

**Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond City Council /
West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Meeting**

**Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804**

January 25, 2011

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

The Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond City Council / West Contra Costa Unified School District Board was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Nat Bates, Jovanka Beckles, Cortland Boozé, Jeff Ritterman, Jim Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin

Board Members: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Tony Thurmond, and School Board Superintendent Bruce Harter.

Absent: School Boardmember Elaine Merriweather and School Board President Charles Ramsey

B. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Vice Mayor Butt stated he would recuse himself for the entire meeting due to a conflict of interest with Items D-1, D-2, and D-3; his firm provides architectural services to the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

C. AGENDA REVIEW

D. STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District received a presentation from Nystrom United Re-Vitalization Effort (NURVE) stakeholders on the status of NURVE projects and programs; and reviewed and commented on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding by and between the NURVE stakeholders outlining stakeholder responsibilities. The Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE) is a joint effort among the City of Richmond, the West Contra Costa School District, Richmond Community Foundation, Bay Area LISC, the National Park Service, the surrounding neighborhood councils, and a variety of other community entities to collaboratively and strategically find ways to address complex issues facing the area surrounding Nystrom Elementary School through local neighborhood based revitalization. City Manager Bill Lindsay gave an overview of the item. The following individuals contributed to a PowerPoint presentation on the status of NURVE projects and programs: Joan Davis, Executive Director, Richmond Community Foundation and Stephanie Forbes, Executive Director, Bay Area Local Initiatives Support Corporation briefly introduced the purpose, vision and background of the Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE); Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations, WCCUSD gave a presentation on the Nystrom Elementary School Project Site; Tim Jones, Executive Director, Richmond Housing Authority gave a status update on the Nystrom Village Revitalization Project and the Maritime Center; Jim Bissell, City of Richmond Engineering Project Manager gave an update on Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Martin Luther King Park, briefly discussed the future plans for the recently demolished Martin Luther King Community Center, and shared plans for Sidewalk and Streetscape Improvements along Harbour Way and around the NURVE site; LaShonda Wilson, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office described the purpose of the memorandum of understanding by and among the NURVE stakeholders. The following individuals gave comments: Antwon Cloird, Myrna Lopez, Raymond Landry, Eduardo Martinez, Rhonda Harris, and McKinley Ross. The City Council and WCCUSD discussed the need to hire City of Richmond residents and local businesses and resources for projects located in the City of Richmond. Boardmember Medrano stated that the School Board would supply a report to the entire City Council that gives an actual breakdown of workers by percentages, wages earned in each county and school district. Mayor McLaughlin stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission requested to be added as a stakeholder. She will send suggested language to LaShonda Wilson to add to the MOU.

The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District received a report and provided comments on the draft comprehensive joint use agreement for recreational and educational facilities by and between the City of Richmond and the West Contra Costa Unified School District. City Manager Bill Lindsay gave an overview of the item and introduced Program Analyst LaShonda Wilson who gave a PowerPoint presentation. The following individuals gave comments: Gelberg Rodriguez, Cesar Portillo, Antonio Cordova, Eduardo Martinez, Roberto Reyes, Juan Reardon, Simms Thompson, Bruce Greenlee, and Myrna Lopez. Councilmember Bates suggested that the joint use agreement be extended to the East Bay Regional Park District. Mayor McLaughlin suggested that the Joint Use Committee along with the community provide input on how teams could use the facilities at low to no cost.

The Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District received a report on current projects to renovate the Kennedy High School/Richmond Swim Center and to jointly rebuild and use the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, and discuss the feasibility to utilize District bond proceeds to fund a portion of these projects. Public Works Director Yader Bermudez introduced Mark Albertson of Architects who gave a PowerPoint presentation. The following individuals gave comments: Eduardo Martinez, Mike Peritz, Eleanor Thompson, and Kristen Pursley.

City Manager Bill Lindsay introduced Diane Aranda, Program Manager, with The California Endowment (TCE) to the Richmond City Council and the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board. Ms. Aranda gave a PowerPoint presentation on TCE's Building Healthy Communities Initiative in Richmond. The following individuals gave comments: Eduardo Martinez, Maria Alegria, and Amanda Elliott.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmembers Boozé and Beckles reported that they attended the conference held by the League of California Cities New Mayors and Council Members Academy in Sacramento on January 19 to 21, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m. in memory of Julie Miles and Tyree Brown.

Minutes prepared by Richmond City Clerk Diane Holmes.

<p>MK <i>Approved 3/16/11</i></p>
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