April 16, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin
   Members of the City Council

From: Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee

SUBJECT: SUMMARY
   Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee
   Thursday, April 16, at 10:10 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates, Councilmembers Ritterman, and Councilmember Viramontes

Absent: None

Update regarding request for bus shelters from the Heritage Park residents

- Rich Davidson from Engineering Department stated that the AC Transit 2012 funding for bus shelters program starts and the cost for bus shelters ranges from $10,000-$14,000.
- Linda Young stated that there are 44 bus stops in Richmond that need bus shelters and to get funding for the shelters depends on the economic situation on the bus shelters.
- Councilmember Ritterman suggested that we serve the bus sites that are most used in senior areas.

OUTCOME:
Refer back to Staff to make actions on the item.

Discussion regarding requests from the residents of Mozart, Minuet, and Via Verde Avenues for street paving and crosswalks

- Fix streets with the most traffic and the engineering department are going to work with the public works department on the street pavement.
- The streets need more no parking zones, speed bumps, and better street lights.

OUTCOME:
Progress report in six months with Steven Tam and Rich Davidson.

Presentation from the Niroga Institute on the use of transformative life skills and violence prevention

- Councilmember Ritterman stated that the institution is working with schools and the RYSE Center.
- Referred to Office of Neighborhood Safety
OUTCOME:
No action will be taken.

*Update regarding the Southside Police Substation*

- Representative from the Police Department stated the pros and cons of both locations for the substation. The 3327 Cutting Blvd. location is a private owned building, the revenue cost is $542,000 and the cost for the fixtures and equipment is $864,946. The leasing cost is $4,800 per month for the 15 year term. The location is in the middle of the crime area and is closer to Cutting Blvd. The 3506 Cutting Blvd. location is the Fire Department training site and the cost for revenue is $629,000.000 and the cost for fixtures and equipment is $965,369.00 and it’s a no rent fee for this building. Near the high crime area and it’s in the same location as the helicopter landing.

- Representative from the Police Department stated that the 3327 Cutting Blvd. location is a better location to eye the two one way streets in that area. There are only three substations in the City of Richmond and the substations are in the Harbor way and Macdonald area, Hilltop area and the Cutting Blvd. area.

- Representative from the Police Department stated that the police department wants either location and the Police department can work with the fire department.

OUTCOME:
Staff to place it on the Council agenda for the action.

*Update regarding the City's 3rd of July Fireworks show*

- Recreation representative stated that there are two different locations where the fireworks show can take place. The locations are behind city hall and the other location is the parking lot in the Marina Bay.

- The show will take place in the parking lot behind City Hall

OUTCOME:
Staff to place it on the Council agenda for the action.

*Update on the feasibility of constructing a Sports Complex in the City of Richmond*

- Finance representative stated the project development cost and the various sites for the Sports Complex.

OUTCOME:
Come back in June with various sites chosen.
OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Six speakers- Corky Booze
Tracy Oliva
Mildred Davis
Artie Climos
Jackie Thompson
Naomi Williams

FUTURE ITEMS:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 a.m.