

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

**Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, November 8, 2007

1:00 pm - 3:00 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 Harpreet Sandhu

Members Absent:

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia

Richmond City Councilmember Maria Viramontes

Unincorporated Area Representative Joe Wallace

Unincorporated Area Representative Dr. Henry Clark

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Luz Gomez, a district coordinator in Supervisor Gioia's office, sat in on the meeting in Supervisor Gioia's absence.

**2. Public Comment**

Deputy Felipe Monroe gave a status report. He discussed various successes since starting the position, such as issuing approximately 70 citations for various offenses and making a few arrests due to warrants. Deputy Monroe stated that he, along with Code Enforcement Officer Vincent Caballero and Environmental Health staff, have discovered 7-8 illegal transfer stations either operating and/or dumping within the Mitigation Area. Deputy Monroe also talked about the work he is doing to mitigate the illegal dumping that is happening around the Action Metal facility. He was successful in getting "No Parking" signs set up along the street by Action Metal. Vice Mayor Bates asked if search warrants could be issued for Action Metals and other local recycling centers that are potentially accepting stolen items. Deputy Monroe stated that he is looking into a law that may allow him to review the books of recycling establishments. Vice Mayor Bates requested that Deputy Monroe attend the City's next Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss possible solutions for dealing with the pilfering of copper and other recyclable materials.

Code Enforcement Officer Vincent Caballero and Community Services Coordinator Lola Ejiwunmi presented information regarding code enforcement issues within the Mitigation Area. Mr. Caballero stated that the 2008-2009 Expenditure Plan needs to include language that allows for the clean-up inside of abandoned properties.

**3. Review and Approve July 30, 2007 Meeting Notes/ Minutes**

Minutes could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

**4. Receive Staff Report -Projected Tonnage and Revenue for 2008 & 2009**

Staff presented tonnage and revenue projections for 2008 and stated that Republic Sanitary Service suggested that the 2008 projections be used for 2009. Any updated projections provided by Republic in the future will be presented to the Committee.

**5. Discussion – Allocation of additional funding for City/County staff costs related to staffing this Committee & Expenditure Plan development, implementation & oversight**

Staff presented proposed staffing cost recommendations, including an additional \$19,740 for 2006/2007 and \$100,000 for 2008/2009. Recommendations could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum, however there was a consensus by the Committee members in attendance to support staff's recommendations.

**6. Discussion – Provide direction regarding proposed process for 2008-2009 Expenditure Plan**

Staff presented the staff report and explained the direction needed from the Committee in order to move forward with the creation of the 2008-2009 Expenditure Plan. However, no action could be taken on any items due to the lack of a quorum.

**a. Identify desired funding split for 2008-2009 Expenditure Plan**

Vice Mayor Bates recommended that the 20%-60%-20% split be maintained. He stated that once graffiti and illegal dumping are under control then more funds could be allocated into other areas. Ms. Gomez asked for projected difference if 25% of funding were to be allocated to Community Investment due to the influx of new ideas/proposals that would fall within this category.

**b. Existing strategies which must be approved before close of 2007 to avoid gaps in service**

Although no action could be taken, staff reviewed the existing strategies that needed to be approved before the end of 2007 and stated that this action item would be brought back before the Committee at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**c. Existing strategies which can be approved in early 2008**

Committee member Jones asked if Mitigation funds were available to the Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council. Staff explained that the only portion of the Iron Triangle that could benefit from the Mitigation funds was Triangle Court. However, members of the neighborhood council could talk to staff to get information about implementing specific strategies. Councilmember Sandhu requested potential for allocating some funding to work with the railroads to get certain areas cleaned and fenced. Staff stated that this could potentially be achieved by expanding Expenditure Plan wording for Vacant Lot Fencing strategy to include railroad fencing. Based on a request by Councilmember

Sandhu, staff gave an update on status of Shields Reid and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Ballfield park improvements.

**d. New strategies proposed for consideration in early 2008**

Staff went over Table 2 – New Proposed Strategies in the staff report and gave additional background information on project proposals. Vice Mayor Bates requested that funding associated with proposals be included to help the Committee set priorities. Ms. Gomez asked for the approximate amount of funding that will be leftover from the 2006-2007 Expenditure Plan budget and suggested the Committee may want to consider use of any remaining funds for one-time projects in 2008-2009, which would mainly fall within the Community Investment area. Staff will attempt to get budget information from the organizations that submitted proposals and will present it at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Gomez suggested that staff and organizations that submitted proposals also be mindful of additional funding that may become available to support some aspects of the proposed projects in the Mitigation Area.

**7. Receive Staff Report - October Implementation Update for 2006-2007 Expenditure Plan**

Staff presented an update on the implementation of the Expenditure Plan. Vice Mayor Bates asked staff if most strategies will have money left over in them. Staff confirmed that would be the case and that an update will be provided to the Committee at the January/February 2008 meeting.

**8. Set Date and Possible Agenda for Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2007, from 9:00am-11:00am in Richmond City Council Chambers.