

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, December 12, 2006

The Joint Meeting of the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency/ City Council was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by Chairperson/Mayor Irma L. Anderson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Boardmembers/ Councilmembers Butt, Thurmond, Marquez, Griffin, Rogers, McLaughlin, and Chairperson Anderson. **Absent:** Boardmembers/ Councilmembers Bates and Viramontes (Boardmembers/Councilmembers Bates and Viramontes arrived later as indicated in these minutes).

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

The city clerk announced that this was the time set, pursuant to published notice, to conduct a public hearing to adopt the following resolutions for the 2007-2008 CDBG and HOME Programs:

- (a) City Council resolution authorizing the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency to administer the Consolidated Action Plan 2007-2008 for the CDBG and HOME Programs; and
- (b) Redevelopment Agency resolution authorizing the administration and expenditure of the Consolidated Action Plan 2007-2008 for the CDBG and HOME Programs (Boardmember/Councilmember arrived Bates).

Lisa Hamburger, Redevelopment Agency, gave an overview of the proposed resolutions (Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Viramontes arrived). Chairperson/Mayor Anderson declared the public hearing open. The following individuals gave comments regarding the funding allocations for 2007-2008: Michael Williams; Theresa Karr, representing the California Apartment Association of Contra Costa County; Wanda Remmers; Donald Gilmore; Erma Hollinquest; Ricky Davis; Susan Kim, representing Bay Area Legal Aid; Cheryl Maier, Executive Director of Opportunity West; Marilyn Langlois; Kimberly Aceves; Prishni Murillo; and Eula Averhart. On motion of Boardmember/Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Viramontes, the public hearing was closed by the unanimous vote of the Boardmembers/Councilmembers. Boardmember/Councilmember McLaughlin asked for clarification regarding using redevelopment funds for Housing Rights. Lisa Hamburger stated that staff would have to discuss the matter with legal counsel and submit recommendations in June, during budget discussions. Ms. Hamburger further stated that Housing Rights received a recommendation for a \$40,000 allocation. Vice

Chairperson/Vice Mayor Viramontes asked for clarification on a \$350,000 request from the Ephesians Community Development Center and staff's recommendation for only electrical and mechanical costs that could be reimbursable. Lisa Hamburger stated the recommendation is for \$50,000 for building improvements. A motion was made by Vice Chairperson/Vice Mayor Viramontes, seconded by Boardmember/Councilmember Marquez to accept the recommendation of staff for priority funding, as identified, to have staff come back with information for both agencies that provide bilingual services and consider at mid-year budget looking at Redevelopment Agency funding for IDA accounts and for Housing Rights funding. Boardmember/ Councilmember McLaughlin requested an amendment to the motion that in the contract it is ensured that Housing Rights be priority one and come back at mid-year and consider Rubicon for priority one, and include any additional redevelopment monies or additional HUD money. Discussion ensued and the amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion. The motion was restated as follows: "Support the recommendations of staff for the 2007-2008 CDBG and HOME Programs including consideration that at mid-year review under redevelopment, funding, as appropriate, for Housing Rights, Inc. Tenant Landlord Counseling Services, funding of IDA accounts and, for consideration, moving Rubicon's Employment and Training Program for at risk substance clients to priority one from priority two and staff will come back with information on agencies that provide bilingual services." The motion passed and the following resolutions were adopted:

- (a) **Resolution No. 130-06 of the Richmond City Council** authorizing the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency to administer the Consolidated Action Plan 2007-2008 for the CDBG and HOME Programs; and
- (b) **Resolution No. 06-28 of the Redevelopment Agency** resolution authorizing the administration and expenditure of the Consolidated Action Plan 2007-2008 for the CDBG and HOME Programs.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Reverend Sharon Brostrom and Dr. Shaw, Pastor and Music Director, respectively of Grace Lutheran Church, addressed the Boardmembers/Councilmembers regarding the Grace Youth Orchestra. Reverend Brostrom and Dr. Shaw requested that the Youth Orchestra continue to receive CDBG funds at the priority one level. The Grace Youth Orchestra is a city-wide music program that serves as a diversion and alternative for youth who would or may become involved with undesirable activities. Terrance Washington, a member of the Youth Orchestra, stated that the program is a benefit to him and it provides a benefit to the youth of the community.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Clerk of the Richmond Community
Redevelopment Agency/Richmond
City Council

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Approved:

Chairperson/Mayor

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