
North Richmond Waste & Recovery Mitigation Fee Joint Expenditure Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 12, 2015
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Richmond City Hall - Council Chambers | 440 Civic Center Plaza | Richmond, CA 94801

Members:

Dr. Henry Clark, **Chair** - NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area
Jovanka Beckles, **Vice Chair** - Richmond City Councilmember
Edwardo Martinez, Member - Richmond City Councilmember
John Gioia, Member - Contra Costa County Supervisor
Gayle McLaughlin, Member – Richmond City Councilmember
Beverly Scott, Member - NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area
VACANT SEAT – Richmond Incorporated Area Resident

Members Present:

Dr. Henry Clark, **Chair** - NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area
Jovanka Beckles, **Vice Chair** - Richmond City Councilmember
Edwardo Martinez, Member - Richmond City Councilmember
Beverly Scott, Member - NRMAC Representative: Unincorporated Area
Robert Rogers – Contra Costa County Supervisor (Alternate)
Nathaniel Bates – Richmond City Councilmember (Alternate)

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Committee Chair, Dr. Clark called the meeting to order at 2:09pm. Beckles arrived at 2:15.

2. Public Comment on any item not on the agenda (*not to exceed 3 minutes*)

There were no speaker cards for this item.

3. *APPROVE* the February 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
Bates moved to approve the minutes. Martinez seconded. Minutes approved unanimously (6 ayes).
4. *DISCUSS and REVIEW Resolution 2012/261 of the County Board of Supervisor's regarding the Triannual Review Process.*
Staff informed committee members of the triannual review process. This process evaluates committees to see if committees should be discontinued. Staff will not know until July 1, 2015 if the NRMFC is selected for review this year and that committee members may receive a phone call or communication asking questions pertaining to the committee and the work the committee is currently doing.
5. *RECEIVE update on Tonnage Revenue data.*
Staff informed committee of actual revenue from July, 2014 through March, 2015. Staff informed committee there is a monthly surplus of \$3,173.35. Dr. Clark asked clarifying questions about the projected revenue. Robert Rogers requested clarification about an annual surplus. Staff explain that based on monthly surplus, an annual surplus would be roughly \$36,000. Committee members were curious about why actual data was only till March. Staff informed committee that data for the 4th quarter (April '15-June '15) was unavailable at this time.

6. *DISCUSS* and *APPROVE* the following elements of the 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan (EP) and include as part of the 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan to be recommended for adoption by the Richmond City Council and County Board of Supervisors:

- a. Funding allocations for Strategies 1-8, 10 and 11 of the EP;

Staff provided an overview of the possible funding allocation scenarios. Staff restated that dollar amounts for strategies 9 and 12 were already established and the same nonprofits would receive funding into the 2015/2016 fiscal year based on decisions made by the committee in the February 2015 meeting. Staff also informed committee members the contingency line item is much higher than previous years and will act as a safety net incase the budget decreases from projected amounts. Bates asked about the unobligated funds. Staff explained this was funding not spend in previous fiscal years that has been rolled over into the 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan. Committee members asked staff to explain each scenario. Staff informed committee scenario 1 is the current budget for this year and that scenario 2 included this year's funding with a 5% increase to each strategy.

Dr. Clark asked about the status of the surveillance cameras. Staff informed the committee that cameras are operational and currently being placed in locations decided by the Sheriff's office.

Staff informed committee they can move forward with either scenario or create changes of their own. Rogers opened the discussion for public comment, but no comments were made. Martinez asked what staff's recommendation was. Staff informed committee it is their decision and that they can make modification where they see fit. Beckles moved to approve the scenario 2 budget. Bates seconded Beckles motion. Rogers was surprised there was no public comment and expressed his agreement of scenario 2. Dr. Clark stated a motion was on the floor. The motion was passed unanimously (6 ayes).

- b. Funding allocations for selected non-profits within Strategies 9 and 12 of the EP, including advancement payment; and

Martinez asked why funding for the current nonprofits was not divided evenly. Staff informed committee members that currently awarded projects asked for less than their fair share of the total dollar amount. Staff explained that if the committee provides direction, staff will divide the money equally for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Dr. Clark clarified the reason that we decided to fund the garden project wasn't because they had difficulty with the process, rather we wanted to give them enough time to roll out their projects since the 2014/2015 Expenditure Plan release was delayed. Rogers expressed he would like the flexibility to choose which nonprofits they fund in June 2016. Staff agreed and said they would provide the committee members information on the RFP in February of 2016 so committee members could decide which organizations to fund for 2016/2017.

- c. All remaining elements of the 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan.

No other elements were discussed.

7. *PROVIDE* direction to staff for the release of a "Funding Request Proposal & Application Guidelines" for Community Based Projects (Strategy 9) and/or Neighborhood Garden Projects (Strategy 12) for future funding proposals to be considered in the next 2016/2017 Expenditure Plan.

Staff informed committee that a Request For Proposal (RFP) could be released to invite new nonprofits to apply for 2016/2017 funding. Staff explained that February 2016, committee members would decide which organizations to fund for the 2016/2017 Expenditure Plan. Staff asked if committee members wanted the RFP to include Strategy 12 (Community Garden Projects). Martinez asked if other garden projects would want to apply for funds. Dr. Clark clarified that this is funding for the 2016/2017 Expenditure Plan. Scott expressed she didn't want to fund organizations strictly for garden maintenance. Rogers proposed an RFP be released annually instead of biannually. Staff explained that funding organizations over a two year period helps projects evolve and give nonprofits time to learn how to manage grant monies. Rogers

showed concern being locked into contracts with the current projects for three years. Staff explained it is a two year cycle and that including Strategy 12 in the RFP would allow committee staff the flexibility to choose to fund new garden projects if desired. Scott stressed that the Request For Proposal be open to all nonprofits and an application workshop take place to teach new nonprofits how to submit an RFP. Staff informed committee that they treat all nonprofits equally when scoring proposals. Committee members were asked if they want staff to release an RFP and if so, would they want an RFP to include both Community Based Projects and Community Garden Projects or only Community Based Project. Beckles moved for staff to release an RFP for both Community Based Projects and Community Garden Projects. Robert Rogers seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. (6 ayes)

8. *Receive Presentation(s)* – Verbal update(s) about mitigation funded strategies from the Community Services Coordinator and others, including currently funded non-profits.

Nonprofits representatives verbally provided updates on their projects, their successes, and the work they have been doing in the North Richmond area.

Carla spoke on behalf of the North Richmond Green Campaign. She informed committee members of the work the Green Outreach Project has been doing to combat illegal dumping in North Richmond. She stated there is more community participation in the North Richmond Green Meetings and that clean up events were very successful this fiscal year.

Urban Tilth representatives provided updates on the produce they have grown and supplied to members of the community. They provided pictures of the garden and described how the plants are thriving.

Reach fellowship representatives spoke on both their garden and cleanup crews. They informed the committee about how they are hiring North Richmond residents and the success they have had cleaning up North Richmond.

Trupp provided an update about the development of their community garden. The lot has been cleared and they are starting to build garden beds.

McGlothen Temple representatives explained how they are reaching out to the kids at the school and how their grades and attitudes are improving.

Davis Chapel provided updates about their garden, their accomplishments to date and issues about relocating to a new lot. They have recruited youth and veterans to provide help with the garden. They have planted vegetables in the garden and plan to donate the food to community members.

SIT representatives explained their success with the kids and how they youth are learning about illegal dumping and how to prevent it.

Committee members, staff and public expressed their gratitude to all the nonprofits and the work they have done in the community. Scott mentioned not all individuals that attend cleanups are accepted. Carla suggested we extend the time and make the whole process more efficient. Bates voiced concerns about the cleanup within the city limits and wanted to include in the next meeting discussion about reintroducing the twilight youth basketball league. Rogers appreciated all the work and has seen the improvement in the neighborhood.

9. *ADJOURN* to next regularly scheduled meeting – Friday, 19th 2016 (2pm – 4pm).

Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting, Martinez seconded. Dr. Clark ended the meeting at 3:58