

## **City Manager's Weekly Report**

This is the weekly report for the week ending August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### 1. **Meeting Notes**

The next scheduled Council Meetings for September will be the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 2. **Civic Center Grand Re-Opening Celebration**

The Civic Center Grand Re-Opening Celebration will be held at the Civic Center Plaza from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmembers, please be there early to take your seats on the City Hall stage. Music, dance, food, fun, art tours and films will fill the entire Civic Center campus with fun for the community throughout the day.

### 3. **Point Molate Destination Resort & Casino**

The second of two public workshops was held on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. Although attendance was light, those who visited took advantage of the opportunity to participate in one-on-one conversations with members of the development and environmental teams. The Planning Commission will hear public comments on the Environmental Impact Report on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will also be held at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium.

### 4. **Congratulations to the May Valley Neighborhood Block Party, Winner of Richmond's 1<sup>st</sup> Green National Night Out Competition**

This year's National Night Out on August 4<sup>th</sup> marked the first year that Richmond included a competition to "green" the neighborhood block parties by actions such as providing recycling containers, using reusable or biodegradable food containers, providing green education materials, and sourcing sustainable food. Congratulations to the May Valley block party participants for their outstanding work to green the event. The runner-ups are Marina Bay (Southern route), Mozart/Minuet Neighborhood Watch (Northern route), and Atchison Village (Central route). May Valley block party coordinators will receive prizes and each route runner-up will be recognized at a City Council meeting in September.

### 5. **California Family Justice Center Initiative**

Earlier this summer, the National Family Justice Center Alliance (NFJCA) accepted competitive applications for the California Family Justice Initiative (CFJI). This exciting new initiative is funded by the Blue Shield of California

Foundation and involves the development of six Family Justice Center "learning laboratories" across the state where multi-agency/co-located service delivery models will be supported and expanded. The initiative includes a learning collaborative model with teams from each selected site, grant funding for each selected site in the second year of the initiative, and technical assistance and strategic planning support for two years for the participating sites.

A collaborative of agencies, including the Richmond Police Department, STAND! Against Domestic Violence, Community Violence Solutions, and the District Attorney's Office submitted an application to be selected as part of this initiative to develop a local Family Justice Center in Richmond. A "Family Justice Center" is the co-location of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who work together, under one roof, to provide coordinated services to victims of family violence. A Family Justice Center may house many partners, but the basic partners include police officers, prosecutors, and community-based advocates. The core concept is to provide one place where victims can go to talk to an advocate, plan for their safety, interview with a police officer, meet with a prosecutor, receive medical assistance, receive information on shelter, and get help with transportation.

Although being selected to be part of the CFJI doesn't mean any funding for Richmond this year, it does mean \$50,000 for us next year, with the potential for large amounts of federal funding in the future. Our Richmond team is looking forward to working together as part of this initiative to help reduce domestic violence in our community.

## 6. **Free Seminars on Contract Compliance**

The Employment & Training Department's Contract Compliance Unit is hosting a series of free seminars to assist Richmond businesses. The seminars include:

- **Bonding & Insurance** – gain valuable information to assist in securing bonds & financing
- **Estimating & Bidding** – learn tips and techniques for more accurate and competitive estimating
- **Contract & Project Management** – enhance your ability to manage your contracts and mobilize your projects
- **Business Operations** – gain expert advice as to how small businesses can operate more effectively
- **Financial Management** – gather key tips to ensure you are able to make money on your contracts and grow your business

Seminars will be held weekly beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Space is limited to 25 participants. Call Gina Baker at (510) 307-8011 to register.

## 7. **Recreation Highlights**

- **Commission on Aging:** The Recreation Department assisted the Commission on Aging (COA) to publish its first issue of “Movers and Shakers,” a senior newsletter. Articles were written by the commissioners and topics include Upcoming Events, Neighborhood Crime Prevention, and more. The newsletter has been distributed to senior housing units, senior centers, community centers, libraries, neighborhood councils and the COA’s mailing list.
- **Softball:** The Recreation Department sponsored a co-ed softball league culminating the season with the championship game played on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Nicholl Park.
- **Employee Appreciation:** The Recreation Department culminated summer programming with an Employee Appreciation Department Potluck on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Twelve employees were recognized by the Department with Recreation Program Coordinator, Tetteh Kisseh receiving the 2009 Director’s Award.

## 8. **Public Works**

Public Works completed 95% of the resurfacing work of Nevin Avenue between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Streets this week. The remaining work will be completed next week. This work will complete the resurfacing program around the newly remodeled Civic Center Plaza in preparation of the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 grand re-opening.

Public Works also completed the resurfacing of 41<sup>st</sup> Street between Overend and Wall Avenues, and 56<sup>th</sup> Street between Mariposa and Bayview Avenues.

Next week, Public Works will resurface San Joaquin Street from Carl to Tehama Avenues.