



Richmond Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2016

Xavier Abrams, RWIB Vice Chairperson, called the Richmond Workforce Investment Board Meeting to order on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Roundtable introductions

Minutes approved for June 09, 2016 Richmond Workforce Investment Board Meeting. Uche Uwahemu, made a motion to approve the June 09th meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Richard Johnson.

One correction: The date for the minutes being reviewed and approved should have reflected June 9, 2016 not October 8, 2015.

Presentation on the Development Activities in the City of Richmond

John Troughton, Vice President, Kennedy Wilson

Member John Troughton , from the Kennedy Wilson Brokerage Group, presented a presentation of the many companies bought or leased in the city of Richmond, CA. Some of those companies are companies like Whole Foods, UPS, Galaxy Desserts, among others. The companies are a big part of Richmond; they provide thousands of jobs for our Richmond residents.

Presentation on the Western Region Minority Supplier Development Council

Cecil Plummer, President & CEO, The Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council

WRMSDC supports growth and welfare for minority communities and minority owned business, in Northern California, Nevada, and Hawai'i.

WRMSDC provides minority businesses with access to:

- Buyers, bids and contracts
- Business events (expos, seminars, matchmakers)
- Education and trainings
- Nationally-recognized ethnic minority business certificate

WRMSDC offers Corporate Members access to:

- Certified minority suppliers in diverse industries
- Supplier referrals
- RFP & contract distribution outlets
- Business events & private VIP events
- Supplier Diversity program development



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Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update

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

Employment Development Department's current rate in Richmond, CA is 5.6%. This rate is one of the lowest rates of unemployment in the city of Richmond.

Amazon, currently signed lease in the city of Richmond, and is expected to hire Richmond residents with a rate starting at \$13-\$14 an hour.

Sal mentioned that the Certification of the Local Board letter will be updated to reflect what the California Workforce Development Board is requesting; once that is done we should know our outcome.

Summer Youth Employment Program Update

Jacquelyn Holley-Young, Senior Employment Specialist, YouthWORKS

On March 1st, applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program were launched online. YouthWORKS received 366 total applications and resulted with 166 placements. Our success contributes to our Funders including:

- City of Richmond/Chevron ECIA
- Chevron
- RichmondPAL
- Kaiser Permanente Foundation

Some of our Challenges are:

- Needed more time for outreach
- Transportation barriers
- New age limit
- Limited staff and funding

Next Steps:

- Worksite Coordinators are currently visiting assigned worksites
- Worksite Coordinators are currently developing participant, parents, and employers surveys
- Worksite Coordinators are reviewing worksite evaluations

Announcements

None



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Public Comment

Member Michael Parker made a comment to bring awareness that the new jobs from Amazon will create pressure on housing and prices.

Next RWIB Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2016

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

330 25th Street

2nd Floor Training Room

Richmond, CA 94804

Attendees

Adrienne Acquistapace, Candra Raynor, Cathryn Cornelius, Cecil Plummer, Charita Patterson, Chuck Carpenter, Cindy Surgue, Fred Lucero, Gabriel Garcia, Itza Gonzalez, Jacquelyn Holley-Young, Jane Fischberg, Jill Perry, Joe Serrano, John Short, Linda Knox, Martha Gonzalez, Michael Parker, Nathan Tyler, Per Lorentzen, Richard Johnson, Ryan Brown, Sal Vaca, Sandra Escalante, Xavier Abrams

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00p.m. -