Richmond Workforce Investment Board Meeting
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Cassandra Youngblood, Interim RWIB Chairperson, called the Richmond Workforce Investment Board Meeting to order on Thursday August 14, 2014, at 11:51pm.

Roundtable Introductions

Minutes approved for April 10, 2014 meeting. Motioned by Barrie Hathaway, seconded by Len Turner, minutes approved unanimously.

Workforce Investment & Opportunity Act-Reauthorization
Sal Vaca, Director Employment and Training Department

President Barack Obama signed WIOA into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Congress passed the act by a wide bipartisan majority; it is the first legislative reform of the public workforce system in more than 15 years.

A negotiation will take place with the state in August 2014 to see if the RichmondWIB should be part of the state WIB or should stand alone. Scenarios, if the RichmondWIB goes with the state it will abide by their changes. Sal recommends for RichmondWIB to continue standing alone to take local control of the Richmond resident’s needs.

Overviews, Promotes Accountability and Transparency: Core programs must measure the effectiveness of services to employers for the first time. Pg. 7

Improves Services to employers and promotes work-Base Training: Employers are incentivized to meet their workforce needs and offer opportunities for workers to learn with increased reimbursement rates for on-the-job and customized training. Pg. 7

Enhances the Job Corps Program: WIOA increases the performance outcomes and quality of Job Corps Pg. 9.

Reinforces Connections with Registered Apprenticeship (RA): WIOA promotes the use of RA, a proven model that provides workers with career pathways and opportunities to earn while they learn. Pg. 9
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Workforce Investment Act Performance Standards-Proposed PY 2014-2015
Sal Vaca, Director, Employment and Training Department

Sal reviewed the proposed performance goals by local areas. The standards will be negotiated with Loren Shimane, from the state, at the end of the month. Richmond has been historically above in the common measures comparing to other cities. Pg. 11

Chevron Modernization Project-Community Health & Wellness Agreement
Sal Vaca, Director, Employment and Training Department

Chevron Modernization Project has been approved by the City Council. Breaking ground scheduled for 1st or 2nd quarter of next year.

Chevron Funding Amounts, $ 80, 000, 000 with an addition of $10, 000.00. Guaranteed Payments: Following approval of the Project and execution of this Agreement, Chevron shall pay to the City $90,000,000 over 10 years.

Sal Vaca briefly talked and explained each category below:

- Pg. 20 3-B Scholarship Program Total Expenditure: $35, 000,000.
- Pg. 21 3-C Programs relating to Skills, Job Training and Readiness, and Job Transition Training. Total Expenditure: $6,000,000
- Pg. 22 3-D. Public Safety Programs. Total Expenditure: $2,000,000.
- Pg. 22 3-E. Free Internet Access. Total Expenditure: $1, 000,000
- Pg. 22 3-F. Competitive Grant Program. Total Expenditure: $6,000,000
- Pg. 25 G-(2) Climate Action Plan. Total Expenditure: $1, 000, 000
- Pg. 25 G-(3) Urban Forestry. Total Expenditure: $2, 000.00
- Pg. 26 G-(4) Transportation and Transit Programs. Total Expenditure: $2, 750.000
- Pg. 26 G-(5) Roof-top Solar, Energy Retrofit, City of Richmond Zoning Ordinance Update, and Additional Programs. Total Expenditure: $6, 250.000
- Pg. 26 4-A Modernization Project Local Content Agreement

The process and Guidelines are still to be developed.
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Program Updates

RichmondWORKS, Sal Vaca - in absence of Rosemary Viramontes
Enterprise Zone Report, RichmondWORKS has been selected to process and approve vouchers in other cities, by doing so it will provide revenue for RichmondWORKS.

RichmondBUILD, Fred Lucero
RichmondBUILD graduation is Friday, August 15, 2014 at RichmondBUILD III; a flyer was distributed at the meeting.

Six of the students from cohort 24 found employment. Five employers are scheduled to conduct information sessions and interviews at RichmondBUILD.

YouthWORKS, Jay Leonhardy
- Jay announced YouthWORKS was not awarded the YouthBUILD grant this year.
- Jay would like to thank Mayor and the City Council for preserving the funding for the After-School Academic Program.
- 100% of the seniors, 18, in the program graduated and received their High School Diplomas
- Summer Youth Employment Program: 233 youth placed in a job when the goal was 225

Announcements

Patrick Duffey – announced the 2nd Job Circle, hosted by Department of Rehabilitation, will occur on September 19th here at Employment and Training on the 2nd floor.

Jeffery Shoji – shared with the board that the Minimum Wage Ordinance was approved by Council and will take effect on January 1, 2015 making the minimum wage in the City of Richmond $9.60 per hour. The minimum wage will increase every January after that. The goal is to have it be $13 per hour by 2018.

Cheryl Vaughn – Solar Richmond will is starting a Community Solar Installation Training beginning September 1st.

Next RWIB Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2014
RichmondWORKS, 330 25th Street
Richmond, CA 94804
2nd Floor Training Room
11:30 am - 1:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:09pm.
Attendees:
Alex Gomez
Angela Guzman
Barrie Hathaway
Brandy Khansouvong
Cassandra Youngblood
Charita Patterson
Cheryl Vaughn
Chudy Nnebe
Cindy Surgue
Fred Lucero
Ginny Kuhel
Itza Gonzalez
Jay Leonhardy
Jeffery Shoji
Jill Perry
Joe Serrano
Latressa Alford
Len Turner
Martha Gonzalez
Michael Parker
Patrick Duffey
Ruth Vasquez-Jones
Sal Vaca
Victor Rodriguez
Xavier Abrams