

December 10, 2009

**To:** Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin  
Members of the City Council

**From:** Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee

**SUBJECT:** SUMMARY  
Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee  
Thursday, December 10, at 10:09 a.m.

**Present:** Chair Bates and Councilmember Viramontes

**Absent:** Councilmembers Ritterman

***Discuss & Direct staff regarding lighting on the Nevin Plaza Walkway and the Macdonald Avenue underpass.***

- Vice President of the Board and Directors of the Metro Walkway stated that the lighting on the overpass by Macdonald and the lighting by the Nevin Plaza need more lights and would like new fixers that are energy efficient.
- Chair Bates stated that the Public Works department should talk to Todd Lewis on providing lighting and how the product can improve the street lighting.
- Councilmember Viramontes stated that one senior neighborhood has street lights on the right side of the street but, no lights on the left side of the street. Street lights are owned by both City of Richmond and PG&E. Another residential area only has lights on one side of the street and another residential area only has on the corner of the streets.
- Public Works Department stated that the solar fixtures can cause light pollution to the sky. Talk to Yader Bermudez about the street lighting situation and the project cost is under \$10,000.

**OUTCOME:**

Put this item on the 12/17 council meeting.

***WITHDREW FROM THE AGENDA AT STAFF'S REQUEST– Consider amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 11.86 - Bingo Games, Section 11.86.105 Number of games from twice a week to an unrestricted number of games in a week.***

***Updated regarding donation of cameras from Corky Booze.***

- Councilmember Bates stated that the complaint of the cameras and Mr. Booze is to donate six cameras to the Police Department. Police department needs to review the footage if the cameras need to be relocated. Requested a report of the system.
- Police Department stated that there are no cameras on 33<sup>rd</sup> street, 32<sup>nd</sup> street and Nevin Ave. If Mr. Booze has cameras on his property the police have nothing to

do with it. City system of camera can hold footage for three month and personal system can hold up for a couple of days. There are two different projects for the neighborhood to get involved in the camera project. The first project is for the neighborhood to come up with funds with the Police Department to figure out where they want the cameras to be located. Only the Police Department can access the footage. The second project if the camera equipment is donated and the Police Department is allowed to use it and the camera use will be time. Cost \$6,000-\$10,000 to relocate the cameras.

- Councilmember Viramontes stated that the Police Department needs to provide cameras on the Greenway path. The path is not visible anywhere and it provides access to people backyards. The Police Department is using retired officer's staff to look at the camera footage. Would like an overview of the homicide rate in the City of Richmond.
- Speaker Naomi Williams stated that the Greenway path needs two cameras one going East and one going West on the pathway.

**OUTCOME:**

Put this item on the next agenda for the January 2010 meeting.

**OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT**

One Speaker-Naomi Williams

**FUTURE ITEMS:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.