

City Manager's Weekly Report
For the week ending May 30th, 2008

1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd, beginning with a Closed Session at 5:00 PM followed by a Redevelopment meeting at 6:45 PM and then the regular 7:00 PM open City Council session.

2. Richmond BUILD Press Conference Regarding \$500,000 Grant from State of California

As you recall, the State Employment Development Department selected Richmond BUILD for one of nine state-wide grant awards to provide short-term intensive construction skills training for dislocated workers. The \$500,000 grant will provide skills upgrade and retraining opportunities for 140 dislocated workers from the residential construction industry. The grant will also increase Richmond BUILD's capacity to train more Richmond residents by creating short term training modules that will include welding technology, scaffolding, Hazardous Materials Certification, safety training, and solar technology and installation.

As you may also recall, Richmond BUILD was selected as the site for the State's press conference to announce the grant awards. The press conference, which was held last Thursday, was attended by Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of Labor and Workforce Services, staff, program partners, members of the press, as well as the Richmond Build students. In all, over 100 people were in attendance. Vice Mayor Marquez served as master of ceremonies for the event, and comments were made by Councilmember Thurmond, and Nicole Valentino, representing Mayor McLaughlin.

3. Office of Neighborhood Safety Update

- Last week, the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) facilitated and participated in a groundbreaking regional summit for street outreach workers. More than 100 street outreach workers and other frontline violence prevention staff from around the Bay Area came together at the Clark Kerr Campus of U.C. Berkeley for ***Raising a Regional Village***. The summit was put together to provide training and technical assistance, as well as to collectively recognize and support the frontline violence prevention and intervention efforts of Oakland, Richmond and San Francisco.
- The City of Richmond, with leadership from the Richmond Recreation Department and a host of other community based leaders and organizations, and the Office of Neighborhood Safety, are planning the "Richmond Youth Sports Camp II – Empowering our youth by filling their lives with sports alternatives". This event will be held on Saturday, June 14th, at Martin Luther

King Jr. Recreation Facility and Park. The Camp will run from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and will serve youth ages 5-18.

- **Neighborhood Change Agent (NCA) Report (Street Outreach) – Week in Review**

- Neighborhood Change Agents (NCA's) continue their participation in the bi-monthly Parole and Corrections Team (PACT) meetings, which is an ongoing responsibility of the NCA role. Contact was recently made with 23 parolees this past week, with tattoo removal services and housing opportunities being high priorities. The NCA's also provided case management to families of post incarcerated clients.
- NCA's continue to participate in meetings with the San Quentin TRUST Program, the Richmond Project and Project Impact at San Quentin State Prison. These projects are designed to help the men incarcerated at San Quentin who will parole back into Richmond identify and access resources upon their return. NCA's are also working to support and help coordinate the "Day of Peace" program to be held on June 7, 2008 at the Prison.
- NCA's participated in focus groups held on behalf of the opening and programming of the new Young Adult Empowerment Center (YAEC) in North Richmond.
- NCA's visited and participated in the Tent City Week of Peace camps. Food and other supplies were provided at each site.
- NCA's participated in the Frontline Wreath laying for the young victim in the Hilltop area.
- NCA's participated in the "Crime Free Multi-Housing Program" conducted by the Richmond Police Department.

4. **Recreation Department Summer Activities Guide**

The Recreation Department will be delivering the Summer Activities Guide to approximately 59,000 households the week of June 2, 2008. Preparations are being made for the Fall Guide to be mailed during the first week of August.