

City Manager's Weekly Report

This is the weekly report for the week ending August 7th, 2009.

1. **Meeting Notes**

There will be a Special Meeting of the City Council scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. **Please note the date and time.**

2. **Planning Commission Hears Comments on General Plan**

The draft of Richmond's updated General Plan was released for public review on Wednesday, July 15th. The Planning Commission heard comments from 23 speakers at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, August 6th. Based upon comments received during the hearing, wording in the plan will be modified to address issues raised by representatives of the Council of Industries, Virtual Development, and Citizens for East Shore Parks. Commissioners provided additional feedback and posed conceptual questions that will all be addressed prior to their next hearing, tentatively scheduled for October. The Commission is considering scheduling an additional hearing in September.

3. **Point Molate Destination Resort & Casino**

Public workshops are scheduled for Monday, August 10th and August 27th. Public comments will be taken on Wednesday, August 12th, and on Thursday, September 17th. These meetings and workshops will be held at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

4. **Recreation Highlights**

- **DPRC**: The Disabled Persons Recreation Center will conduct its annual Community Summer Camp from July 14th through August 14th, 2009. Attendees will participate in various activities and excursions.
- **Country Western Barbeque**: The Senior Center held a Country Western Barbeque on Saturday, July 25th, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Over 100 participants attended the festivities which included line dancing and several performances by Senior Center participants of the Wednesday evening's line dancing class.
- **Tennis Camp**: The twenty-five Tennis Camp participants attended the Bank of the West's Tennis Classic at Stanford University on Monday, July 27th, 2009.

- Fitness Centers: The Recreation Department has installed state-of-the-art Life Fitness equipment in the Fitness Center of the MLK, BTA, May Valley, Parchester, Shields-Reed Community Centers, and the Richmond Recreation Complex. The equipment is modern, self-instructed, circuit training machines which provide a complete body workout in 30 minutes.

5. **Public Works Highlights**

- Public Works completed parking lot delineations for the south parking lot across from the Main Library and the west parking lot next to the Art Center this week.
- Public Works also started dig outs of the Main Civic Center parking lot between 24th and 25th Streets on Barrett Avenue in preparation for next week's complete parking lot resurfacing. Public Works also completed the resurfacing of the Employment and Training's parking lot.
- Public Works completed the dorms renovation at Pt. Richmond Fire Station No. 61 and turned it over to the Richmond Fire Department for normal operations this week.
- The Parks Division will be hosting a ground braking ceremony next Friday, August 14th at 3:00 p.m. of the Skate Park at the Nicholl Park.
- Public Works is also coordinating the opening of the new east bound Hilltop Bridge with Caltrans and the Hilltop Mall Business Association scheduled for September 3rd, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

6. **Web Stats Fun Facts**

Richmond hosted the 4-day CivicPlus Regional Training in the new training center the first week of August. Other cities and counties attended including many Richmond employees.

Facebook and Twitter designs are almost complete! We've also asked CivicPlus to assist us with a "youth" button that will be noticeable and compelling to the youth of Richmond.