

City Manager's Weekly Report

This is the weekly report for the week ending January 22nd, 2010.

1. Meeting Notes

The next meeting of the Richmond City Council will be on Tuesday, January 26th beginning with a Closed Session at 5:00 PM and with the regular City Council agenda at 6:30 PM. The meeting agenda consists exclusively of presentations and study sessions.

2. Convening of Richmond Collaboratives

There are currently many collaborative efforts by the public and non-profit sectors that are underway to effectively serve the greater Richmond community. Several of these have existed for a number of years, and others were launched as recently as 2009. However, even though these efforts are being undertaken by numerous partners in each collaborative, the general awareness of this extensive work throughout the Richmond community is limited. Additionally, the scope and objectives of each collaborative effort may not be generally well understood. The lack of awareness and limited information sometimes leads to a lack of understanding and appreciation for the resources that are being invested and developed in the community. Occasionally, this can also result in confusion or even mistrust among the various organizations that are involved in these efforts.

Out of a conversation with Don Lau, Vice President of the YMCA of the East Bay, and a subsequent conversation involving Don, Joan Davis, President and CEO of the Richmond Children's Foundation, Terrance Cheung, Chief of Staff for Supervisor John Gioia, and myself, we concluded that it might be productive to convene a meeting among the various entities that are engaged in these collaborative efforts.

This meeting of Richmond collaboratives was held today (Friday, January 22nd) in the Richmond City Council Chambers attended by approximately 40 persons. The purpose of the meeting was to simply provide each collaborative with the opportunity to present their projects and share their experiences, key learning outcomes, and best practices. Those groups that made such presentations were:

- NURVE (Nystrom Unified Revitalization Effort)
- Building Blocks for Kids
- Healthy Richmond
- Richmond General Plan Community Health Element – Pilot Implementation Project

- Sparkpoint
- RYSE Center
- HEAL
- REDI (Richmond Equitable Development Initiative)
- Community Violence Solutions
- Youth Together
- CHDC

At the conclusion of the meeting, the consensus was that such a networking meeting was very beneficial and should be held on a quarterly basis.

3. **City Receives First Installment of Proposition 1A Funds**

On January 15th, the City received \$1.8 million, representing the first of two installment payments from the California Communities' Proposition 1A Securitization Program. As you may recall, as part of its budget-balancing efforts for the current fiscal year, the State of California borrowed 8% of property tax revenues from local governments. The City of Richmond, along with 1,270 other local agencies, participated in the California Communities' Proposition 1A Securitization Program, whereby the City would be repaid in full during this fiscal year. The second payment of \$1.8 million is scheduled for May 3, 2010.

4. **Public Works Storm Watch**

Due to this week's weather conditions, Public Works crews have been working on a 12 hours on/12 hours off schedule since last Monday at 12:00 midnight and will continue until today (Friday) at midnight. The Public Works crews have been very active mitigating flooding areas throughout the City.