



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending July 25th, 2014.



1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th, 2014, beginning with a Closed Session (convening in the Council Chambers) at 4:30 PM.

Several continued agenda items will then be heard at 5:30 PM at the Auditorium. The continued Public Hearing on the Chevron Refinery Modernization Project is scheduled to be heard at 6:30 PM and will not be heard before that time. The remaining agenda items will be heard after Chevron's hearing at the Auditorium.

2. City Council Consideration of the Chevron Refinery Modernization Project

On Tuesday, July 29th, at 6:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible in the Richmond Auditorium (403 Civic Center Plaza), the Richmond City Council will consider certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report and applications for a Conditional Use Permit and Design Review Permit for the Chevron Refinery Modernization Project, as well as any associated approvals or agreements needed to carry out the Project.

The Council will also deliberate on Chevron's appeal of the Planning Commission's action on the project concurrently with its review. Public testimony related to this item began on July 22nd and only speakers remaining on that speaker list will be called to address the Council on this item.

To access more detailed information, please visit the project website at www.chevronmodernization.com

3. Senior Mural Workshop Brings Community Together

On Saturday, July 12th an all-day "Art Builds Community Workshop" took place in the Richmond Public Library's Whittlesey Room. Youth and seniors with no prior art

experience came together to finish painting a mural that they have been working on for several weeks.

The project received an \$8,500 Neighborhood Public Art (NPA) mini-grant to teach the basics of mural-painting to seniors who had never painted before. Edythe Boone, the instructor (and a senior herself) is a celebrated Bay Area muralist. Among her most notable works is “MaestraPeace” on The Women’s Building in San Francisco.

For the grant, Ms. Boone collaborated with LifeLong Medical Care, filmmaker Mo Morris, and Senior Network & Activity Program (SNAP). Last year, the Richmond Housing Authority also helped fund the project resulting in a mural called, “From Catacombs to Color” which is currently on display in the Richmond Main Library.

Ms. Boone recently received the Senior Leadership Award from the University of California, Berkeley and is the subject of an upcoming documentary, *A New Color: Edythe Boone Paints Her Story* (further information available at www.anewcolordocumentary.com).

This year’s mural celebrates the idea that all people can come together to bring about change. Seniors developed the mural theme based on their own version of the song, “We Shall Overcome,” using images of a tree with seniors as the roots and the wider community and youth as the branches. The mural expresses feelings of hope, and emphasizes the important role of seniors in creating a brighter future for everyone.



Muralist Edythe Boone, center, demonstrates color blending technique



Seniors try out the techniques they have learned together

4. Planning Commission and Design Review Board Visit Oakland, Emeryville and Berkeley to Look at the in-fill Development

On Friday, July 18th, planning staff accompanied members of the Design Review Board and Planning Commission on a day long field trip to observe and evaluate successful high density in-fill, mixed use communities in Oakland, where the group observed residential projects in the Jack London Square, Preservation Park and Theater Districts; Emeryville, where the group looked at residential, retail and mixed use projects from San Pablo Avenue to Bay Street; and Berkeley, where the group walked around the 4th Street area and a rode up University Avenue to Shattuck Avenue to see the new Helios Energy Research laboratory. The tour returned to Richmond via Solano Avenue, in Berkeley/Albany (successful urban street lined by shops, restaurants, and services); the El Cerrito Plaza (successfully re-invented shopping mall).

Discussions focused on all aspects of development including sidewalk design, landscaping, street surface treatments, architecture and programming. This effort was intended to provide Board and Commission members with additional perspective that will assist them in evaluating development proposals that are in the early stages of entitlement.





5. City of Richmond Neighborhood Safety Director Interviewed on MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry Show

The ONS and its Peacemaker Fellowship was recently profiled for its innovative approach towards reducing firearm assaults and associated injury. The efforts of the ONS continue to attract positive attention and inform the field of violence intervention and interruption through the development and implementation of promising practices.

To view the interview, click on link below:

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/the-bold-way-one-city-is-trying-to-stop-crime-308689475941#>

6. City Manager Chronicles

I have listed below some of the topics for meetings that I have recently attended in the hope that it provides an idea of the varied issues with which our organization deals routinely.

Activities and meeting topics during the past week have included:

- Met with community members from the Santa Fe neighborhood to discuss a park renovation project;
- Attended the monthly budget status meeting with the Finance Director and staff;
- Met, together with Councilmember Tom Butt and Richmond Capital Projects Manager Chad Smalley, with Hercules Vice Mayor Sherry McCoy, Hercules City Manager David Biggs, and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee staff John Nemeth, to discuss funding for ferry service in West County;
- Attended the monthly West County Mayors' meeting;
- Met, together with Richmond staff members Richard Mitchell, Shasa Curl, Lina Velasco, and Hector Rojas, with staff from the Department of Toxic Substances Control to discuss soil remediation for the Zeneca site.

These meetings were in addition to attending the regular management staff meeting, agenda planning, reviewing staff reports to the City Council, doing department head "check-ins," having discussions on various personnel matters, and having short discussions with staff, community members, members of the press, etc.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the substance of these or any other topics.

7. Officer Bradley A., Moody Memorial Underpass Project

The Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project involves the construction of a roadway underpass on Marina Bay Parkway between Meeker Avenue and Regatta Boulevard, and is intended to resolve long-standing access limitations to the Marina Bay area caused by frequent train crossings. In early September 2013, Marina Bay Parkway was closed to traffic. This closure is planned to remain in place until early May 2015.

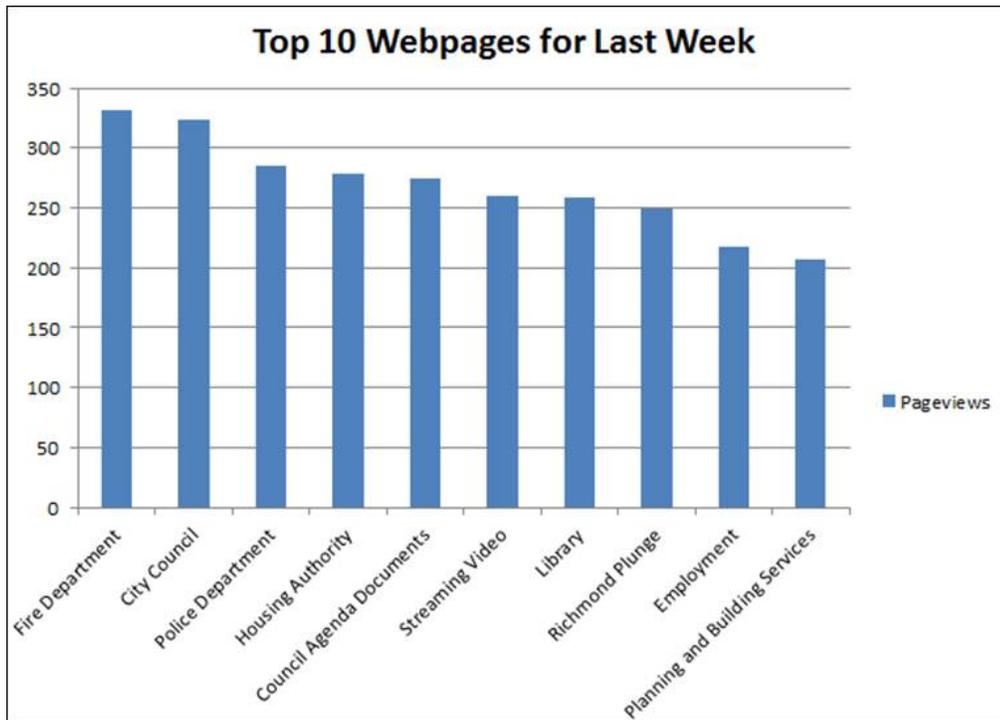
During the week of July 21st, crews continued installation of walers and permanent struts, completing approximately 50% of this operation. Additionally, the pump station floor was formed and reinforcing steel put in place, and storm drain excavation at Pierson Avenue (in front of PG&E) continued.

For the week of July 28th, waler and strut installation will continue, and the remaining temporary steel struts suspended above the roadway will be removed. This phase

of work is expected to continue for the next 2-3 weeks. Also, during the week of July 28th, the concrete floor of the pump station will be poured.

For additional information and to be added to the project update contact list, please see the project website at www.moodyup.com. You can also follow the project on twitter: @moodyunderpass, or contact the project's public outreach coordinator Jacqueline Majors at (925) 949-6196.

8. Information Technology (IT) Department Updates



KCRT

KCRT setup the City of Richmond Auditorium to broadcast Tuesday's City Council meeting. Over 4 and a half miles of cable were used in this setup.



KCRT Image of the week



City of Richmond Fire Department in Action

9. City of Richmond Blood Drive 2014

The American Red Cross is sponsoring City Blood Challenge 2014 on Thursday, August 14th from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium/Bermuda Room, 403 Civic Center Plaza (Nevin Avenue).

To schedule your appointment or for more information visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: RICHMOND or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.

We are looking forward to a successful drive on August 14th, and would like to schedule such an event every two or three months to create a routine and consistent site for the Richmond community and employees. The next Blood Drive is planned for November (date yet to be determined).

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10. Recreation Highlights

Aquatics

Missy Franklin, the highly decorated Olympian, and nationally and internationally renowned swimmer, visited the Plunge to be a part of an inspirational film. Missy complemented our lifeguards on the beauty of the pool and the mural. The large film crew complemented our staff on their helpfulness. They used an underwater camera-crane, which, according to film crew, is worth a million dollars. Overall, the shoot was a success and the producer and director of the project were thankful to the staff for their courtesy, assistance, and effort throughout the day.



Senior Activities

The Richmond Senior Center Waffle Breakfast last week was a success! Thank you to the 120+ city employees and community members who were in attendance and supported this event! There were many requests for doing the breakfast again soon and staff is planning on complying!

The Annex Senior Center has started its beginning Spanish class. Come join us on Mondays from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (the last Monday of each month 10:00 AM -11:00 AM), or if you'd like a little more of a challenge, the intermediate/advanced Spanish class is on Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

May Valley

May Valley Community Center is enjoying a fun packed summer camp! Last week the campers enjoyed arts and crafts, playground games, sports, Crab Cove, bowling, and healthy snacks! We are excited for the next weeks of camp!



Registration

Registration for after school programs has begun. Please call or visit the Registration office at 510-620-6793, 3230 Macdonald Avenue from 8:30 AM -5:00 PM Monday – Friday or register online at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us>

Tennis

The youth tennis program continues and participants are enjoying learning the game.



11. Public Works Updates

Facilities Maintenance Division: Carpenters installed a security cage over the air conditioner at the marine building, repaired the ceiling in the men's room of the Auditorium and fixed multiple doors at the Richmond Police Activities League building.

Painters continued to repair drywall and paint in the Main Library staff area, coated cabinets, and painted locations within the Nevin Community Center.

Stationary Engineers replaced duct connectors in the fan rooms of the Auditorium, repaired the furnace at the Disabled People's Recreation Center (DPRC), replaced the water heater at Fire Station #64, and changed the bearings and motor on the exhaust fan at Shields Reid Community Center.



Exhaust Fan Repair at Shields Reid

Utility workers checked conditions at the Richmond Auditorium, replaced light covers in 440 Civic Center Plaza, and maintained 29 City owned buildings.



Light Cover Replacement at 440 Civic Center Plaza

Electricians replaced the street light pole on Morwood Drive, installed a temporary traffic pole at Regatta Boulevard and Marina Bay Parkway, restored power to Point Molate and identified outages on Fred Jackson Way due to theft.



Pole Replacement Morwood Drive

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews trenched on the Greenway for the Harbour 8 Project improvements, weed abatement and general maintenance on Richmond Parkway, trimmed shrubs at LaMoine Park and the May Valley Community Center,

replaced an irrigation valve at Hilltop Green Park, and irrigation work was done at the Main Library, John F. Kennedy, Tiller, Rain Cloud, and Nicholl parks.



Trenching for Harbour 8 Project



Weed Abatement along Richmond Parkway

Crews trimmed trees along Roosevelt Avenue, 21st Street, South 23rd Street, Esmond Avenue, Sonoma Street, Garvin Avenue, South 52nd Street, and Bayview Avenue.

Streets Division: Staff ground and paved 26th Street from Grant to Barrett Avenues as well as worked from the outstanding pothole and sidewalk list.



Paving on 26th Street

Street sweeping performed commercial sweeping services for the third Monday and the fourth Tuesday through Friday in North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North Belding Woods, Metro Richmond Village, Pullman, Cortez/Stege, Park Plaza, Laurel Park, City Center, Parkview, Richmond Annex, Panhandle Annex, and Eastshore neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff installed 10 new signs and poles, repaired 23 signs and completed 62' of curb painting, and painted stall identifications for the National Park Service within the Civic Center Plaza parking lot.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.

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