

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

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 23, 2011
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Multicultural Senior & Family Center
515 Silver Street
Richmond, CA 94801

Members/Alternates in Attendance:

Dr. Henry Clark, **Vice Chair** – NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area
Gayle McLaughlin, Member – City of Richmond Mayor
Jovanka Beckles, Member – Richmond City Councilmember
Joe Wallace, Member – NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area
Johnny White, Member – Incorporated Area Resident

Members Absent:

Nathaniel Bates, **Chair** – Richmond City Councilmember
John Gioia, Member – Contra Costa County Supervisor

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Henry Clark, acting as the Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment

Four (4) people addressed the Committee to make public comments. Comments pertained to status of one of the existing Community Based Projects being funded as well as allocation/use of future Community Based Project funding to address community blight issues.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2011

Motion to approve the March meeting minutes was made by Committee Member Joe Wallace and seconded by Committee Member Johnny White. ***Motion was passed unanimously.***

4. Receive Reports

The Committee received the following reports presented by Staff:

a. Summary of Actual Expenditures – 2010/2011 Expenditure Plan

Staff noted that the amount of funding already expended to implement each of the existing strategies is shown in the updated Expenditure Plan Budget Summary contained in the Committee's meeting packet.

Motion to rename the "Graffiti Abatement" strategy to "Tagging Abatement" in the next Expenditure Plan was made by Committee Member Gayle McLaughlin and seconded by Committee Member Henry Clark. ***Motion was passed unanimously.***

b. Tonnage & Revenue Update

Staff presented an updated report regarding the amount of Mitigation Fee funding collected to date.

c. Expenditure Plan Implementation Update – September 2011

Staff noted that details regarding each of the strategies currently being funded were contained in the written report provided in the Committee's meeting packet.

5. Nominate and elect Chairperson pursuant to the Committee Bylaws

Committee Member Gayle McLaughlin stated that Committee Member Nathaniel Bates has been serving as Committee Chair since the Committee was formed in 2006. She suggested that a new Chair be elected, noting that the Committee Bylaws envisioned that the Chair and Vice Chair would serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms. Motion to nominate and elect Committee Member Henry Clark as Chair and Committee Member Jovanka Beckles as Vice Chair was made by Committee Member Gayle McLaughlin and seconded by Committee Member Joe Wallace. ***Motion was passed unanimously.***

6. PROVIDE direction about the proposed development of the 2012/2013 Expenditure Plan (as recommended in the Staff Report)

Committee Member Gayle McLaughlin suggested that it may be appropriate to reduce the amount of funding allocated for County Code Enforcement in 2012, since the amount allocated currently assumed the County would handle cases throughout the NRMF Funding Area and now the City has started to handle the cases within the incorporated area.

Committee Member Joe Wallace questioned the need for funding part-time assistant for the Community Services Coordinator. Staff clarified that this was not the role of the Community Services Assistant and acknowledged this position title was somewhat misleading. He then suggested that less money be allocated for both the Community Services Coordinator and Community Services Assistant positions.

The Committee voted to provide Staff with the following direction related to the 2012/2013 Expenditure Plan (this is in addition to the name change for Graffiti strategy voted on during Agenda Item 4):

- ✓ Shift the amount of funding being allocated during the next Expenditure Plan cycle to switch the amount of funding split between the "Community Investment" and "Abatement & Enforcement" categories, such that 41% of strategy funding be allocated to "Abatement & Enforcement" category and 45% to "Community Investment".
- ✓ Provide an update about utilization of funding allocated for Surveillance Cameras (Strategy 10) and solicit suggestions about surveillance camera signage locations from the appropriate staff members represented on the City/County Abatement & Enforcement Working Group.

7. Receive Presentation(s) – Verbal update(s) about mitigation funded strategies from the Community Services Coordinator and others

Presentations were made by the following individuals related to activities being funded under several existing strategies:

- ✓ Carla Orozco, the Community Services Coordinator (Strategy 3), provided highlights about recent efforts being funded under Strategy 5 – North Richmond Green Outreach and Strategy 15 – North Richmond Green Community Services Programs.
- ✓ Doug Harris, Athletes United for Peace provided an update about the progress made with the North Richmond Digital Technology Academy which is one of the Community Based Projects being funded under Strategy 14.

8. ADJOURN to next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.