

## January N&E Monthly Meeting Notes

### North & East Neighborhood Council Meeting

January 25, 2017 7pm

Richmond Senior Center

17 members present

Jan Mignone(Pres) was ill and Jon Johnsen (V. Pres) chaired the meeting.

Beat Officer Ecker of the Richmond Police Dept. gave a report from Beat 7. Crime in the N&E was discussed including Prostitution on 23<sup>rd</sup> St, speed bumps, package thefts, property and auto thefts and lack RPD coverage in the large Beat 7. Officer Ecker reminded everyone to report what you see including recent breaking of windows possibly by youth with BB guns.

Richmond Police Chief Allwyn Brown was introduced and the main speaker. He spoke about crime decreased by 11%, decrease in burglary, and 24 homicides last year. There are about 182 officers with 10 new hires and 12 more needed. The main topic was the prostitution on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Many people spoke regarding how concerned they are and affect on community, area stores, children at Grant School, increase of crime in area, and decrease of property values. Presence of police in the area and arrests were emphasized to the Police Chief. The creased amount of prostitution in neighboring cities was discussed. Also Police Chief Brown talked about the Office of Professional Accountability as now part of the city.

Uche J. Uwahemu, JD represented Mister Phillips regarding Wilson School. It is very old and in need of a rebuild. The West Contra Costa School District has delayed the project indefinitely after canceling the Jan 9 date. A February 1 meeting was announced at DeJean School and attendance was encouraged.

An Annual North & East CERT fundraiser was announced. It is tickets for the April 15 Oakland A's vs. Houston Astros game. Tickets are \$45. Please contact Kelley Ramsey at (510)501-8170 to reserve your tickets by March 10. A portion of each ticket purchased goes back to our CERT to raise money for neighborhood emergency supplies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm and the next one is Feb 22.