



Richmond Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2019

Xavier Abrams, RWDB Vice-Chair, called the Richmond Workforce Development Board meeting (RWDB) to order on Friday, May 9th, 2019 at 11:47am.

Roundtable introductions

No meeting minutes reviewed

Director's Report

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

- President and Vice President of External Affairs for the Oakland Athletics visited RichmondBUILD and the Construction Resource Center
- City of Richmond's unemployment rate as of April 2019 is at 3.9%
- PY19-20 WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker Program Activities Allocations, combined grand total funding is \$806,805. There has been a steady downfall
- E&T Budget slides - #8 shows our \$7.2 million budget – not great but always changes throughout the year. Usually adds.

There was an acknowledgement of new Board member Ms. Della Randolph, approved by City Council on May 7th Council Meeting. Ms. Randolph is from the Department of Rehabilitation and will be filling the seat of the Department of Rehab left vacant by Patrick Duffey.

There was also an introduction of future RWDB member Geovanni Flores, Apprentice Coordinator for the Laborers' Training & Retraining Trust Fund for Northern California who will be replacing current member Antonio Castillo as he will be retiring in a couple of months.

Presentation: Economic Development Activity Update

Lina Velasco, Director, City of Richmond – Planning and Building Services

Lina Velasco has been with the COR for 14 years and became Director after Mr. Richard Mitchell retired in 2018.

Current, future and possible projects in the City of Richmond:

- Richmond WETA Ferry Terminal – started January 10, 2019 and popularity of this service has exceeded all expectations. Looking for a possibility to add weekend service.
- Richmond BART Garage Co-Biz/Food Hall – (type: retail) good attraction to downtown and the entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Artisan Cove (Phase 3) – (type: mixed-use of live/work and work units) Construction of Phase III (19 Live/work units) commenced on December 2017. Construction completion date is anticipated this month.



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- Chevron Modernization Project – (type: industrial) Construction started June 2016 and the anticipated completion of the project is anticipated for the end of 2019.
- Terraces at Nevin Avenue – (type: residential) Construction started January 2018 and completion is expected for late 2019/early 2020.
- NOMA Subdivision – (type: mixed use of live/work and work units) Construction commenced in January 2018. Models anticipated to be complete early 2019 and additional phases will depend on the pace of sales.
- Waterline Subdivision – (type: residential) Currently under Construction. The first building was expected to be finalized in February. Certificate of Occupancies issued for 5 units. Additional units expected to be finalized on a monthly basis. The entire subdivision was expected to be complete by end of 2019.
- Point Pinole Business Park Phase III – (type: industrial) Construction on Building 1 commenced in December 2017 and is complete. Building two will begin construction in Spring 2019. The estimated construction completion date for building 2 is mid-2020.
- The Lumber Baron – Harbour Way South, 32,000 sq. feet building
- 912 Harbour – (type: warehouse) 912 Harbour Way South, 182, 000 sq. feet warehouse building
- The Shops at Hilltop – (type: commercial) Only façade has received entitlements. Construction is anticipated to commence in the Summer of 2019.
- Miraflores: For Sale-Project – (type: residential) Entitlements were received June 19, 2018 and subdivision improvement drawings and building construction plans are in plan review. If all goes well, site preparation is anticipated to commence Spring 2019.
- PowerPlant Park – (type: manufacturing) Project has recently been approved. Expected to have 43 cultivation units, a processing facility, café and ancillary building.
- Latitude at Terminal 1 – (type: residential) Entitlements received February 14, 2018. Demolition work is anticipated to commence in the Spring 2019.
- Quarry Subdivision – (type: residential) Entitlements received on February 27, 2018. Construction is anticipated to commence in the Spring 2020.
- Cascades on Central – (type: residential) Under Review. The estimated construction start date is in early 2020.
- Marina Way Residential – (type: residential) Project application is under review.
- Parcel FM – (type: mixed-use of commercial and residential) ERN negotiations in progress. The City Council will consider the preliminary financial proposal in April/May. If all goes well, construction will be completed between 2022 to 2023.
- Home2Suites Hotel – (type: hotel) Application received February 2019 and currently under review.
- Residence Inn by Marriot – (type: hotel) Application received February 2019 and currently under review.



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- 12th and Macdonald Development – (type: mixed-use of commercial and residential) Disposition Development Agreement (DDA) with SAA|EVI for the site was executed on August 30, 2018. DDA using previous Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Application under review. Construction is anticipated to commence in the Spring of 2020.
- Metro Walk Phase II Development– (type: residential) Request for Qualifications and Proposal (RFQ/P) was awarded to SAA|EVI. Working on an assignment with the previous developer. If all goes well, construction will commence in 2021 and be completed between 2023 and 2024.
- Point Molate Redevelopment – Point Molate Vision accepted by City Council on October 23, 2018. Released Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking development proposals. 4 Responses to the RFP were received. City Council received presentations from RFP respondents.

Ms. Velasco asked that the Richmond Workforce Development Board to support the 2020 Census. “We lose funding when people aren’t counted, especially the underserved.”

Review and Approve: Memorandum of Understanding & Resource Sharing Agreement with RichmondWORKS (AJCC) and One Stop Partners

Charita Patterson, Administrative Analyst, RichmondWORKS

The One Stop Operator Service Provider application was completed by the RichmondWORKS administration. The application has been updated and revised, as well as, the policies and procedures according to the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. A state of CA monitor has reviewed and approved the application in December 2016. All partners have accepted and signed the final version of agreements which was sent out to the RWDB members for review prior to this meeting.

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding & Resource Sharing Agreement with RichmondWORKS (AJCC) and One Stop Partners was motioned for approval by board member Uche Uwahemu and seconded by board member Sarah Wally.

Board member Mike Parker would like to add, in the future, to the agreements verbiage requiring partners remain neutral during a union drives in their respective organizations/businesses.

Review and Approve: Richmond Workforce Development Board Recertification for PY2019-20 Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Charita Patterson, Administrative Analyst, RichmondWORKS

Approval of the Richmond Workforce Development Board Recertification for PY2019-20 Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was motioned for approval with one correction by board member Steve Bell and seconded by board member Ruben Lizardo.

Correction: Vice Chair Xavier Abrams’ term of service end date



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Presentation: Summer Training and Employment Program for Students (STEPS)

Rosemary Viramontes, Project Coordinator, RichmondWORKS

Boukhay Phongboupha, Senior Employment Specialist, YouthWORKS

A new Summer Training and Employment Program for Students (STEPS) grant awarded for 2019 to YouthWORKS in the amount of \$250,000 from the Employment Training Panel & Department of Rehabilitation. This grant is for the participation of 50 youth with disabilities to participate in Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). In this program the participants will have 180 hours available for work readiness training and work experience. Placements will begin on June 17th and will have the opportunity to work for 140 hours, summer through fall) at \$13 an hour. Some worksites/fields of work they will be placed at include animal shelters, the City of Richmond, child care, health care, technology, and urban/farming.

Announcements

Sal Vaca announced that Rosemary Viramontes is now a co-author of a book, *Destiny Talks*, available for sale on Amazon.

Public Comment

None

Next RWIB Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2019

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

330 25th Street

2nd Floor Training Room

Richmond, CA 94804

Attendees

Alicia Sibaja, Bouakhay Phongboupha, Charita Patterson, Cherese LeBlanc, Chuck Carpenter, Della Randolph, Geovanni Flores, Itza Gonzalez, Jack Welsh, Jaret Neetzal, Jeffrey Carr, Jill Perry, John Short, Juliet Moer, Karen Norwood, Kelly Schelin, Lina Velasco, Matt Holmes, Michael Parker, Nathan Tyler, Richard Johnson, Rosemary Viramontes, Ruben Lizardo, Sal Vaca, Sarah Wally, Sherman Dean, Steve Bell, Uche Uwahemu, Xavier Abrams

- Meeting adjourned at 1:07p.m. -