

Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council

Founded 1974 PO Box 5436, Richmond, California 94805* *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* *

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 14th 2019

LOCATION: Annex Senior Center, 5801 Huntington @ Santa Clara

NEW STARTING TIME: 7:30 PM SHARP TO 9:00PM

(Length of time per agenda item is only approximate; more time allotted if necessary.)

1. **Call to Order:** Mary Selva, President presiding. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Finance Report:** Tom Hoffman, Treasurer; Finance Report given quarterly.
3. **Special Guest** West Contra County Adult School Principal Mr. Jeffrey Carr 20 min
4. **Beat Officer Report:** Crime Stats for the last 3 Months 2019: 20 min
the Beat Officer will be at our meeting to address crime in our neighborhood
Remember: Do your part and continue to keep a hawk eye out for any suspicious activity in your neighborhood and be sure to keep a log (dates & times, make, model, color, and license plate number of vehicle/s; description of person/s involved—i.e. gender, race, age range, build, hair color, detailed description of clothes they were wearing), and report it to the Police Dept. at (510) 233-1214. The Beat Officers for Richmond Annex are Sgt. Kris Tong, (510) 965-4916, email Ktong@richmondpd.net and Ofc. Brad Marweg, 621-1212, Ext. 4959, email Bmarweg@richmondpd.net. If you're interested in starting a neighborhood crime watch on your block or getting signs, warning criminals that "*Neighbors are Watching Out for Each Other*," contact the City's Crime Prevention Coordinator at (510) 620-6538.
5. In brief--- Reports; projects & committee updates: 5 min. ea.
 - a. **Streets/Traffic Committee Update:**

We are encouraging you to serve on the Special Subcommittee for the Carlson Corridor Improvement Project - Phase II. In brief, below are some of the items that we would like to complete. This is a collaborative neighborhood effort. To participate, call 510-375-7769 or email richmondannexc@gmail.com.

 - Huntington Signal Timing Adjustment
 - Reprogram Radar Speed Activated Signs
 - Painting high-visibility crosswalks
 - Installing State Law Yield to Pedestrians Within Crosswalks signage
 - Improving visibility of oncoming traffic, by replacing plants in median to limit maximum growth to 2 feet and installing commercial grade weed blocking fabric
 - Installing another 4-way signal light to break up the momentum and slow (calm) speeding traffic
 - Seek funding for Safe Routes to Schools Program
 - Installing light-activated crosswalks at key intersections
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 - **Phase I, completed 4-years ago**, included lowering of elevated crown by 2 to 4 feet, lowering of all PG&E and EBMUD pipelines, regrading, installation of new concrete curbs, gutters and driveways, installation of ADA curb ramps on all corners, new pavement, new bike lanes to line up with El Cerrito's bike lanes, electronic speed advisory signs, installation of irrigated landscaping in new center medians, reduction of speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.
 - b. **Planning/Zoning Committee Update: TBA.**
6. **Community Engagement:** There are many ways to participate in your community. Involvement in the Neighborhood Council is fun and easy. If you live within the Richmond Annex area, we invite you to participate by simply showing up at the meetings or by volunteering on a committee. Please see committee list under the RANC membership application below.
7. **Good of the Order:**

**Minutes of the Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council General Meeting
Thursday, August 22nd , 2019**

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00p.m. Mary Selva, President Presiding.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Finance Report:
4. Beat Officer Report: RPD converting to a new program called Mark 43.

5. At Our August Meeting had a Special Guest Richmond Police Captain Simmons, He spoke and gave us a update on the neighborhood crime and answered several questions regarding thefts and traffic issues.

6. Planning/ Zoning Committee Update: S.59th St 2-lot subdivision, split an existing parcel into two lots.
5620 Central Ave design review permit for a 46 units on a parcel.

7. Streets/Traffic Committee Update: We talked about Speeding on Carlson and Accidents due to limited site from overgrown weeds in the Carlson BLVD Landscape Median, Traffic backups on San Luis St. from Commuters by passing the I-80 Carlson BLVD westbound onramp metering Lights .

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Dear Richmond Annex Neighbor,



If you haven't renewed your membership, you will find an asterisk * next to your name on the mailing label of your RANC mailer. **Please take a moment to send us a check for the *incredibly reasonable dues listed below*.** The money is used for flyers on important issues or public hearings, letters, other necessary copying, mural touch ups and now for printing our newsletter and postage.

The Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council is a non-partisan, wholly volunteer group dating from postwar 1940s. Founded under its present name in 1974, the Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council (RANC) represents a long proven example of what the Neighborhood Council is intended and best able to accomplish. We are a founding member of the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC), an umbrella group of all neighborhood councils throughout Richmond, under the wing of the City. Meeting monthly for now 50 years the RANC has maintained active involvement in development, crime, traffic, schools, parks, environmental problems, and shoreline issues for the Greater Richmond Annex area. Some people operate businesses in the Greater Richmond Annex area that have long been supportive members. Our long success has resulted from the trust and good faith of neighbors able to place community beyond purely personal agendas. It is a record we share with pride

Your membership is encouraged. Our Council depends upon its members to participate, help their neighbors, and community as a whole.

Annual membership dues are due each spring: \$7 per household, \$5 for seniors, and \$10 for businesses. Please return completed application below for renewal or new membership. You will receive the RANC mailer with the meeting agenda, minutes of prior meeting, and other information concerning the Greater Richmond Annex area and our City. Below, you may also add your name to our RANC Email List to receive information about important updates or events. Your private information WILL NOT BE SHARED OR USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Our general meetings are held quarterly, on the 4th Thursday of the month, at the Richmond Annex Senior Center (the old firehouse), 5801 Huntington Avenue, corner of Santa Clara St. We have regular committee meetings every month. For further information, please contact us at 510-375-7769 or email us at richmondannexc@gmail.com. If you're interested in Emergency Preparedness, please email annxcert@gmail.com.

Note: An asterisk * on your mailing label means it's time to renew your annual membership. Please remit dues, along with completed membership application below. Thank you

RANC Membership Application

Please complete form and send it with your annual membership dues, \$7 per household, \$5 for seniors, and \$10 for businesses to: **Tom Hoffman, Treasurer, Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council or RANC, P.O. Box 5436, Richmond, CA 94805.** Make checks payable to RANC or Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council. Do not send cash.

Name _____ Phone # _____ Fax # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address (if you have one) _____ Date _____ Amount _____

New Membership **Renewal** *** Willing to do Volunteer Work**

* If you are interested in joining any one of the RANC committees, please ✓ check one of the boxes below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Shoreline | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairmont School | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Streets/Traffic; Carlson | <input type="checkbox"/> Stauffer/Zeneca Cleanup Advisory Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Annex History | <input type="checkbox"/> I-80 Sound wall Landscape Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alvarado School | <input type="checkbox"/> Annex Block Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Wagon |

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Important Meeting Date: Thurs. November 14th 2019

- > Special Guest Mr. Jeffrey Carr Adult School
- > Planning and Zoning
- Streets and Traffic

Do Your Part: Move Your Vehicles on Annex Street Sweeping Days 4th Thurs. odd address #s ; 4th Fri. even address #s, 8am-11am

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WE THE ANNEX

Working together nearly 60 years, local residents have built and nurtured the stable, uncrowded, family-oriented character of the Greater Richmond Annex.

We enjoy the traditional low-density neighborhoods, public access shoreline, and healthy environment rare in urban areas today. **THIS IS NO ACCIDENT!**

Since the 1940's, Annex residents and businesses have organized to preserve and enhance these special qualities, now increasingly threatened by economic and political pressures.

Good neighborhoods, as good families and sound businesses, succeed by working together for common benefit. Just as we don't expect others to pay our taxes or cast our vote, we can't expect others to bear our share of keeping the Annex the kind of neighborhood we want for our families.

If not already serving on one of our committees or special projects, please join your neighbors as an active voice in our shared Greater Richmond Annex neighborhood where . . .

TOGETHER, WE CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"

► Are You Ready For the Big One?

On 1-4-18, a 4.4 quake centered on the Hayward fault near the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley offered a warning of something much larger that could be coming. It was centered on about a 5-mile long section of the Hayward fault that in the past 10-years has produced 30 earthquakes of magnitude 3—4. So it is considered a hot spot along the fault.

The Great quake that occurred on the Hayward Fault on October 21, 1868. .

REACT/CERT – The goal of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is to empower our community to prepare and overcome the effects of any disaster that can disrupt our daily lives. Many members of the neighborhood team have taken the free CERT training that Richmond provides and we use that training as we prepare for a disaster when emergency services would not be readily available. For more information about the neighborhood team and how you can help out, please contact the Annex CERT team: annexcert@gmail.com. For example, we're looking for volunteers who would be willing to look around their area immediately following a disaster and let the CERT team know if there are disaster-related problems, such as people who need assistance, fires, or collapsed buildings. **List of Earthquake Supplies for 2 Weeks:**

Also:

List of Bank Account #s, Credit Card #s, Driver License #, prescriptions, copies of important papers (keep secure from theft); Pet supplies

Emergency Toilet—use a 5-gallon plastic bucket lined with plastic bags. Cover stool with scented cat litter.

Date these items: Water, Food, Batteries, and Medicine

Replace food & water once a year. Date to replace: _____

► Classes Offered at Richmond Annex Senior Center, 5801 Huntington Avenue; Age Requirement is 50+

The Richmond Annex Senior Center offers some great classes to start your new year. If you have always wanted to try **Line Dancing**, it is offered on Mondays at 10am and Fridays at 12pm. **Gentle Gym** is a great way to gently firm up and tone those muscles on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9am. **Zumba Gold** is a fun way to do cardio exercises on Thursdays at 12pm. **Qi-Gong** is a mind-body practice that improves one's mental, emotional and physical health by integrating postures, movement, breathing techniques on Wednesdays at 10am. **Drawing and Painting** is a great way to find creativity, practice your drawing and painting skills, try new techniques on Mondays at 1pm. If you want to learn to sew or do a little quilting, join the **Sewing Circle** on Tuesdays at 1pm and Thursdays at 9am. The **Gardening Project** creates opportunities for volunteers to contribute their time and expertise to grow nutritious foods, and quality time outdoors on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am. If you always wanted to learn how to speak **Spanish**, the classes are offered on Mondays and Fridays at 10am. Win free groceries at **Grocery Bingo** on 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:30pm. **Sing-A-Long** is offered on Fridays at 1:30pm. The lyrics are provided, including the accompaniment of several guitarists. It's never too late to learn how to play **Guitar**, for beginners on Mondays at 12pm. The Annex Senior Center has a produce truck that arrives at 10am on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. The produce is free to all seniors, including low income families. For more information, please contact the Richmond Annex Senior Center at 510-620-6812, Monday—Friday, 9am to 4pm. *We need sewing fabric, including denim fabric, and watercolor paint brushes. Please donate these items to the Richmond Annex Senior Center. Thank You!*

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