

**North Richmond Waste & Recovery Mitigation Fee
Joint Expenditure Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 27, 2008
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Richmond City Hall Chambers
1401 Marina Way South
Richmond, CA 94804

Members in Attendance:

Richmond City Councilmember Nathaniel Bates, **Chair**
Incorporated Area Representative Lee Jones, **Vice Chair**
Richmond City Councilmember Maria Viramontes
Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia
Unincorporated Area Representative Dr. Henry Clark
Richmond City Councilmember Harpreet Sandhu
Unincorporated Area Representative Joe Wallace

Members Absent:

None

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Action - Review and Approve February 25, 2008 Meeting Notes/ Minutes

Minutes from the meeting were approved.

4. Action – Nominate and Elect Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson, pursuant to the Terms of Committee Bylaws

Staff presented the Staff Report to the Committee Members. Committee Member Gioia suggested re-election of the current Chairperson and Vice-chairperson for a second term of two-years.

The Committee unanimously approved re-election of the current Chair and Vice-Chair.

5. Action – Consider approving the 2008/2009 Second Amended Expenditure Plan

Staff presented the Staff Report to the Committee Members outlining changes proposed in the 2008/2009 Second Amended Expenditure Plan. Among the changes proposed were suggested funding increases to certain strategies in response to community feedback. To offset funding increases while still balancing the budget, staff recommended a reduction in funding for strategies that were being underutilized. Lastly, there were minor text changes made to some strategies for

the purpose of improving accuracy or providing clarification. Committee Member Gioia recommended an additional change to the budget, namely an increased allocation in the amount of \$60,000 for Strategy 13, "Increase Nighttime Patrols", to provide increased law enforcement presence during nighttime hours through 2009. The new recommended total allocation for Strategy 13 is \$100,000. Committee Member Viramontes suggested that this funding come from Strategy 17c, "North Richmond Greening Project", since none of the \$150,000 allocated had been spent to date and only a portion of the funds would likely be spent through 2009. Supervisor Gioia said he had a meeting with the Sheriff about the need for additional patrols in North Richmond at night. It is possible that the additional patrols could become the responsibility of a second Resident Deputy dedicated to North Richmond if adequate supplemental funding could be identified or secured to cover the remainder of the cost. Committee Member Jones voiced concern about additional mitigation funds being diverted to cover staff costs instead of using those funds for beautification efforts.

The Committee approved changes to the 2008/2009 Second Amended Expenditure Plan recommended by staff. All Committee members, except for Committee Member Jones, approved the reallocation of funds suggested by Committee Members Gioia and Viramontes.

6. Receive Staff Reports – Tonnage & Revenue Update and October Expenditure Plan Implementation Update

Staff presented the Tonnage and Revenue Update to the Committee Members. Staff also presented a revised Tonnage and Revenue Update that reflected a change in the October amount received. The change was from \$72,808.50 to \$52,472.13.

Staff presented the October Expenditure Plan Implementation Update to the Committee Members. Staff outlined each strategy and explained how it would be implemented during the 2008/2009 calendar year.

7. Receive Presentation(s) – Verbal updates from one or more mitigation funded staff

Deputy Monroe reported that he has issued approximately 200 citations since he began in April 2007; they have ranged from unsecured and uncovered loads to illegal dumping of trash. He also explained that there has been an increase in illegal waste transfer stations being established on property in North Richmond, in which hauling companies are taking predominantly construction & demolition waste they collect for processing. They are then sorting through the waste to remove recyclables and then illegally dumping the non-recyclable materials, which unfortunately rarely has any identifying information to indicate its origin or potentially responsible parties.

Deputy Monroe provided a summary of a recent felony case that all started thanks to a report from a local community member. This individual contacted the Deputy to report they witnessed staff from a construction hauling company that used their

truck to ram down a gate and then illegally dumped 7.1 cubic yards of construction debris (including some asbestos-containing waste) on private property belonging to AT&T on Brookside Drive. Deputy Monroe contacted the hauling company and responsible individual, who eventually admitted to the dumping. Deputy Monroe presented the case, which is considered a felony due to the hazardous nature of asbestos, to Deputy District Attorney Butts. The District Attorney's Office will file the case and the construction hauling company will be liable for the cost of the clean-up. Once the case is adjudicated properly, Deputy Monroe is hopeful that it will serve as a warning to similar establishments.

8. Set possible Agenda for Next meeting and Adjournment

Committee member Viramontes requested a staff report regarding the North Richmond Community Gardens Project. She requested that staff work with CHDC staff to identify potential garden locations (permanent and temporary). In addition, she requested that staff review the potential for securing grants for the community gardens project.

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.