

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

(RE-CAP 2015)

MARCH 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director, Northern California Asthma Breath Mobile: Asthma education and treatment, is being provided by the Northern California Breatmobile. The van comes to Verde School, and the Las Deltas Housing Projects.

Bishop Edwina Santiago/REACH Fellowship Outreach: REACH Fellowship recently started a program for women/re-entry.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

DISCUSS and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding Ghilotti Bros. Permit: Mr. Permill presents a letter to the NRMAC explaining their operations of a concrete recycling company, located in the community. They are seeking approval from the board, in order to obtain a permit to continue operations.

Don Gilmore and the board reviewed the letter, they would like to see the company more community focused, and offer more efforts toward the community. A motion was set forth to approve the permit. This item was seconded, accepted and agreed upon.

NOMINATE and VOTE new North Richmond MAC officers (chair and vice chair): The issue was discussed, it was voted upon that Don Gilmore would remain chairman, and LaShanda would be vice chairman. The motion was agreed upon, seconded and accepted in agreement.

DISCUSS and DECIDE time and date of meetings for 2015: It was proposed to change the meetings from second Wednesday of the month to second Tuesdays of the month. After discussion it was agreed upon to hold meetings first Thursday of the month. This action was motioned, seconded and accepted in agreement.

Lloyd Madden/Director NHNR: Mr. Madden states that Ms. Sain's time (staying late for the NRMAC meetings), is not being compensated for. Don Gilmore suggested that when the NRMAC have their retreat, there will be a discussion about providing Ms. Sain with a stipend for her time.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Community Service Coordinator/Carla Orozco-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla continues to fight illegal dumping and blight in the area. There is a high increase of abandoned vehicles in the area. There is an abandoned vehicle program entitled (ABAC).

The North Richmond Green Project was recently newly funded. Six residents were hired to fill positions for ECO Ambassadors and ECO Captains. They will receive training from the staff of the Urban Tilth Farm.

North Richmond Earth Day, will be on April 25, 2015.

Urban Tilth-Farm Update (Tania Pulido): The farm has hired a new project manager. They are drafting a business plan for the farm stand. First community workshops, the designing of the farm will be held in June and July. There will be a series of three planned workshops.

Tina states that during the farm development, the history of North Richmond will be preserved.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION OF Luz Gomez's years of service:

An award for community service was presented to Luz, by the NRMAC board. Luz will be leaving, and going to work for the Bay Area Air Quality District.

Luz has been such a great positive force and asset to the North Richmond community. In her years of service she has provided such an overwhelmingly amount of concern toward the people and their issues. The NRMAC and community wishes Luz all the good luck on her new and up-coming adventure.

APRIL 2015

Mary Frazier/Project Director, Northern California Asthma Breathmobile: The mobile van continues to come to Verde School, and provide asthma clinics and treatments. On March 27th Mary and Cynthia Jordan an intern, attended a benefit breakfast at the Multicultural Senior Citizen Building. They made a presentation to the audience on the asthma program. They received great response and useful input, toward the program.

Thomas Summer/NR resident: Mr. Summer states that there is a need for more stop signs in the community. He is inquiring about the possibility of a stop sign being erected at the corners of Duboce Avenue and Fred Jackson Way. Mr. Summer states that Sunset Market, located at the corner of 5th and Chesley is a nuisance to the community. He feels that the workers inside the store are rude to the customers, and are selling illegal alcohol to minors.

Lt. Watts commented that they have been studying the problems and complaints about Sunset Market. Hopefully the issues will be resolved soon.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CONTINUED

Bob Nisbet, Assistant General Manager at East Bay Regional Parks gives presentation of current condition of parkland in North Richmond and future projections: Mr. Nisbet states that there is a Salt Marsh Restoration Project underway at the Brunner marsh, located at Point Pinole Regional Park. The project description is as follows: Project area (150) acre, tidal and seasonal wetland (65) acres, and coastal prairie (85) acres. San Francisco Bay Trail 1.5 miles, staging area with restroom, and picnic and overlook areas.

The purpose of the project is to bring the land back to its original habitat. Save the Brunner Marsh was a project that was started by local North Richmond residents and activist. The land was originally scheduled for light industrial, and thru hard work and demonstration, the property was purchased by the East Bay Regional Parks District. Now it is a part of the Point Pinole Regional Park.

In the future the marsh will undergo a name change, from Brunner Marsh to Dotson Marsh. Mr. Dotson/President EBRPD was very instrumental in advocating saving the marsh. He has worked as a local community activist for Parchester and North Richmond.

Phase one of the project has been completed. The land has been restored to salt marsh. The second phase of construction involves the parking lot, and nature trails. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the year of 2017.

A new bridge currently called the Atlas Bridge, locate at the entrance of Point Pinole Regional Park is under construction.

Mr. Nisbet states that the Miller Knox Regional Park will be undergoing improvements. The lake that is located in the middle of the park, will be redesigned, and made into a natural lake with moving water. Currently the water in the lake is standing water.

Terrance Cheung/Chief of Staff Office of Mayor Tom Butt: Terrance gives an update on what is going on in the City of Richmond. Economic is a big priority. There will be several surveys conducted on how to get new business to locate to the City of Richmond. The city will be focusing on environment and a sustainability plan. Minimum wages will be raised in Richmond, Currently Richmond has a very high minimum wage rate. The city will be beefing up its youth platform and social media.

PRESENTATIONS

David Solis and Joseph Villarrea/CCC Housing Authority: Reports that there is (15 million dollars) in the immediate needs budget. They only have access to (1.5 million dollars). The housing projects in NR are only 80% occupied. Candidates for housing on the County wait list do not want to move out into NR. The Las Deltas housing projects, out of (211 units, 109 are empty.

The housing authority is now turning to HUD for help in saving the projects. They are looking for ways of converting public housing into private housing. Another option is the Federal government program called RAD. Rental Assistance Demonstration. The object of this program would be for developers to convert the units into private housing.

If approved for RAD, forty-eight million dollars over the next thirty years could be made available for the Las Deltas Projects.

Dr, Henry Clark/Presentation to the Mc Kelvy Family: A presentation of appreciation was presented to the Mc Kelvy Family. This family is a founding family of the North Richmond community. Mr. Joe Mc Kelvy was in the recycling business, and he helped many youths in the community to earn money, by buying scrap metal from them. Mr. Eural Mc Kelvy was a well-known recreation leader for the City of Richmond Recreation Department. The recreation center on Harbor Way, at Nystrom School, is dedicated to him. Eural was also a famous basketball star of the local entertainment, traveling team the Harlem Clowns.

Sharla Sullivan/EBMUD to discuss drought and water supply: Ms. Sullivan starts that we are in the fourth year of the drought, it is a severe situation. There is a 20% conservation goal. There will be a 25% surcharge on your water bill, due to the water use of the Sacramento River. Water use restrictions have been put into place.

OTHER AGENCY PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/District Coordinator, Supervisor's John Gioia's Office: Mr. Rogers reports that home smoke detectors are available for North Richmond residents.

Cherene Sandedge/Project Developer, CHDC: Ms. Sandedge is the project developer for the Heritage Point Project. For that site they are looking at a potential WIC Store, retail and office spaces.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Mia Renauld/North Eastern University: Ms. Renauld is collecting oral history about the NR community. The purpose of this research is to understand how the Chevron Oil Refinery influences the daily life of Richmond residents. The aim of the study is to understand the impacts, positive and negative.

John Steere/CCC Water District/Public Works: Mr. Steere announces that a Green Project will be implemented in the community. There will be clean-ups going on in the community. Studies have determined that there is a great deal of trash and litter in the community. He will be working on this project closely with Supervisor's John Gioia's office.

PRESENTATIONS

Terrance Cheung and David Gray of Richmond Mayor Tom Butt's office discuss Richmond Promise Scholarship Program. Terrance and David presented to the MAC the Richmond Promise Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to build college for our children.

There will be two up-coming, Richmond Promise Scholarships Community Workshops. The workshops will focus on helping to craft the Richmond Promise to best serve the Richmond community and students. The needs of Richmond students and families will be discussed. Also how to prepare and support students to graduate from high school and pursue higher education.

Whitney Dotson/President Director, Ward 1, East Bay Regional Parks District:

Mr. Dotson states that access to the Bay Trail from this community is difficult. You have to go through several stop lights and onto the Richmond parkway, to access the trail. There is an over pass that is being proposed to be built at the entry gates of the trail.

Currently the issue at hand is to remove and make passage accessible at the current existing underpass. The underpass was built to allow access to the Bay Trail, but has not been useable since construction. There is flooding during the winter, and the water stands there and turns into silt during the dry seasons. Plus trash accumulates there, and undesirable people have been known to frequent and live in the vicinity.

The Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA have been out and accessed the problems of the underground passageway. In their findings both have agreed upon that this underground trail is just not going to work out.

Jobs are available thru the park district/Intern Junior Park Rangers. Work is being conducted at the Bruner Marsh, the restoration of the Wetland Habitat/Wild Life and Endangered species conservation is in progress.

JULY 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janie Shaheed/Please Hear My Pride and Brian Hill/Black Men Speak:

Ms. Shaheed offers her services to the North Richmond community. She has partnered up with a local organization entitled: Black Men Speak. They are a local organization that outreaches to Afro-Americans in the local communities. Their mission is to inform and enlighten the mental health community and the general public about issues concerning Afro-American males with mental health or substance abuse.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Eleanor Thompson/Social Progress Inc. Eleanor announces that she is still in the process of getting electrical outlets installed at the median located on Fred Jackson Way. She has been working on this project for five years. Robert Rogers/Supervisor John Gioia's office states that he is working on getting the electrical outlet problem resolved.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

David Solis/Contra Costa Housing Authority site director report on Las Deltas: David has been working with REACH Fellowship on the clean-up of overgrown yards at vacant housing sites. The project has been a great success.

The housing authority annual Public Housing Inspection has been completed. A historical record has been set for this year. In the past the Las Deltas Housing has scored low on this project. Previous years the scores were in the 50% range, this year they scored in the 70% range. The inspection was rated on the maintenance and care of resident services, curb appeal and overgrown vacant housing sites.

Hispanic residents of North Richmond were present at the meeting. They mainly had questions about trash being disposed of/on or around their property. All of their inquiries were referred to Carla Orozco/Community Service Coordinator and Ltd. Paul O'Mare/CCC Sheriff's Department.

Edwina Perez-Santiago/Director REACH Fellowship: The Bishop has taken on several interns for the summer. The young women are currently students at the University of CA/Berkeley. They will be spending the summer with REACH and will be learning about women's transition from jail back into society. They will also be focusing on education and employment.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Allison Mc Kee/Contra Costa County Public Library: Allison reports that the library is participating in the West County Reads Summer Program. They have some books to distribute to the community. The library is doing the summer Reading Program, at Las Deltas, Project Pride and Shield's and Reid. This year the County Summer Programs are entitled, Read to the Rhythm.

There is a new library manager at the San Pablo library. Allison will be working with the new manager. There will be up-coming meetings with Supervisor John Gioia, to see if they could move forward with the proposed library site for North Richmond.

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Bishop Edwina Santiago/REACH Fellowship: REACH Fellowship will be publishing a newsletter; It will be available to the North Richmond community. The newsletter will be available in the English and Spanish language.

SEPTEMBER 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Frazier/Project Director of the Northern California Breathmobile: Mary announces that the breathmobile will continue to service the Verde School and Project Pride sites. Mary introduced a new intern, Julie Satterfield. She will be working on the breathmobile van.

Linetta Cooper/Las Deltas Resident: Linetta has a complaint about the workers at the Las Deltas Housing Project. She has a parking problem, and there was some confusion as to where she should park her car. When she parked in her designated spot, children would vandalize and put dents in her vehicle. Upon parking in another spot, away from the children, her car was hit and damaged by another vehicle, as a result her car was beyond repair and totaled out by her insurance company.

Ms. Cooper had a stoppage problem in the bathroom of the unit that she resides in. She called housing maintenance and reported the problem. The call was put in at 8:00 a.m.; workers did not come out until 12:00 p.m. After coming out the workers did not resolve the problem. One worker came in the unit; the other worker stayed outside, and did not come in to perform his job. While talking to the workers, they talked real bad and disrespectful to Ms. Cooper.

Robert Rogers/Deputy Chief of Staff/Supervisor John Gioia's office will report this incident to the proper authorities.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CONTINUED

DISCUSS and MAKE RECOMMENDATION regarding NRMAC budgetary support for overtime work performed by Corrine Sain/director of Senior Multicultural Center: NRMAC Secretary stated that she has been secretary for almost ten years. She has received the same amount of pay year after year. She stated that no one has considered the fact that she may be entitled to a cost of living increase or a raise after ten years of service.

Board chairperson Don Gilmore stated that the NRMAC board will put together or draft a budget. Everything that was said at tonight's meeting will be taken into consideration and drafted into a two year budget.

It was motioned to draft a two year budget (for paying for), all that will be taken into consideration. The motion was seconded by LaShanda and approved by all board members present.

Oliver's Tow/Randy Wilcox, Discuss and make RECOMMENDATION regarding permit for tow yard operations at 2800 Radiant: Mr. Wilcox has applied for a tow permit with the county. The problem is that they were required by the county to re-model and re-due the facility, for various reasons.

All repairs and requirements that were asked of Mr. Wilcox by the county have been completed. Mr. Wilcox comes before the board for approval to have his business permit issued by the county and to continue to do business in the community.

A motion was made by Don Gilmore that the board support Mr. Wilcox, under one condition. The condition is that he practices the local hire program at his business establishment. Mr. Wilcox agreed to these conditions and he stated that presently he has only ten employees employed at the tow company. All applications for employment regarding Oliver's Tow Company should be directed to Supervisor John Gioia's office. The motion was second by board member Aaron and approved by all members of the board.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REORTS

Robert Rogers/District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Mr. Rogers reports that there will be a Town Hall Meeting on Senior Issues. Special guest will be Supervisor John Gioia, State Assemblyman Tony Thurmond, U. S. Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, September 14, 2015, at San Pablo Senior Center, 1943 Church Lane, 10:30 - 12 noon.

The Supervisor John Gioia/25th Annual California Coastal Cleanup, Saturday September 19, 2015, at marina Bay-Richmond. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Meet at Shimada Friendship Park. The agenda for the NRMAC is now being provided in Spanish.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

CeCe Sellgreen/Stormwater Manager County Watershed Program/Regarding County Watershed Cleaning & Greening Program: A reminder to community based organizations to put in their applications for the trash cleaning project.

Bishop Santiago/REACH Fellowship: Bishop thanks Annie King, Corrine Sain, the members of Davis Chapel Church and everyone that came out and supported their first Transgender conference. The workshop was a great success.

Sequois Erasmus/CCC Health Department: Sequois participates in the Walk Children to School Program. Next Wednesday is International Walk to School Day. She encourages everyone to come out and participate on that day. Meet in front of Verde School at 8:30 a.m.

Elizabeth Mercado/California Charter Schools: Elizabeth comes to the meeting to announce that she will be making a presentation to the NRMAC next month. She works with the California Charter Schools.

Bob Bennaton/Community Gardening: Mr. Bennaton announces to the NRMAC that his organization focuses on soil quality issues. His organization would like to be a resource to this community. The organization is open to community based organizations, and is interested in hosting workshops in the community.

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS

Welcome new member of NRMAC, Andrea Bailey: Andrea will be filling the business seat on the NRMAC.

CEO Paul Levitan/Galaxy Deserts: Mr. Levitan announces to the NRMAC that his company is close to owning a piece of land in the North Richmond area. His company makes French inspired deserts and pastries. The company was founded in 1998. The long range plans is to establish a bakery at 155 Parr Blvd. After the company is in full operation, an approximate three hundred jobs will become available to the area. Mr. Leviatn shared a variety of pastries and deserts that were made by the company. This project will be in full force by 2018-19.

Daud Abdullah/Local Artist: Mr. Abdullah takes old city trash cans and put art work on them. He has produced numerous trash cans in Oakland. He would like to bring his work to the Richmond area. The art work is designed by local youths in the communities. The City of Richmond has been working with him. He is here to drum up support to work in our neighborhood. Board member LaShanda suggest that the NRMAC partner with him. Lloyd Madden of NHNR, suggest that Mr. Abdullah make contact with him, about the project.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: Robert announces the North Richmond Shoreline Festival to be held this Saturday, October 3, 2015, at the Point Pinole Regional Park. All this week is Food Week in the City of Richmond. The event is entitled FOOD DAY.org Richmond, California, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond CA.

Robert reports that supervisor John Gioia and colleges have had a victory. The County Health Plan has been opened up to all people, regardless of their immigration status.

Don Gilmore/Director Community Housing Development Corporation: Don announces that Legacy Court is still in the process of becoming a reality. This project consist of forty three units, this is part of the Filbert Street Property Development.

There will be a workshop next Saturday on Financial Wellness, 1555 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA.

Lloyd Madden/Director of NHNR/Mitigation Fee-funded: Mr. Madden announces the Willie Spears, North Richmond Community Clean Up Day/Free Disposal Drop Off. Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Mr. Madden announces that they did two clean-ups in September 2015. At the first clean-up site one hundred pounds of trash was picked up. On September 17, at another location and additional hundred pounds of trash was collected.

Tania Pulido/Urban Tilth: Urban Tilth Garden will be celebrating its 10th anniversary at the Richmond Crain Way Pavilion. The event is called a Barn-raiser; there will be on-going classes about gardening and the growing of produce. A fence has been put up at the Urban Tilth Farm Site, and the goats have been relocated to Chesley Street, in North Richmond.

Guadalupe Morales/City of Richmond-Love Your Block Program: Ms. Morales announces that the City of Richmond is starting its own tool lending library. A tool lending library works exactly like a regular library, except you can check out tools instead of books. They are looking for new and gently used tools to start stocking their inventory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie King/Board Member: Announces Community Development Anniversary Dinner, The date of the event is November 11, 2015.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Alexandra McCroskey/Marin Clean Energy/City of Richmond, nearby solar farm:

A project entitled the Solar One Project/At Chevron It is proposed to be the largest solar field in the Bay Area. The location is at a former (brown field) which consist of (60 acres).

MCE is a public power agency located here in Richmond. Solar Field/MCE and City of Richmond are partners on this project, and they are eager to see this (10 ½) acre solar project evolve. The Stein Company will be building the tracking panels.

This program is designed to give the people new renewable energy options. The project will take approximately a year to build. Three thousand plus homes could obtain power form this energy source.

There will be local hiring of jobs within the project. While constructing the project, there will be an estimated (80) construction jobs. The project is scheduled to start January, 2016.

Justine Blanchet of GRID, on solar Tech in North Richmond: Richmond homeowners can now qualify for a free solar system, funded by the City of Richmond and the State of California. The program require that you own and live in your Richmond/North Richmond home. Your income must meet the required limits.

The program installs solar for low income home owner. The program has a triple of helping for the family with energy cost. Three homes in the North Richmond area have benefited from the program.

Board member Andrea Bailey of Chevron highly endorses the program.

MRMAC chairperson Don Gilmore asked if ta family owned home has a damaged roof, and cannot afford to repair it, what are the consequences. The answer was unfortunately in that case, the home owner would not be able to have the solar panels installed.

Don went on to say that perhaps CHDC would/could be able to help with the repairing of roofs, for low income home owners. If GRID is open to this idea, CHDC would be happy to help out.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONTINUED

Mary Halle Civil engineer and Jon Surmnick/Contra Costa County, DISCUSS and make RECOMMENDATION regarding county Area of Benefit priorities; The potential projects for Updated List are the Richmond Parkway at Pittsburg Avenue northerly to the Richmond City limits, to add one additional NB lane. Market Avenue between Fred Jackson Way and AOB boundary to construct bicycle lane, and sidewalk improvements. Fred Jackson Way, between Grove Avenue and Brookside Drive, widen sidewalks and add bike lanes.

NRMAC Board Members/DISCUSS NRMAC budget passed on October 1, 2015: Board member Annie asks for an amendment to the budget, directing as to how Ms. Sain should get compensated for her time spent at the building during the hours of the NRMAC meetings.

Don Gilmore is open for recommendations: Annie motion to give Ms. Sain a stipend of \$75.00 a session and \$25.00 a session should go to NHNR for use of the facility.

The motion was voted upon, seconded and all was in favor of the amendment.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers/ District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia's Office: The annual Verde School Hoodie & Book Drive. Instead of toys, books will be provided to every student this year, courtesy of West County READS. They need to raise \$7,000 to cover 320 hoodies. All donations must be received by Friday December 12, 2015. There will be a party celebrating this occasion on November 9, 2015, Supervisor John Gioia's office.

Carla Orozco/Community Service Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla reports about the North Richmond Green Outreach. NR Green Banners are falling off the street light poles in North Richmond. She is looking into whether it is possible to remove the old one and replace them with new ones.

North Richmond Green Youth Twilight Basketball League Program is recruiting boys and girls ages 7-14. Players are expected to participate in ECO Workshops and Beautification Projects in North Richmond on a volunteer basis in exchange for sponsorship and free registration. The annual Willie Spears Clean-up Event, held on October was a great success. The North Richmond Green Team Project Community Program held an orientation session, organized at the Young Adult Empowerment Center on November 4, 2015. Six resident workers participated, and have been hired on a stipend basis to fill either the position of ECO Ambassador, ECO Cadet or ECO Captain.

There will be a training session led by Urban Tilth-to acquire skill sets associated with community garden development urban agriculture. An ECO workshop about Air Quality/Health & Illegal Dumping Prevention is scheduled for November 19, 2015.

NRMAC 2015 RE-CAP

PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS CONTINUED

Stan Hakes, Executive Director of Recyclemore, community welcome introduction: Mr. Hakes introduces an agency entitled (Recyclemore). A local government agency officially known as The West Contra Costa Integrated Management Authority/ (WCCIWMA).

It is a joint agency created by the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo, and Contra Costa County CA. They are charged with making sure the region is in compliance with CA State law "AB939", which mandates reducing the amount of material going to landfill by 50%.

Mr. Hakes would like to make sure that all post material of recyclables is taken out of the neighborhoods. He would like to show his face in the participating communities, and make his self-known.

Sal Vaca of RICHMOND WORKS on employment and training opportunities associated with solar field project: Mr. Vaca announces that Richmond Build is now recruiting for their upcoming training program. They are offering free construction and HAZMAT job training for Richmond and San Pablo residents. Participants have the opportunity to be trained and certified in the following positions: HAZ Whopper 40, OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR, Construction and more. Energy Sufficient Certificates will be issued. There are upcoming employment opportunities for the Solar One and the Chevron Modernization Projects. Classes start January 11, 2016.

Cynthia Jordan/Community Resident: There is a need for a four way stop sign at the intersection of York Street and Alamo Ave. Recently there was a tragic accident there, and have been tragic accidents over the years. Community residents have asked Cynthia to present this request to the NRMAC board.

Board member Annie stated that this issue was looked into years ago. There is an issue with one side of the street being County and the other City. Chairperson Don Gilmore asked about the traffic patterns in North Richmond. He also stated that there are several areas in North Richmond that are County and City. Don asked does that board need to recommend this issue to Supervisor John Gioia, to get a study of some type of a plan of action. This request will be looked into, and followed up.

OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Carla Orozco-Community Service Coordinator-Mitigation Fee-funded, NHNR: Carla announces that the North Richmond Green Newsletter is continuously being produced. A planning committee is being formed to help organize the 6th Annual North Richmond Green Festival, which is scheduled for April 2016, in light of Earth Day.

North Richmond Green Team Project held a prep work shop in the garden at the Family Service Center, about 20 twenty residents participated. Today five resident workers known as ECO Captains, ECO Cadets, or ECO Ambassadors lead a native planting project at the Neighborhood House of North Richmond Multicultural Senior and Family Services Center. Despite of the weather, the event was a success.

Rochelle Monk/City of Richmond-Love Your Block: Ms. Monk announces that the Love Your Block Program is focusing on the area of Chesley Avenue and Kelsey Streets.

December 15, 2015 is the deadline for the Love Your Block grant applications.

Annie King/NRMAC Historical Committee: Annie says that she has spoken to Lloyd Madden about being on the committee. There is several other North Richmond residents that she wants to participate on the committee. To name a few: Ms. Watson, Mr. Ellison, Joe Barrett, NRMAC members, Doug Harris, Robert Rogers, Jessie Slocum, Cynthia Jordan and Donald Hampton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is hosting a fair well party for Richmond Police Department Chief Chris Magnum. He is taking on a position at the Tucson Police Department. The party will be on December 22, 2015, at Hilltop Mechanics Bank.