

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

July 14, 2021

The Richmond Economic Development Commission's monthly meeting convened at 11:30 AM on July 14, 2021, via Zoom webinar.

Call to Order 11:38 PM by Chair, Ayoka Nurse

1. **Roll Call:**

A quorum was present with commission members A. Anderson, R. Yazdi, B. Evans, D. Wear, G. Sewell-Murphy, K. James, O. Willis, J. Lee, T. Brown, L. Dandie

2. **Absent:**

A. Shields, A. Delgado, A. Nurse

3. **Staff:**

Thomas Omolo, Gabino Arredondo, Shasa Curl, and Justin Stovall

4. **Council Liaison:**

Demnlus Johnson III

5. **Guest:**

Denee Taylor, Sara Kirk, Judith Taylor, Alicia Gallo

6. **Minutes:**

1st – B. Evans, 2nd – A. Anderson, 8 for 1 abstain

7. **Presentation:**

Gotcha Bike Share Launch – Gave updates on the bike share program which first started with the Richmond Bike Share Capital Funding Agreement in 2018. Currently bike share hubs are being installed, with the goal of all planned hubs being usable by August 1st. Clipper cards will be integrated with the system. Locations for the bike share hubs were based on community outreach. The Bike Share hubs at Marina park and MLK Park experienced some vandalism with multiple bikes being destroyed or stolen. As a result the hub at MLK Park hub was removed. The phase 3 hubs that are currently being installed are Richmond BART – East, Richmond Village Apartments, Unity Park, Nevin Community Center, Nichol Park, Meeker Ave & Marina Pkwy, and Shields-Reid Park.

HR&A – Close to completing the second phase of their work which is the Business Investment and Attraction Strategy. The Business Investment and Attraction Strategy was developed with the following guiding principles, community driven, capacity building, equitable, and growth oriented. The draft plan was presented, and a follow up stakeholder meeting will be scheduled for September.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- Policy – No update
- Community Engagement (D. Wear) – No update
- Taste of Richmond – No update beyond discussing changing to a venue that has greater accessibility.

- Cannabis – A meeting is proposed for after 1st of September. Update will be provided by SCI Consulting Group.
- Sustainability: Businesses/Industrial Hemp & Expo/Assessment: A mission statement and goal for the subcommittee will be provided at the next EDC meeting.

9. **Report from City Council:**

10. **Staff Reports:**

Finance Department

Update on Measure U from Samantha Carr - The implementation date for Measure U was moved to January 1st, 2022. City Council approved the contract for a consultancy from Management Partners on June 22nd, 2021.

City Manager's Office

Community Benefits Policy – A Request for Qualifications was sent on July 6th to solicit the services of a consultant to develop a Community Benefits Policy.

Community Navigator Pilot Program Grant – CMO updated the commissioners that the City of Richmond completed and submitted the grant application for the Community Navigator Pilot Program.

Mayor's Office

Update on Commissioners – No update, there are still two commissioner vacancies.

11. **Public Comments/Announcements/Handouts Presentation:**

- Alicia Gallo announced the Grand Re-opening of the Richmond Transit center which is Friday July 16th from 4-6pm.
- A proposal was sent to Thomas Omolo to host a Black Business Fair which will be discussed further in the September meeting.
- Cordell left a comment for public record that his surprise project is coming along well.
- Commissioner Dandie provided an update on the Youth Works Program in which youth will be helping elders, veterans, and disabled individuals with maintaining and cleaning their yards towards the end of August. The Youth Works program allows people who aren't in school to get their High school diplomas or GEDs. The ages for the program are 16-24.
- Commissioner Anderson let the commission know that he was supporting pickle ball in the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The commissioner stated that holding pickle ball tournaments is a way to bring people in from around the Bay Area and show them the city.

12. **Next meeting:** 9/08/2021

13. **Adjournment:** 1:13 PM