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**Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay
Working Group Meeting #8
August 27, 2015, 6:00 PM**

Action Items and Summary Notes

I. Partner updates

Summary notes

- ❖ In addition to some of the regular attendees, three new members participated, along with many new community members, and local, state, and federal legislative offices, including City Councilmember Nathaniel Bates; WCCUSD Board Trustees Randy Enos and Liz Block; as well as student leader and ASUC External Vice President Marium Navid, as well as a reporter from the Daily Californian.
- ❖ This was the first meeting for our new Community Co-Chair/Co-Convener Michael Strait.

II. Community Working Group Appointments

Summary notes

- ❖ CWG members Amanda, Don, Jim, Kyra, Tamisha, Tammiel, as well as Alex Knox from Mayor Tom Butt's office, and Brandon Evans from For Richmond formed subcommittees to review and recommend new CWG members.
- ❖ After brief presentations by the subcommittees and discussion, the CWG unanimously approved the following:
 - Jesus Roberto Felix (Youth Seat)
 - La Norma Stevens, (Housing/Displacement)
 - Edith Pastrano (Neighbor Seat); and,
 - Norma La Blat (alternate for Neighbor Seat)
- ❖ The open seats and application process were distributed in the following ways: CWG members shared with their constituencies; Mayor Tom Butt included notices in his e-forum; the City of Richmond and City Manager posted notices; recipients of the BGC community updates received emails; UCB provided the application via email, online and in Word; they were also posted on the Chancellor's BGC Partnership with Richmond webpage.
- ❖ A [summary of the housing and neighbor recommendations](#) is available on the BGC Partnership with Richmond webpage: chancellor.berkeley.edu/berkeley-global-campus-richmond-bay#meetings

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Action items: Several CWG Members suggested that the CWG consider identifying an alternate for the Housing/Displacement.

III. Ad hoc Sub Committee Updates

❖ Local Procurement subcommittee

Summary notes

- Amanda Elliott provided an update of the subcommittee's [progress and highlights of the August 4 BGC Business Breakfast](#).
- Members asked questions about: the percentage the committee is considering for its recommendation that the university set a goal local Richmond businesses that will participate in the BGC construction and its regular procurement; if this recommendation would extend to LBNL as well; whether the definition of local will include San Pablo; the City of Richmond's local procurement goal for publicly financed construction.

Action items/answers:

- The local procurement subcommittee's recommendations are for both UCB and LBNL.
- The City of Richmond's local procurement goal is 25%.

❖ Education subcommittee

Summary notes

- Tammiel Gilkerson provided an overview of the subcommittee's work and progress to date.
- In the spring, the subcommittee agreed to a framework of Pipelines, Pathways and Partnerships, and an emphasis on considering equity, access, scalability and funding opportunities/barriers when developing recommendations.
- The subcommittee met in June and August;
 - In June the subcommittee received an update from UCB Admissions and learned that for Richmond students, the pathway for transfer students from community college to UCB results in a higher admission rate than from high schools.
 - In preparation for working with the facilitator, the subcommittee used the August meeting to review, discuss and rank community recommendations to date.
 - Subcommittee members are tasked with bringing their constituencies' feedback on the results of the ranking [community-recommendations ranking exercise](#) to the next subcommittee meeting. Other agenda items include a presentation from WCCUSD on the strategic plan and LCAP to understand and ensure alignment with proposed recommendations.
 - Discussion items included: a desire to improve pre-k-12 performance in WCCUSD as well as improve the experience of African American Students at UC Berkeley; a desire for more data on admission, acceptance and completion of/by Richmond residents at UCB; the need for mentorship by Richmond residents for Richmond students.

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Related item:

- On September 3rd, UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks announced [The UC Berkeley African American Initiative](#), a comprehensive effort to address the underrepresentation of African American students, faculty, and staff at our university, and improve the climate for those who are here now and all who will join our community in the future.
- Chancellor Dirks, Provost Claude Steele and incoming Vice Chancellor for Equity & Inclusion Na'ilah Nasir are to provide leadership for this comprehensive initiative. The goals are to:
 - Achieve and sustain a critical mass of African American students, faculty and senior staff at Berkeley.
 - Ensure that the African Americans who are here now feel welcome, supported and respected.
 - Achieve the reality and deliver the message that Berkeley is a welcoming place for African Americans.

❖ **Joint Local Hire and Workforce Training subcommittee**

Summary Notes

- Armando Viramontes provided an [update of the draft recommendations the Local Hire subcommittee](#) has developed to date.
- Thus far the draft recommendations fall into the categories of: local hire goals (for construction and maintenance/operations) and the definitions of local and disadvantaged workers (see attached draft for details).
- CWG members and community groups discussed the overlap between each goal: local (30%), new hire (25%) and disadvantaged worker (30%); and what communities will be counted within the definition of local.
 - CWG members, members of the public and City Councilman Nathaniel Bates raising concerns about the inclusion of the City of San Pablo in the definition of local for the BGC Construction Project.
 - The CWG was mixed on the topic; however it seemed that the majority of public comments, including Councilman Bates', were in favor a "Richmond First" tiered approach to prioritize residents of the City of Richmond and North Richmond (included unincorporated areas) in efforts to meet the local hire goals. There was support for including San Pablo in a second tier, or as a priority for the remaining 30%.

Action item:

The CWG and public feedback will be considered by the local hire subcommittee at a future meeting.

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IV. Old Business

- ❖ Update on Facilitator

Summary notes

- Cristina Hernandez, Jim Becker and Kyra Worthy volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to reviewed candidates.
- Jim and Kyra presented the subcommittee's unanimous recommendation that MIG be enlisted by the university to serve as the third party facilitator.
- Ruben noted that based on the urgency to move forward and the unanimous recommendation of the subcommittee he had reached out to MIG to ensure they were ready to move quickly into this role. The CWG voted to confirm the sub-committee's recommendation to enlist MIG.

Action item

- UC Berkeley aims to have MIG fully engaged in the subcommittees and CWG Meetings as soon as possible.
- Kyra, Jim and Cristina have volunteered to assist with the on-boarding process with MIG.
- The [MIG proposal for facilitation support](#) and a [matrix for review](#) of proposals were made available.

VI. New Business (15 Minutes)

- ❖ Launch of Affordable Housing/Displacement subcommittee

Notes

- Per CWG agreement, with the appointment of Housing/Displacement Representative (La Marla Stevens), this new subcommittee has been launched.
- In addition to La Marla, the subcommittee includes CWG Members: Cristina, Bill, Diane, Joel, Josh, and Tamisha; the CWG has agreed to enlist David Sharples and Melvin Willis. CCISCO and UU member Lee Lawrence has also indicated an interest to participate.
- CWG members requested an overview presentation at the next CWG Meeting (September 24) to set the stage for the sub committee's work to draft recommendations.
- CWG members suggested that Bill Lindsay provide a synthesis of context and relevant City policies and strategies at this meeting.
- UCB Real Estate Division leaders will also be invited to play a role in this discussion.
- Shasa Curl from the City Manager's office and Mayor Knox's representative Alex Knox provided an update about the Rent Control Ordinance, and described City of Richmond-

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sponsored study sessions and presentations on the key issues and policies that should be accounted for in the CWG's housing recommendations.

Action Items

- Housing/displacement subcommittee members are encouraged to review the [updated Housing Element](#) (with particular attention to the tables); and attend:
 - the City sponsored study sessions and community meetings for: the South Shore Line Connectivity Plan (September 15 City Council meeting);
 - A presentation at the Richmond City Council meeting from Mayor Tom Butt's office on affordable housing (September 29, 6:30pm);
 - and Housing Linkage Fee Study Sessions in (Oct, date TBD).