

## **NORTH RICHMOND MAC RE-CAP 2014**

### **JANUARY 2014**

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m., without the presence of a quorum.

Board members present were Junie Tate Sugar, and Beverly Scott. At 7:15 p.m., board members Annie King and Don Gilmore arrived, making the meeting an official one.

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

The present agenda and the minutes of November 2013, were reviewed and approved by all board members in attendance.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Alison McKee/CCC Public Library: Up-date on proposed library, CCC and City of Richmond library staff members met in November and December, to discuss the possibility of housing a public library in the North Richmond Community. As a result of the meetings, the City of Richmond is offering (750 sq. feet) space, located at the Shield's and Reid Park. A computer laboratory is being offered as part of this project.

Four paid staffing positions may become available at the proposed library. Two of the positions are union positions and based on 40 hours a week, 2/20 hour positions will be made available. These positions are being made available by the CCC Library Commission. Meetings are scheduled in the up-coming future, to determine exactly how the library will take shape, and become a reality for the North Richmond Community.

It will take about (\$100,000), to staff the library. The time period for completion was not defined. It was stated that the positions should be staffed by community residents. A reply was made that the two positions that are not union represented and are usually filled by seniors or handy-cap individuals. The MAC board members are in favor and support of this project.

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

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: CHDC is getting ready for the preparation of income taxes. This is a free service that has been offered to the community, in the past years.

Report on the status of the townhouses project on Fred Jackson Way. Hoping to apply for funding to start construction toward the summer months. Heritage Point is pushing forward. A town hall meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2014, Senior Heritage Building, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

CCC Library Project, Code Enforcement, the MAC Logo (being officially on the MAC agenda) and the making of a recommendation regarding the proposed PG&E tree removal, will be on next month's agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

#### **FEBRUARY 2014**

##### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m., as an unofficial meeting, for lack of a quorum, board members present were: Dr. Henry Clark, and Beverly Scott. At approximately 5:30 p.m., board members Annie King-Meredith, Don Gilmore and LaSaunda Tate arrived, making the meeting an official one.

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

The agenda and the minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members present.

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Tierinan/PEU Local One: Up-date on Waste Water Management Treatment Plant.

The plant has proceeded with its automation, and unattended shifts at night time.

The automation will fully be in place by April 2014.

##### **PRESENTATIONS**

Remembering the deceased Junie Tate-Sugar: board member Junie, was pronounced deceased this month. This comes as a big shock to all of us. Time was set aside, on her behalf and to reflect on the precious times that we had with her, and to honor her life. A certificate of recognition was presented by Luz Gomez, from the Board of Supervisor/John Gioia's Office. Luz stated that we all are deeply saddened, by such a dear lost to the community.

Luz Gomez/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: the Unincorporated area of West County now will be available to compose their food waste. Composition buckets are available for anyone who desire to have one.

The Board of supervisor's had allotted \$3,000 for each MAC Board's expenditures. The funds may be used for office supplies, food, expenses, etc. This funding was made possible for the County Administrator Office on January 14, 2014.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Sain/Director Senior Citizen Program, North Richmond : The AARP/Auto Insurance Program for seniors will be offering a classroom refresher course for drivers 50 and over. The events will be held on March 19, and 26, 2014. The location is 515 Silver Street, Richmond CA. The time is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members  
Meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

### **March 2014**

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m., board members present were : Don Gilmore, Dr. Henry Clark, LaSaunda Tate, and Annie King-Meredith.

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

The agenda and the minutes were approved by all board members present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth: The Urban Tilth of Richmond, CA is currently hiring, there are two job openings available. There is an opening for a North Richmond Farm Apprentice, and an opening for Project manager, at the North Richmond Farm Project.

Don Gilmore asked of Urban Tilth, for an up-date on the farm project. It was suggested that Urban Tilth present quarterly reports to the MAC board in the future. An agreement was made, that Urban Tilth would report to the MAC board on a quarterly basis, starting next month.

Benvunida Maza, coordinator of the Verde School Gardening Project, reports that a tree planting event took place on Tuesday at the Verde School Garden. Twenty adults participated in the project, trees were planted, they also learned about irrigation systems.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Larry Tolson/Building Inspector II/Code Enforcement Officer: The North Richmond area has been assigned a code enforcement officer. This position has been vacant for a period of time. The community is more than welcome to have Mr. Tolson in the area. Mr. Tolson reports that he needs all the help that he can get, in order to catch people living in vacant and abandoned houses. At the moment he has (17) on-going code cases. There is a problem of absentee landlords (property owners), and the banks are not up-keeping the property that they own. He is not receiving any cooperation from the banks. There is a list of problems such as: People say that there is trash along the rural roads. Public Works have to bring in heavy equipment to pick up the trash.

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Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla is currently working with Project Pride on a workshop entitled Urban Agriculture and Beautification/Illegal Dumping. The next workshop is to be held on March 19, 2014. The location is at the Project Pride Building, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The children and youths from the sports programs will be participating, and everyone is welcome to be a part of this event.

The MAC meeting was held over tonight until 7:10 p.m.

Don Gilmore/Community Housing Development Corporation: The CHDC is still in the process of offering free income tax services to the community.

The Filbert Street property had a set-back, with the City of Richmond. They are currently working with Congressman George Miller and the City of Richmond, to resolve the current problems. It hopes that the funding will be released and granted.

There is a meeting scheduled with Supervisor John Gioia, to discuss the Heritage Point Project. The purpose of this meeting, is to explore means and ways of achieving the goals for the project as proposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Luz proposes to add Urban Tilth to the agenda for the MAC meeting in April. They will present an up-date on the garden project.

Dr. Clark announces that the North Richmond Shoreline will host a ceremony at the Brunner Marsh. The EPA will be funding a project entitled: Restoring the Brunner Marsh. The date of the ceremony is to be announced in the future.

Dr. Clark announces that he has been meeting with Chevron and representatives from the Modernization Program. The EPA Report for this program is in the process of being completed. In the near future, he would like to have an up-date of the program, presented to the North Richmond Advisory Council.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

**APRIL 2014**

**NO QUORUM**

## PRESENTATIONS

West County Wastewater District Update/E.J. Shalaby, Director: the district will be replacing water pipes and manholes in the community. This is a (\$11 million dollar) project. This is part of the (200 year, Waste Water Plan.

Board members asked if anyone in the community will gain employment within this project. Mr. Shalaby said that the county will be doing all of the hiring through private companies. This did not sit too well with board members, due to the (first Source Hiring Program), which was put in place many years ago. It was suggested that First Source Hiring Policy be looked into, before this project gets under construction.

Dr. Clark said that if no one from the community can gain employment on this project, there stands a great possibility that through protest and demonstration, the project will be shut completely down. This item is to be put on next month's agenda.

Contra Costa Fire District update/Jeff Carman, Fire Chief: The risk of fire is up all over CCC. A two person squad should be added to the staff. The fire district is also in the process of competing for the ambulance contract in the area. These proposals will be on the voting ballot in July, 2014. So please come out and cast your vote, for these needed emergency services, to serve in our community.

North Richmond Network Update/Eric Aaholm, YES Director (invited)/Tana Monteiro was present: Tana Monteiro presented the YES Program, Youth Enrichment Strategies is a non-profit organization that gives youth and families living in Richmond and West Contra Costa County the opportunity to develop life skills and strengthen communication in a safe, neutral environment that exposes them to nature and a world beyond their urban neighborhoods.

The program has been active at Verde Elementary School; they have been hosting annual events at the school. Events such as the annual Black History Breakfast, scheduled for May 29, 2014. Multi-cultural events are conducted, there is a parent coffee club, that meets once a month.

Luz reports: Because of Verde's performances, they have been selected to participate in various programs. Luz will invite school board members to the next MAC meeting, to present more information, on Verde's school performances.

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Dr. Henry Clark/MAC board member: Dr. Clark is up-set about the transporting of dangerous and flammable chemicals by rail through the neighborhoods. The State Regulatory Commission is looking into this matter. A protest against these practices will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., location is to be announced.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janie Holland/CHDC: the Farmer's Market was in town today, located at Chesley Ave. and Fred Jackson Way. The market provides a variety of fruits and vegetables.

Andrea Bailey/Chevron U.S.A. Refinery: Andrea announces that Chevron has job positions open for maintenance trainee. There will be more jobs available in the future as chevron progresses thru the modernization of the facility. There is a problem with potential employees that have felony records. A workshop will be conducted entitled: Remove the Barrier.

Annie M. King/MAC board: Annie announces that there will be an event entitled "Walk for Re-entry". The walk is about 3.4 miles long and will depart from Fred Jackson Way at 9:00 a.m. On June 14, 2014. The Shield's and Reid Council meets every fourth Tuesday of the month, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Shield's and Reid Park. The Davis Chapel Community Garden, meets at the garden every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Meeting time is from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Peter Tiernan/Local PEU1: Announces that the local is desperate in the battle to save Doctors Medical Hospital. This Saturday there will be an important meeting to rally around saving the hospital. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria meeting hall, at the Doctors Hospital in San Pablo, CA. Everyone is urged to attend.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Report on First Source Hiring  
West County Waste Water District Report  
Las Deltas Housing Project

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**JUNE 2014**

Meeting cancelled

**JULY 2014**

Vacation

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Each participant that visits the van will receive a \$5.00 Target gift certificate. The suggested age group for clients is targeted from three months, to eighteen years of age. Parent meetings were held at the Child Care Center, Project Pride, and the Las Deltas Housing Projects, and Verde Elementary School.

Mary announced that they were able to employ a young intern, Leslie Bates. She will be assisting and helping the staff on the mobile van. Leslie's family has lived in the North Richmond community, since the 50's. Mary says that she will report to the MAC meeting in the future.

**OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS**

Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz will be making her report early; she has to attend another meeting, where she will be standing in for Supervisor John Gioia.

Progress is being made with the CCC Housing Authority. In the future a study will be done on the public housing situation in the North Richmond Community.

Verde school has a new principal, a Mr. Eric Acosta-Vertrauskus for the up-coming school year.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

RECEIVE UPDATGE regarding County Housing Element/Kara Douglas, Department of Conservation and Development: Ms. Douglas presented the 2014 Housing Element Update.

She presented this update in a packet designed for the Municipal Advisory Council meetings.

The packet consisted of an overview which contained the following topics:

State Housing Element Law, Housing Element contents, Regional Housing Need Allocation Process, Key Facts, Issues and Trends To consider, Housing Element (2015-2023)-Update Focus, Other GP elements under review, Schedule, Consequences if Housing Element Not Updated, MAC Questions to Consider, Staying Informed/Staff Contacts.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Regarding the County's Storm Water Trash Management Plan for North Richmond/

John Steere, Public Works: Mr. Steere presented a power point presentation about the CCC Watershed Program. The presentation pointed out the State Requirements for reducing Litter in Our Communities. CCC's role in the project was explained. Trash (litter) is considered a "water pollutant". Communities will be required to reduce trash by (40%) by July 1, 2017 and by (100%) by 2022. Communities will develop a long-term Trash Reduction Plan that details how the communities can reduce trash.

The county Watershed Program has developed community-centered Trash Reduction Plans, steps are: 1. Development of community's baseline trash levels using GIS Maps with land uses and information on income levels. 2. Assessment of baseline trash levels. 3. Field-testing by methodically taking photos and recording trash levels in the communities.

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Whitney Dotson/President of the East Bay Regional Park District and local community activist, has dedicated an enormous amount of work and time, into getting this area preserved. As a reward for his hard labor, the Brunner marsh will be re-named the Dotson Marsh.

This area has so much rich history, dating back to the Coastonians, the local Native American Indian Tribes, whom originally inhabited this area. Cynthia remembers growing up as a child, the Richmond Yacht Club and Boat Harbor, was located in North Richmond. It was located at the West end of Gertrude Avenue. Cynthia lived on Gertrude Avenue for many years, and would watch the big boats going pass by her house on their way to the yacht club. She also remembers the remnants of fishing and duck hunting villages/artifacts/ruins at the end of West Gertrude Avenue/Beacon Homing.

She stated that she wanted to point out what was and what could become into being for the North Richmond community, and North Richmond Bay Shoreline.

The MAC meeting has been voted upon to continue until 7:15 p.m.

**OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS**

Community Service Coordinator (Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR:

Carla continues to work with the county and the city, to combat illegal dumping in the area. She has been working with James Lyons, a representative from Supervisor John Gioia's office. Carla has received (twenty) complaints pertaining to trash, over grown yards and empty lots. A vast majority of these complaints are about the public housing properties, owned by the county.

The next project that Carla will be working on is the beautification of the Multi-Cultural Center. The goal of this project is to improve the senior garden and landscape.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual North Richmond Music Festival was a great success. The music line-up was excellent. There were over (30) organizations that set up display booths. Supervisor John Gioia and Mayor Gale Mc Laughlin were present at the festival. The planning committee would like to thank everyone that participated in this event. They look forward to next year's event.

The MAC board and the community sends out our concerns and well wishes out to Annie-King Merridith. We hope that she makes a speedy recovery. We miss her dearly and greatly, and hope to see her soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



West County Wastewater district 20-year plan/E.J. Shalaby: Mr. Shalaby came to the MAC meeting to discuss the 20 year District-Wide Master Plan. The first five years of this plan establishes the 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The maintenance and replacement of our wastewater system. The system must be properly maintained to prevent sewage spills and treat wastewater, protect public health and the water and wildlife of the San Pablo Bay.

The issues facing the district over the next five (5) years are: 60% of pipes are 40 years or Older; 40% are 50 years or older; regulatory changes require adherence to more stringent standards; current sewer rates have not kept pace with the cost of maintaining facilities, infrastructure and equipment; and inefficient use of land, facilities and equipment.

The total cost of projects identified in the 5-year Capital Improvement Program is \$92.2 million. The cost of paying cash for all of the identified projects would require higher increases in the Sewer Use Charge than the proposed rates.

Work on this project will be starting up soon in the North Richmond area. Luz asked for an answer about the First Source Hire Employment Program. Earlier on in the year the MAC board asked Mr. Shalaby about the First Source Hire Employment Program. Questions were asked if this program would be in effect on this project. Luz asked if Mr. Shalaby could report back to the MAC with some answers. She also stated that she would be working on this issue.

Don Gilmore stated that before the Wastewater District go out to bid on the project, they should contact the Workforce Development Board. Don will also be working with Luz on the First Source Hire Employment Program.

Proposed Medical Cannabis collective site in the Hensley Light Industrial District, City of Richmond/James Anthony: Mr. Anthony introduced to the MAC, the Richmond Compassionate Care Collective Project. This project is a medical cannabis collective (dispensary) licensed by the City of Richmond to provide safe access to quality medicine for patients qualified to use it under California law. This includes relief of suffering from cancer treatment, glaucoma, chronic pain, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, insomnia, ADHD, and PTSD, to name just a few of the many ailments that cannabis relieves.

RCC's vision also includes providing other alternative health and wellness offerings such as acupuncture, chiropractic, yoga, reiki, nutritional and herbal advice, and grief and life counseling, at no cost to the patient.

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LaSaunda board member would like to create a business letter to send out to the local business making them aware of the MAC. This issue was put into a motion, seconded and approved by MAC board members.

It was also suggested for someone from the MAC to serve on the North Richmond Mitigation Fee Committee as an alternate member to be appointed by the board of supervisors. There was a motion to accept this proposal, it was seconded and approved.

**OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED**

Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz announces that the MAC board will have a new member. Aaron Morgan will be the newest member of the North Richmond MAC.

On October 15, 2014 the Bay Area air Quality District, will be holding an important meeting. The meeting will be pertaining to the Air Tracking Rule. The meeting starts at 9:45 a.m., BAAQD 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, contact info: 415-776-6000

A Mr. Bill Lindsney came to speak to the MAC board recently. Supervisor John Gioia suggest that the MAC send a letter to the Richmond city Council and invite him back out.

The CCC Board of Supervisors cordially invites you to join them in honoring Congressman George Miller, for his four decades of service in CCC. Tuesday, October 28, at 9 o'clock in the morning in the Board Chambers 651 Pine Street, Martinez, CA

Community Housing Development Corporation/Don Gilmore: Don reports that the Filbert Street Townhouse Development is resubmitting an application for funding. The Heritage Point Project is catching up to the town houses, as far as plans go. All funding should be identified by the end of this year.

CHDC will be preparing income taxes this year.

Foreclosures in the community are still happening. Lending loans are available for potential home buyers/owners through CHDC.

Community Service Coordinator (Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR):

Carla continues to combat illegal dumping in the community. Carla states that the community has a high rate of trash, abandoned vehicles, and lose dogs, because of the closeness to the local landfill, and because of home foreclosures.

The trash mitigation meets once a month, at the Senior Citizen Building, in North Richmond.

## PRESENTATIONS

Luz Gomez/Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz made a presentation of a certificate of appreciation, to the Evans family, on behalf of Rodney Frazier. Unfortunately Rodney Frazier was the young man that felled victim to a homicide. Rodney was a well outspoken teenager in the North Richmond community, and Richmond High School.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director Breath mobile: Mary announces that the Asthma Project has won an award for Community Sustainability. The asthma mobile continues to see and assist asthma clients in the community. The mobile van will be located at Verde School, and at the Las Deltas Housing Projects on designated days. The program is designated and designed for children of school age.

## PRESENTATIONS

Ernie Sirotek, U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Railroad Administration/Hazardous Materials Specialist/Crude by Rail: A presentation was made about operating practices, track and signal operations and operation life saver.

In 2012 crude oil shipments increased by (166%), since 2005. There has been an oil shipping growth by rail, compared to shipping by boat. The oil that is being shipped into the area from the Bakken area in North Dakota, is more hazardous and has a consistency like diesel fuel.

The reason why rail is a more viable mode of transportation is because of the fact that there are not many pipelines coming to the West Coast for the N. Dakota area. The oil is being stored in storage tanks and is loaded onto rail. Most of the oil is not classified properly when packaged. Some crude oil omits hydrogen sulfide vapors. There is a hazmat table, in which oil is classified. For instance (a flash point) is when oil reaches a certain temperature at igniting point.

Steps are being taken to improve upon the rail cars that the oil is being transported in. There are serious concerns about the rail cars that comes through the Richmond, CA area. Some concerns are train derailment, securements of the crude oil, the handling of the product, and emergency response. Other concerns are the handling of the rail cars, the proper classification of the material being shipped, and the selection of proper packaging.

If a rail car carrying crude oil catches on fire, the container melts and opens up, causing liquid vapors to pour out into the local area. If a tank car is on fire with LPG Gas, you must evacuate the area for a one mile radius.

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Board members LaShanda, Dr. Henry Clark and Aaron would like to be on the committee. Luz will set up a meeting with the planners.

DISCUSS and APPOINT a Subcommittee of the NRMAC to draft an annual plan for the MAC 2015 to be reviewed and approved at the December meeting-Luz Gomez and MAC: It was decided upon that Mac board members, Aaron and LaShanda will be on this committee.

**COMITTREE REPORTS**

Future of Las Deltas Committee/Don Gilmore: Don reports that Las Deltas has committed to Project Based Section 8 Rehab. The project is still up in the air. Request for qualifications will be issued for developers to make proposals.

**OTHER AGENCYT/PROGRAM REPORTS**

Luz Gomez, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Luz and the board members would like to welcome Aaron Morgan as an official MAC board member.

The Urban Act Farm moves forward. The property has been cleared of brush and degree.

There was a meeting at the BAAQD on refinery capping emissions. It was a unanimous vote and a huge victory.

Goodbyes were said to Congressman George Miller in Martinez.

There will be an up-coming discussion on possible funding for Filbert Town Homes and the Heritage Point Projects.

LaShanda Tate/MAC board member: Puts forth a motion to have a walk around the neighborhood. To be discussed at a later date.

Dr. Henry Clark/board member: States that since the elections are over, it would be feasible to invite the newly elected officials to the Mac meetings. Luz said that she would take this request back to Supervisor John Gioia, and see if we could make this happen.

Janie Holland/CHDC: announces the Willie Spears/North Richmond Clean-up Day. This event is scheduled for December 6, 2014. Carla Orozco is the contact person.

Janie announces that Farmers market is still going on. They had a special today. Shoppers were offered a @2.00 coupon toward purchase of fruits and vegetables, for taking a short survey.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Frazier, RN, MSN, AE-C/Project Director Breath mobile: Mary announces that thanks to a Grant from the Chevron Oil Refinery, Richmond CA, the breathmobile is able to provide services in North Richmond. Mary announces that they have hired Cynthia Jordan as a new intern to work on the asthma van, at the Verde School and the Las Deltas site.

Andrea Bailly/Chevron Oil Refinery: Andrea presented an award of appreciation to Dr. Henry Clark, for his dedication and commitment toward the North Richmond community. Along with the award a picture of Andrew Young, and Dr. Clark attending a fundraiser dinner was presented.

Pam Bilbo-Saucer/Men & Women of Valor: Pam announces that Men and Women of Valor, have joined in partnership with the Goodwill Industries, in a training and hiring project. So far (65) people have been hired into employment. Some of the selected people will be starting work on Monday. Such jobs as food service workers, care providers, custodians, and retail management positions are being made available through this program.

Pam announces that in the future the Men & women of Valor, will be participating in the LEAP Program. Men and Women of Valor will also be working with the Department of Rehabilitation and the DECAF Programs. Pam says that through hard work and effort, great things are happening through out the programs.

Eleanor Thompson: Eleanor made the MAC aware of a resolution that will be presented to Doctors Hospital in San Pablo. The resolution explains how much needed medical services are essential to the North Richmond community.

Bishop Santiago/Belinda Thomas/REACH Fellowship: REACH Fellowship cordially invites the public to a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of the Naomi House. This house is a gender-responsive home for re-entry women and their children. The ceremony is to be held on December 17, 2014, from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., the location is at 1724 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA 94801.

Dr. Otis Rounds/Physician at Doctors Medical Hospital, San Pablo, CA: Dr. Rounds came to the MAC seeking support and endorsement of the resolution that Eleanor Thompson presented to the MAC tonight. Retaining our full Service Hospital/Through Shared Community Commitment. Unfortunately since this item is not on the MAC agenda it cannot be discussed at present. Luz suggested that he go through the proper procedures, of getting on the agenda. This item will be put on the MAC agenda at a future date.

Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carl announces if anyone have problems about illegal dumping please call her at 510-776-7568 or at [carlaorozaco@live.com](mailto:carlaorozaco@live.com). Carla wants to thank Carlos Meza for volunteering on clean-up day. It appears that Carlos was one of the first participants to arrive on site on that day.

After the clean-up, garbage was being disposed of onto the streets of North Richmond. Carla said that she would bring this issue to the CCC Sheriff's Officer's attention, code enforcement would also be notified. The City of Richmond Abatement Team, assured Janie that they would be out on the streets, to pick up the overflow of trash. After every trash pick-up day, people continue to bring their trash to North Richmond .

Carla states that a Community Trash Pick-up day near and at the Verde School was held. Parents from Verde participated in the litter pick-up project. The entire day was a great success.

Participants are being recruited for the basketball program. Interested persons may go to Project Pride for applications. The age group is from (6-14). This is a part of the Richmond Junior MBA Basketball Programs.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth: Tania reports that the lease has been signed for the three acre parcel of land for the garden. Two residents have been hired from the North Richmond area to work at the garden. A coordinator has been hired for the garden. The land has been cleaned and cleared of debris. A cultural and environmental study is in process of being conducted. The project has intentions of breaking ground by 2016.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND /OR ACTION**

HEAR COMMITTEE REPORT and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding proposed development at former NOVE property. Luz reports that the bank owns the property. The property is being proposed to be approved as a commercial warehouse land use. The MAC sub-committee met and recommended conditions of approval.

The land use of this property is currently zoned as residential. At one point in time houses were proposed to be built on the site. The sub-committee is not sure as to what the property should be zoned for. It may be better to switch the property to light industrial. Further investigation needs to be conducted.

The following conditions pertaining to the property needs to be considered. Local hiring conditions, use permitted, taking into consideration the plans of the East Bay Regional Park District.

the operation should be modified and limited, and not cause disturbance. North Richmond should be able to utilize some of the material and products that are produced by this company's soil recycling operations.

This item was motioned by board member David, and second by board member Dr. Clark. The presentation by Mr. Ghilotti was tabled for now, and will be presented in the future.

HEAR and MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to APPROVE the proposed annual plan for the North Richmond MAC for 2015: LaSaunda moved to approve the 2015 plan, the issue was motioned, second, and approved.

CONSIDER and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding whether Contra Costa County and the City of Richmond should explore advantages and disadvantages of a possible annexation of Unincorporated North Richmond into the City of Richmond: Upon hearing this request Dr. Henry Clark, spoke out in opposition. He said that the residents and concerned individuals in the community, have worked far too hard to establish the North Richmond community. He feels that it would be a shame to turn North Richmond over to the City of Richmond or anyone else for that matter.

The board decided to explore other options, as to what can North Richmond become. Lashanda made a motion to explore the advantages and disadvantages of: possible annexation of Unincorporated North Richmond into the City of Richmond/San Pablo, possible township of Unincorporated North Richmond, or Unincorporated North Richmond becoming its own city.

The motion was seconded and approved.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Crude by Rail, Andres Soto, Communities for a Better Environment: Mr. Soto presents stating that last month when the Federal Railroad representative attended the MAC meeting, the resolution was adopted. He also stated that supervisor John Gioia was putting on the heat, pertaining to crude by rail.

Mr. Soto states that last week a train carrying crude oil, derailed in Richmond. The Federal Government had to come out, and investigate the accident.

Luz will design a letter to the BAAQD pertaining to the Crude by Rail Issue.

