

**North Richmond Waste & Recovery Mitigation Fee
Joint Expenditure Planning Committee**

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting
Friday, April 4, 2014
2:00pm-4:00pm

*Richmond City Hall – Council Chambers /
440 Civic Center Plaza / Richmond, CA 94801*

I. Members/Alternates in Attendance:

Dr. Henry Clark, chair – MRMAC Representative: Unincorporated area
Jovanka Beckles, **Vice Chair** – Richmond City Councilmember
Luz Gomez, Alternate Member – Contra Costa County Supervisor
Beverly Scott, Alternate Member – NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area
Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, Member – Richmond City Councilmember (arrived 4:07pm)

II. Members Absent:

Nathaniel Bates, Member – Richmond City Councilmember
Johnny White, Member - Incorporated Area Resident

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Henry Clark called the meeting to order at 2:17pm.

2. Public Comment on any item not on agenda

There was one speaker from Men and Women of Valor; she handed out a pamphlet covering the organization and its services.

3. APPROVE the Meeting Minutes

- a) *Motion was moved* by Luz Gomez to approve the May 31, 2013 Minutes.
Motion was seconded by Beverly Scott and unanimously approved (Mayor absent at this time).

- b) *The Committee will take a vote on the February 21, 2014 Minutes at the May 30, 2014 Meeting as Jovanka Beckles abstained since she did not attend the February 21, 2014 meeting. (1Abstain – 3 Ayes, No Mayor on Vote)*

4. Receive 2012/2013 Expenditure Plan:

County staff mentioned that Strategy 3 has been revised and that the adjustment is reflected in the report. No vote required, staff requested that the committee receive the change.

5. Provide Direction to Committee staff about proposed development of 2014-2015 expenditure Plan and Request for Proposal (RFP) process for Community- Based Projects Strategy Funding.

There were five (5) speakers that provided comments and updates regarding North Richmond activities, and requested additional funding to be allocated. Luz applauded the work of the organizations in North Richmond for the upkeep of the gardens.

There was discussion between Committee staff and Committee Members regarding the 2014-2015 Expenditure Plan Budget Allocation Scenarios 1, 2 and 3. Committee staff suggested that the Committee go with Scenario #2. On-going discussion continued between Committee Members regarding the budget. Luz Gomez and Beverley Scott both provided recommendations on how funding should be allocated. After further discussion by Committee Members, a final recommendation was made by the Committee similar to the recommendations made by both Luz and Beverley (see the funding recommendation table attached regarding the funding allocation details).

Luz then made a motion that CHDC manage the operations of community based projects and gardens for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. All Committee members were in favor that CHDC be selected to be the fiscal agent. Luz also stated that 20% of the funding would go to CHDC to manage the contracts.

Discussion regarding the Request for Proposal Funding began, with Luz recommending that the RFP include the following:

- (A) That approximately **\$93,000** in funding will be available to all nonprofits for One-Time Community Based Projects.
- (B) Approximately **\$40,000** will be available under the New Neighborhood Community Garden Projects Strategy to organizations that have been maintaining the gardens over the years and that the idea of this funding is to create on-going funding for existing gardens based on a per square foot, and that the funding is not for new gardens.

Luz then recommended that the following be included in the RFP:

- one time funds that have rolled over (cannot count on it every year);
- Select local residents to do the work;
- Fund for local resident activities, with no maintenance required;
- Fund five (5) projects up to 25K each for the One-Time Community Based Projects; and
- The County and City Staff prepare and release an RFP and recommend the organizations that may be eligible to receive the funding.

6. Receive Presentations about Mitigation Funded Strategies from the Community Services Coordinator and others.

There were six (6) speakers that provided general comments and updates regarding North Richmond activities.

7. Adjourn to next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned by Clark at 4:20pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, May 30, 2014.

