

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
MINORITY CONTRACTING AND SECTION 3 COMMITTEE MEETING  
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY  
HELD AT 600 EAST BROAD STREET, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

**Committee Members in Attendance**

Harold Parker, Jr. Committee Chair

Eddie Jackson, Jr., Commissioner

**RRHA Staff In Attendance**

Steven Nesmith, Chief Executive Officer

Michael Kelly, Chief Operating Officer

Tonise Webb, Associate Lead Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer

Precious Faust, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Colene Orsini, Vice President, Procurement & Contract Administration

Angela Fountain, Vice President, Communications and Public Relations

Alfonzo Mathis, Deputy Director, Communications and Public Relations

Pamela Thompson, Executive Administrative Secretary

**Virtual Attendance**

Ralph Stuckey, Vice President Resident Services

Joe Sarver, Vice President of Central Maintenance

**Others in Attendance**

Grace Washington, J&G

**Call To Order, Harold Parker, Jr., Chair**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was not established at the beginning of the meeting.

A quorum was established after the arrival of Commissioner Jackson.

**Citizens' Comment Period**

No citizens signed up to speak.

# APPROVED

## Approve Minutes

The minutes from the May 13, 2024, meeting could not be approved as there was not a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting. Upon Commissioner Jackson's arrival a quorum was then established.

***Motion: (Jackson/Parker) Move to adopt the May 13, 2024, Minority Contracting & Section 3 Committee Meeting Minutes.***

**Motion Carries Unanimously.**

## Opening Comments, Harold Parker, Jr., Chair

Thanked everyone for taking the time to come to the meeting and their contributions are so very appreciated.

## MBE/Section 3, Colene Orsini, VP of Procurement

- MBE/Section 3 goal is 30% and has been exceeded and is at 32.42%.
  - MBE Contractor Payments are at 32.42% (goal is 30%).
  - Women Contracting Payments are at 12.15% (goal is 10%).
  - Section 3 Contractor Payment Services are at 25.48% (goal is 10%).
  - Small Business Payments so far this year are at 26%.
- The Committee is requesting to raise the Section 3 goal to 25% to match what HUD requires and to also increase the MBE goal. Tonise Webb will draft a resolution with proper language to go before the full board.

***Motion: (Jackson/Parker) to move sending to the full board for approval of a resolution to be drafted for raising the Section 3 goal to 25% to match what HUD requires as well as raising the MBE goal.***

***Motion Carries Unanimously.***

## Creighton Court Project, Grace Washington, J&G Workforce

### MBE Participation Report

- Meet and greet was held and there were 24 attendees at the event.
- Subcontractor outreach was held where 28 minority contractors attended the event.
- There is about 30% MBE response with Phase A meeting and exceeding the MBE requirement at 34% with a high Hispanic portion).

### Results vs Plan and Future Opportunities

- African/American contractors have bid, but the bids were very high, so this has resulted in lower numbers with the infrastructure portion.
- More info is going to be blasted out to make it loud and clear that opportunities are available, but bids have to be submitted.
- Ms. Washington has had talks with Ralph Stuckey about making the connection with Mr. Stuckey's group and using them and the contractor is agreeable.

### JOC Program, Mike Kelly

- Mike Kelly spoke about the use of the JOC program and how this will help to fulfill the large vacancy rate.
- Mr. Kelly stated they are looking to bring on two very large contractors at \$500,000 each as this relates to the local hiring opportunities.
- This will be a great opportunity to be able to put folks to work faster and not necessarily have to go through the vetting process to procure jobs.
- A resolution concerning the JOC program was passed and a report at the next meeting would be great on how things are coming along.

### Video Presentation, Alfonzo Mathis

- Regency Square Project – What others are doing to help Youth and Section 3 Residents to be encouraged.
- Why Not Me.

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- Maybe an RRHA video can be created showing what the youth in their communities are participating in training with Mr. Stuckey, Ms. Green, etc. to put awareness out there about how programs for youth can help them with jobs for the future.

**Next Meeting Date**

Monday, July 8, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Chair, Harold Parker, Jr. adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:11 p.m.

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**Chairman**

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**Chief Executive Officer/Secretary**