

RESOLUTION NO. 68-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND COMMITTING TO WORK WITH CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, THE WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND THE RICHMOND CHILDREN'S FUND TO PROVIDE THE LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS NECESSARY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT (CCHE)

WHEREAS, the community bordered by South 2nd Street to South 20th Street and Cutting Boulevard to Ohio Street includes part of the Santa Fe and Coronado neighborhoods and is within the Iron Triangle in the City of Richmond. For the purposes of this Resolution, we are calling this the Nystrom neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, within the Nystrom neighborhood, there are social and economic needs and challenges that can be addressed and met through the revitalization of key opportunity sites – both physically and programmatically - that have been identified in the community; and

WHEREAS, the following opportunity sites are located within the Nystrom neighborhood, and in all cases are adjacent to one another, and are owned, leased, operated by and/or influenced by the following:

1. **Nystrom Elementary School** – *Owned by the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD)*. A 9-acre parcel for which \$22.5 million of school bond funds have been allocated for renovating the site;
2. **Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center** – *Owned by the City of Richmond (The City)*. A 12-acre site, for which a \$2.5 million Murray Hayden grant has been awarded by California State Parks, to be used for capital improvements to the Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center. The City of Richmond, the East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF) and the Richmond Children's Foundation (RCF) have a joint agreement in the oversight of the grant implementation;
3. **Maritime Center Site** – *Owned by Contra Costa County (The County)*. The Maritime Center Site includes the Maritime Historic Center for Working Families, a former child development center designated as part of the Rosie the Riveter WW II Home Front National Historical Park, located on a ¾ -acre parcel on the site. The California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) has provided a \$2 million grant to the Rosie the Riveter Trust, which requires a \$2 million match, to renovate the Maritime Center as a historical interpretive center and community multi-use resource. Part of the Maritime Center Site is also leased by RES Inc, a 501(c)(3) non-profit supported by RCF, which currently operates a full-time, early childhood development pre-school on part of the site. RCF will open a K-1 Charter School on the site in September 2006.
4. **Nystrom Village Public Housing Development** – *Owned by the Richmond Housing Authority (RHA)/City of Richmond* – Revitalization of an existing World War II Era four-block area housing development on approximately 12 acres; and

WHEREAS, EBCF and the RCF supported and funded a nine-month community planning process with the Nystrom neighborhood, in collaboration with neighborhood residents and community based organizations, the faith community, local school children, Kaiser Hospital, the City, the County and the WCCUSD. This process created an *Existing Conditions Report*, which outlined the social, physical and economic conditions in the Nystrom neighborhood and a *Neighborhood Plan* which is intended to jumpstart efforts towards revitalization for the Nystrom community. The completion of

those reports in July 2004 and November 2005 respectively constituted the completion of the first phase of the Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE) and we are now involved in the second phase of NURVE which will involve the creation of a Master Plan for the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, as the coordinator in the development of the Master Plan and in the overall NURVE revitalization effort, EBCF will help to identify and leverage additional private, public and philanthropic resources, to the best of their ability, to assist in the completion of the NURVE project, including programmatic needs, and assist in identifying additional expertise when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a leading local intermediary with broad-based expertise in affordable housing, community economic development, and organizational development, is serving as a strategic partner in the development of the Master Plan and in the overall NURVE revitalization effort. LISC will help to identify and leverage additional private, public and philanthropic resources to go towards the construction and completion of the NURVE project and help identify additional expertise when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City has long had plans for the revitalization of the Nystrom Village Public Housing development; and

WHEREAS the Nystrom area has recently been selected as a newly designated redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has expended substantial resources documenting the history of the Maritime Center, preparing a National Register Application, and preparing a Building Condition Report and preliminary architecture and engineering recommendations and cost estimates for preservation and rehabilitation and has committed to installation of interpretive exhibits and operational management of the interpretive center; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County, as the lead agency for CEQA, has filed a finding of categorical exemption for the rehabilitation of the Maritime Center for Working Families and is committed to a long-term lease of at least 20 years to Rosie the Riveter Trust for use as a historical interpretive center and multi-use community resources; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a collaborative Master Plan that integrates the programmatic and physical needs of sites listed in Item C, as well as other potential opportunity sites in the Nystrom neighborhood, will help greatly improve the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution constitutes a component of the second phase of the NURVE effort, and It establishes a collaborative effort to create a Master Plan which will help foster a vibrant, healthy and supportive environment for current and future residents of the Nystrom neighborhood including but not limited to:

- World class educational opportunities for all children;
- Exemplary continuing educational and training opportunities for adults;
- Reduction of incidents of crime and purposeful and cooperative attention to safety issues;
- Improved access to medical care;
- Economic development, including employment opportunities;
- Private sector investment in the neighborhood (e.g. bank, grocery store, pharmacy, etc);
- Mixed-income housing opportunities (including affordable housing);
- Preservation and appreciation of historically significant World War II-era sites affiliated with the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park;
- Supportive services such as childcare;
- Improved access to efficient public transportation;
- Improved access to healthy food and neighborhood recreational facilities;
- Greater access to the arts and cultural activities.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a regular meeting held on July 11, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Griffin, McLaughlin, Rogers,
Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: Councilmember Butt

ABSENT: Councilmember Marquez

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

APPROVED:

IRMA L. ANDERSON
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN EASTMAN
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 68-06, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 11, 2006.