Center in Richmond, CA. The time is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, you may contact Joelle at: [jtonney@baaqmd.gov](mailto:jtonney@baaqmd.gov).

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORT**

Resident Deputy Eierman/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of June. Deputy Eierman has been with the department for eleven years. Currently, he has worked on trash mitigation and illegal dumping.

There were 357 calls for service, and 19 reports were generated. On the 11th, there was a homicide at Giarameta and Market Streets. On the 3rd, there was one assault with a deadly weapon. There were two reports of domestic violence. One misdemeanor vandalism and one grand theft vandalism. One child abuse was reported.

Annie and Jamie welcome Deputy Eierman to the neighborhood. There is a follow-up on a question about the use of the Law Enforcement Substation in N. Richmond. The answer is that the station is being utilized, and CHP is expected to start utilizing the space in the near future.

#### **NRMAC MINUTES/JULY 1, 2025**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Brian Hubinger, Senior Manager - Public & Government Relations, Chevron Richmond Fueling Progress: Andrea Bailey is present tonight at the NRMAC meeting.

Mr. Hubinger has worked at Chevron for nineteen years.

He starts the presentation by presenting California's oil & gas usage. In 2022, the number of vehicles traveled on California roads was 315.2 billion. That's as many miles as it would take to travel to Pluto and back 33 times.

It's estimated there were more than 10,742 retail stations in 2022. In that same year, 13.6 billion gallons of gasoline and 3.1 billion gallons of diesel were sold in California.

As of 2022, California is the largest consumer of jet fuel and the second-largest consumer of motor gasoline among the 50 states.

More than 31 million motor vehicles were registered in California in 2022.

Chevron Richmond's impact on W. Contra Costa County: Sixty percent of the jet fuel produced by Chevron Richmond was supplied to major Bay Area Airports. Twenty percent of the gasoline produced was supplied to the Northern California Market. One hundred percent of paraffinic base oil is made on the West Coast.

The total economic impact on W. Contra Costa County is \$1.1B. Chevron is the largest employer and taxpayer in the City of Richmond. There were 3,830 direct and indirect jobs supported. For every 10 Chevron Richmond workers, an additional 5 jobs are supported in the region. Chevron Richmond employee compensation is higher than the regional average. One in twenty-nine of all jobs provided in W. Contra Costa County are supported by Chevron.

Building a Better Tomorrow: Operating safely, 36 regulatory agencies oversee Chevron's work. They have 450,000 component inspection points. Fifty percent of the workforce is dedicated to maintenance activities.

## **PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED**

Protecting the Environment: There are 99 continuous emissions monitors. There has been a 40% reduction in particulate emissions since 2018. The gasoline that Chevron produces is the cleanest in the world.

Community Investment: Fifty-two million dollars has been donated to non-profit organizations since 2012. Chevron donated 4,100 volunteer hours in 2022. Seventy local organizations & initiatives are funded annually.

Chevron has been a major funder in N. Richmond, to name a few, CHDC, Verde School, and the Senior Center, which have been recipients of Chevron donations.

Flare Improvement Efforts: New technology, increased operator training, a cross-functional team focused on improving flare performance, assessment, learning from past events, and improved infrastructure. Twenty-five+ million in projects completed. \$15-\$20 million in upcoming projects.

Wet Gas Scrubber: Benefits: Removes particulate matter emissions. Enables key gasoline-producing units to continue to meet demand for fuel in the region while complying with the most health-restrictive and stringent regulations of its kind in the country.

What to expect: Because the scrubber uses water, it will release water vapor. Due to the location of the unit along the refinery hillside, we expect the visual impact of the steam plume to be minimal for most people in Richmond. It costs hundreds of millions of dollars to keep the refinery going.

Richmond Solar Project; Benefits, solar-generated generate will be used to power some refinery operations. Reduces our use of electricity from the public grid. Estimated to reduce 1,550 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) annually.

A reduction equivalent to the (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from 323 homes' electricity use for one year.

## **PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED**

Latecia asked about the closure of local refineries. The Valero refinery in Benicia will be closing in April next year. The Phillips 66 in Southern CA will also be closing in October. That's about 20% of the gas in CA. All refineries face the same

regulations. With two refineries going down, that puts pressure on Chevron in many ways. Chevron is committed to the area. They plan on being here for a long time.

A resident asked about the flaring at the refinery. The answer is: There is a community action plan, which addresses flaring. Go to the community action plan on Chevron's website. and read it. There will be a town hall meeting about air monitoring. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the Community Warning System. There is a new warning system called the Level One Warning System, which is an awareness message. You can access this system by texting CC Health to 21423; they will send you all flaring notifications in the county.

### **PROGRAM AND OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

Tania Pulido, District Coordinator/Supervisor, John Gioia's Office: Tania announces that Marcus Byrd-Ray, founder of Change for Five-Hundred, is sponsoring a Back to School Book Bag/Backpack Giveaway. This event will be held at Shields/Reid Park on August 16th. The time is from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The North Richmond 14th Annual Music Festival will be held on July 12th. Prior to the festival, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony honoring legendary blues singer Jimmy Mc Cracklin. First and West Grove Streets are being renamed in honor of the famous Bay Area artist. Mr. Mc Cracklin has received awards globally. He has resided in N. Richmond and was the owner of a nightclub in N. Richmond.

Bee Coleman, Fellow/Partnership with Bay's Future - HACCC: The housing authority is moving through the Las Deltas process. They are a week from closing on the first market-rate property.

Housing has received five or six letters of interest for the market-rate properties. The agency is trying to get on the calendar to have meetings with their attorney. The purpose of the meetings is to keep working through negotiations.

### **PROGRAM AND OTHER AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED**

Former and current N. Richmond residents have priority for purchasing property and signing up on the open wait lists.

The housing authority wait list opened up on June 30th and will be open through July 24th.

Las Deltas Homebuyer Resource Fair - Buy Back the Jets is an event scheduled for August 2, 2025. The event is from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The location is 515 Silver St. (between 5th and Giaramita), N. Richmond, CA 94801

This is a housing fair for the Las Deltas redevelopment project, featuring live music, local food, family-friendly activities, face painting, and the game truck will be there. You will have a chance to meet developers, enroll in their services, and connect with lenders and realtors.

Annie explains the procedure for buying HACCC property. She expresses that you must have money to make repairs or remodeling.

TB says with the market rate sales, it's gonna be a challenge to purchase and rehab. In the future, several other opportunities will be coming down the line.

Janine Shaheed, Community Engagement Manager/Corrine Sain, Senior-Community Family Center: Janine says the Willie Spears Cleanup Day was a great success. She is extremely happy about the number of residents who applied for Mitigation Fee Funded disposable waste vouchers.

North Richmond residents qualify for \$120 in vouchers yearly. The vouchers are valued at \$5.00 each. Upon issue, the vouchers are good for one year. There were 52 applications, seventeen households, and 408 vouchers were issued. Residents can apply once a year for the program. Spanish-speaking volunteers are out in the community following up on the applicants.

Latifah Abdullah, Community Engagement Manager/Urban Tilth Farm: Latifah says that the farm is comprised of ten acres. Their goal is to get young people working and running different aspects of the farm. The mission is to get the residents to cultivate agriculture, a goal is to feed the community, and to restore relationships.

Construction at the farm is ongoing. It's looking really good. The foundation has been laid for the main barn and community room. There is the Dr. Clark Plaza and the History Walk. The 92 million in funds that the administration is holding is an issue.

Some of the teens have been placed at the resource center in N. Richmond, making the farm less congested. The farm stand is located at the Mc Glothen Temple parking lot

every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. The farm is doing a good job in the community. The church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Cheryll Lopez, Community Engagement Manager/Urban Tilth Farm: The farm has a bunch of training programs this summer. The Summer Youth Apprenticeship started on Monday. West Contra Costa youths are invited to the farm to join the wide variety of programs that are being offered. Most programs are paid positions.

The Rudy Lozito Fellowship Program is a training program that's being offered this summer. Participants will be trained and certified in permaculture and agriculture. The Basics of Relations is another paid program that's coming up in the future. It's gonna be focused on stewardship and water restoration.

The Watershed Field Crew does a lot of work at Wildcat Creek. This program will be opening up at the end of July, and most likely start at the beginning of September.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.