

RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL
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RNCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Bea Roberson.
2. MSP approval of the Minutes from May 14, 2012.
3. Representatives from the following 17 neighborhoods introduced themselves and some gave reports: Carriage Hills North, Cortez/Stege, Country Club Vista, Fairmede/Hilltop, Hilltop Green, Iron Triangle, May Valley, North & East, Panhandle Annex, Parchester Village, Park Plaza, Pullman, Richmond Annex, Richmond Heights, Richmore Village and Metropolitan Square, Santa Fe and Shields/Reid.
4. Announcements from RNCC PIO: Goretha Johnson announced the Juneteenth Festival at Nicholl Park on June 16th, the 3rd annual Pow Wow at Nicholl Park on June 23rd, Richmond Main Street is starting their Music on the Main the end of June, and the city of Richmond is still looking for COR ambassadors.

5. City Department Heads/City Official Reports:

- Public Works: Yader Bermudez passed out their paving schedule for the next 2 weeks and Parks and Landscaping works schedule along with an update on Solano Playlot and the reconstruction of Burg Park starting in a couple of weeks. Public Works will start to re-lamp the city starting in the Iron Triangle.
- Engineering Services: Edric Kwan was not available but Patrick Phelan was there to talk about their new Twitter link. He passed out a flier with instructions for joining Twitter and showed some of the things they post on Twitter.
- City Manager/Community Coordinator: Rochelle Monk updated us on what she has been doing in her new position and what she is still doing from her old position. She is doing a lot of outreach for the Cities of Service program to expand it to what the citizens of Richmond want in their city.
- Mayor's office: Nicole Valentino reiterated what the PIO spoke about and added the 3rd of July fireworks and the first City Council meeting in July will be the 10th.
- Police Department: Chief Magnus did not attend so the police department's time went to the newly appointed Fire Marshall Captain Terry Harris.
- Fire Marshall: Captain Terry Harris has been with the Richmond Fire department for 25 years and a Captain for 15. His first goal as the Fire Marshall is educate everyone on what the Fire Marshall does. His three main responsibilities are fire, hazardous materials and panic. He wants to educate the citizens of Richmond and wants to attend as many NCs as he can. He is starting a new program to make every household in Richmond have 4 smoke detectors in their homes. As well as stopping household fire deaths. He will begin in the Iron Triangle, Pt Richmond, Santa Fe and other Southside neighborhoods to get smoke detectors in their homes.

- Code Enforcement Tim Higaes introduced his new Code Enforcement Supervisor Denee Evans and she spoke about what Richmond's Code Enforcement Department is doing and how far ahead of the rest of the country they are. Tim will be attending a "Reclaiming Vacant Properties" seminar in New Orleans. Code Enforcement has fliers that they can give you or they can blanket an area in your neighborhood that does not follow the ordinance against leaving your trash cans in plain sight on days other than trash pickup day.
- Environmental Manager: Lynne Scarpa talked about the National Night out contest that they will have again this year. Jennifer Ly passed out flash drives that were loaded with past handouts and information that can be used for National Night Out.
- Planning: Hector Lopez was the planner of the month and along with the planning projects under review hand out, he handed out a flier for the Richmond Housing Element Workshop to be held in City Council Chambers on Thursday June 28th from 6-8 pm.

6. Presentations: Naomi Williams and Nabila Sher from the West County Alcohol Policy Working Group talked to us on what they do, when they meet and that they are trying to get the City of Richmond to put an ordinance on the books that would make it illegal for any business to sell single containers that are taken from the manufacturer's packaging. They will keep us updated on how this is progressing. We also had a presentation from the Point Molate Community Advisory Committee subcommittee that does outreach. They are going to all the neighborhood councils to ask for the community's input in what they would like to see in Pt Molate. They will give tours to groups of 10 or more and would like to hear people, who after touring the area to speak at City Council and give City Council your ideas. They meet the third Monday of the month in the City Council basement.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment: 9:16 pm

Thank you to Shields/Reid Neighborhood and Parchester Village Neighborhood to tonight's refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Recording Secretary