

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, November 14, 2006

The meeting of the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Maria T. Viramontes.

ROLL CALL

Present: Boardmembers Butt, Thurmond, Bates, Marquez, Griffin, Rogers, McLaughlin, and Vice Chairperson Viramontes. **Absent:** Chairperson Anderson.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Boardmember Bates, seconded by Boardmember Rogers, all items marked with an asterisk (* -) were approved by the unanimous vote of the Boardmembers.

A proposed contract with the Buxton Company in support of the retail attraction and expansion efforts in three commercial locations for a term of 14 months, and at a cost of \$70,000 and authorize a budget transfer of \$70,000 from Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) payments to Contractual Services was presented. Boardmember Butt stated that he would support the item. He stated that there are less expensive things that can be done to enhance the City, specifically cultural sites in the City of Richmond. Boardmember Butt stated that he does not understand why ideas to promote the City are not considered and stated that he does not agree to spending City funds to hire consultants to determine how to promote the City. Boardmember McLaughlin recommended Macdonald at I-80, area near Costco, and Hilltop also be included as sites. She also recommended that a survey of the residents in those areas be conducted to determine what they want in their areas. Boardmember Thurmond he would like for staff to come back to the Board with projected outcomes and goals for possible developments. Boardmember Rogers requested that staff submit a report to the Board, in 30 days, that includes a strategy for current businesses. A motion was made by Boardmember Marquez to approve the contract with the Buxton Company inclusive of the recommendations made by Boardmembers Thurmond and Rogers. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Thurmond and passed by the unanimous vote of the Members.

* - Approved the minutes of the meetings held on July 25, 2006; September 12, 2006; September 19, 2006; and October 17, 2006.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Clerk of the Richmond Community
Redevelopment Agency

(SEAL)

Chairperson