



Richmond Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2019

Richmond Workforce Investment Board meeting

Vice Chair Xavier Abrams called the Richmond Workforce Development Board meeting to order on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

Roundtable welcomes and introductions

No past meeting minutes were reviewed.

Director's Report

Sal Vaca, Director, City of Richmond – Employment and Training Department

- City of Richmond's unemployment rate as of July 2019 is at 2.9%
- E&T FY 2019-2020 budget is \$8,067,228 million
- Employment and Training (E&T) is currently working on the YouthBUILD \$1.2 million dollar grant application
- AB1111 is \$500,000 dollar grant that will soon be released which E&T will also apply for

Presentation: PowerPlant Park

Richard Treiber, President, PowerPlant Park

Carl Meuser, Chief Scientist, PowerPlant Park

Larry Westland, General Manager, PowerPlant Park

PowerPlant Park at Richmond's North Shoreline is a planned cannabis agricultural community & campus.

PowerPlant Park is the first legal project of its kind in the State of California. The Park offers craft-growers and canna-investors the opportunity to immediately secure a legal address required to obtain a State cultivation license. A lease, (5-20 years) at PowerPlant Park eliminates the 2+year wait to acquire these municipal use permits & state licenses for cannabis use. The park will include:

- 824,888 sq. ft. campus
- Situated on 18.8 acres
- 44 mixed-light hybrid greenhouses
- 100% solar powered site, (carbon negative)
- 160,000 sq. ft. of canopy (available for lease)
- Nursery space for tenants genetics
- 44,000 sq. ft. state of the art processing and manufacturing center
- CO2 extraction lab
- Preroll assembly line
- Compliant packaging/labeling
- At-will testing lab
- Model greenhouse
- Sales center, tasting room, education center
- Retail/delivery



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- Town hall
- Bay trail direct access
- Full service restaurant

The 44,000 sq. ft. processing and manufacturing center will include the following amenities:

- Transport from Greenhouse
 - Plant Intake/Bar Coding
 - State Compliant Tracking-Seed-to-Sale
 - Drying/Curing Machine/Hand Trimming
 - Super-Critical CO2 Extraction Lab
 - Pre-Roll Assembly Line At Testing Lab, (for plant values, not State compliant)
 - Legal Canna-Kitchen Compliant Packaging/Labeling
 - Transport to Retail by Armored Vehicle
 - Retail Sales of Tenant medicine Thru Storefront/Delivery Service
 - Wholesale Sales thru Network of Ca. Dispensaries
 - Storage in Custom Humidors, (if required)
- The Park has committed to donate 5% of its revenue which may be up to \$4M a year to local nonprofits, NGO's, schools & faith communities.
 - PowerPlant Park has secured all of the financing to complete the buildout of Phase I-A. Thus far the company has raised \$2.4MM to obtain state & municipal approvals
 - Submission of 1st set of completed Site drawings to the City of Richmond in May, 2017. Completed 2nd and final submission to Planning Dept. & DRB in August 2018
 - City unanimously approved PowerPlant Park's Conditional Use Permit & full entitlements incl. DRB approval on 4-18-19
 - The company has hired its general contractor & will submit civil construction drawings to the building dept. on 5-25, break ground soon after with Phase I occupancy to begin 8-31-19
 - Our Nursery, Model Greenhouse & Solution Ctr. that will include a Sales Showroom, Tasting Room, Extraction Lab & Education Ctr. will open under temporary power in July, 2019

Phase 1A of the project will have about 48 jobs, some could earn up to \$27.50 hourly plus benefits, available and PowerPlant Park will be looking to work with RichmondWORKS to assist in filling these positions. In total, this project hopes to employ 400+ people and hire locally. The Park is also looking to hire ex-offenders (formerly incarcerated) with non-violent drug charges, low-level felonies and misdemeanors. There will be four types of employers at the Park:

1. Security, contractors, maintenance
2. Part-time growers
3. Individual greenhouse tenants
4. Delivery service



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PowerPlant Park will offer two types of training for some of these positions to obtain certifications. One of them will be offered online.

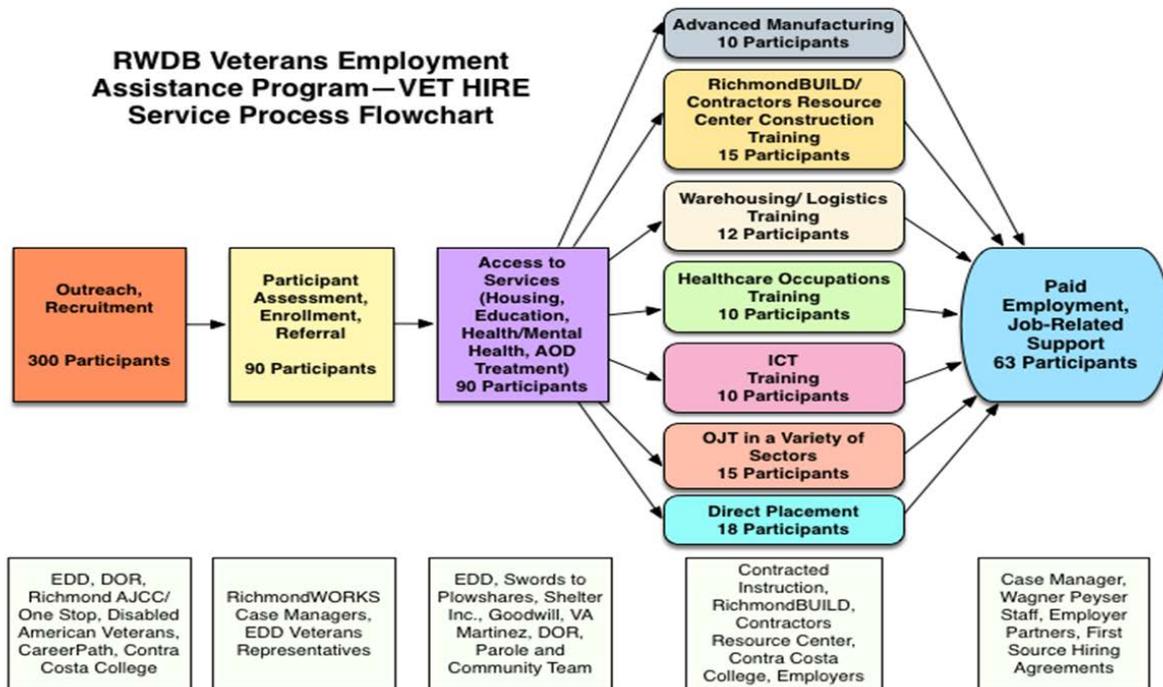
The Park will have a high security system in place which will include systems such as, heat signal tracking, movement tracking and armed security guards.

Program Updates

Rosemary Viramontes, Project Coordinator, RichmondWORKS

English Language Learner Grant: Employment and Training was awarded the English Language Learner (ELL) Co-Enrollment grant in the amount of \$300,000 to serve 90 Immigrants/Refugees. These services will include, but are not limited to: career/job coaching, navigation/referrals to ESL classes, immigration assistance and other needed assistance. There will also be an Accelerating Careers Through Essential Skill (ACES) workshop component to this program. The goal is to co-enroll 59 individuals into the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Workforce Development Activities and Adult Education and Literacy). The core funded partners are Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP), West Contra Costa Adult Education (WCCAE) and Weigh of Life. Other organizations that we will also be working with are County Human Service Agency, Lao Family Center, Multicultural Institute, Familias Unidas, Latina Center and Catholic Charities.

Veterans Employment Program, VET HIRE – \$488,635



Rosemary asked for the RWDB to please share the information and send referrals so we may assist them.



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Public Comment

None

Announcements

Uche Uwahemu – there is a workshop on State Board and Commissioner Services being held at the Berkeley Country Club today at 5:30pm all are invited to attend.

Next RWIB Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2019

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

RichmondWORKS

330 25th Street

2nd Floor Training Room

Richmond, CA 94804

Attendees:

Bouakhay Phongboupha, Charita Patterson, Dan Torres, Della Randolph, Fred Lucero, Itza Gonzalez, Jill Perry, John Troughton, Juliet Moeur, Kelly Schelin, Larry Westland, Len Turner, Mick Penn, Nancy Seto, Richard Johnson, Rosemary Viramontes, Sal Vaca, Sandra Escalante, Sarah Wally, Steve Bell, Uche Uwahemu, Xavier Abrams

– Meeting Adjournment at 1:04 p.m. –