

# **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Item #6 [CONS 22-100](#)**

Adopt a Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Calling for Bids for the FY22 Pavement Improvement Project, Project No. 05239

On page 4, I did not understand the second bullet point under DISCUSSION regarding the establishment of the OHA assessment district requiring inclusion of streets from the area. The main work as I understand is being done on the north side of Hayward Blvd. (Tribune for one), but the streets listed (Grandview, Campus View Way and New Dobbel) are on the south side.

Initial funding for paving improvements of OHHA Streets is provided by Direct Local (Measures B, BB, and VRF) as well as by Gas Tax, Street Systems Improvements, and Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), otherwise referred to as SB1 funds. Per Council approval, OHHA property owners pay half of the cost through an assessment district over 20 years. For the first year of the project, OHHA chose Tribune Street on the northside of Hayward Blvd. and Cotati Street on the south (OHHA has been pleased with how the first two streets paving turned out). This year, the Board recommended that the remaining three streets on the south side, Grandview Ave, Campus View Way, and New Dobbel Ave be paved.

Is the funding for the project from Measures B and BB what we call the DLD (direct local distribution) funding?

Yes, and DLD also includes VRF revenues.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

From: TJ  
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:45 PM  
To: List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>  
Subject: Russell City consultations

Dear Council Members,

Over the past couple of months during the City Council meetings we have heard mentions of exploring planned restitution for the survivors/descendants of Russell City, including intentions to hire city-paid consultants as necessary to identify those impacted and reach out for information collection. We also heard Ms. Velda Goe speak of "several committees" now devoted to this item during public comments this week.

On behalf of our group and Hayward residents as a whole, we would appreciate clarification of the following:

- 1) How are consultants and city staff time/labor being funded for these efforts?
- 2) Can the entities working with Russell City survivors be identified to the public for the sake of transparency?
- 3) Can findings and disclosures be published to the general public as the information is being obtained (such as an update in future Council meetings versus a public dashboard).

The plan and process seem vague, and if ultimately involving monies from your tax-payers should be fully disclosed.

Sincerely,  
TJ for HAYWARD CONCERNED CITIZENS

**From:** Velda Goe

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 10:24 AM

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**Subject:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting: February 22, 2022 - 7:00 pm Regarding Russell City - Resident Descendant/City of Hayward Restitutions

Greetings Mayor Halliday, City Council Members and et al.:

I greatly appreciate the forward motion seen thus far, after the City of Hayward's formal apology to the Russell City Residents and Descendants on Nov. 17, 2021.

In that regard, the Russell City Residents and Descendants are also moving forward and to that end, I submit the below items for your review and discussion to supplement and reinstate previous Public Comment Proposals submitted respectively on:

Dec. 12, 2021

Jan. 27, 2022

Jan. 28, 2022

Feb. 8, 2022

Feb. 15, 2022

We are moving along, albeit somewhat prematurely; due to the City's typical schedule of setting the 2023 Budget now, as well as the advanced age of the remaining Russell City (RC) Residents and Descendants.

The present goals are:

- 1) identify RC Residents and Descendants - I have recommended contacting NNPA and AP Newswires, along with the COH's traditional media outlets to place a story to that end with appropriate links
- 2) begin the process of obtaining 1st person histories of the formation of RC and the occurrences which resulted in the deformation of RC and the eviction of its' Residents and destruction of their homes, businesses and self-created institutions
- 3) determine and execute appropriate Direct Pay non-taxable amounts for Restitutions as Phase 1 issuances to be received by RC Residents and Descendants over the age of 65 and those who are receiving SSDI or other government assistance, due to a medically-affirmed state of health which prevents them from being self-reliant.

Issuances should be implemented by year end 2023.

These Restitution Direct Pay issuances would then be subtracted from subsequent larger amounts, should an adopted Restitution formula yield such; but in any case, when all is settled, there will be no

deductive amount for Phase 1 issuances for over age 65 and other recipients who are reliant on SSDI or other government recognized support programs and are RC Residents or Descendants

4) Phase 2 Restitution issuances should include Budget Allocations for the RC Resident/Descendant body that will be engaged in negotiations with the COH and Alameda County to devise and agree on the final RC Restitution Program and allocations

5) gather authentic memorabilia, documents and other artifacts of interest to contribute to a dynamic, permanent RC collection to be exhibited in the prominent 'RC Corner' in the COH Lobby, as a representation of the GARE Initiatives to the changing COH governances and Public to not repeat the inhumane historic lessons of the past

6) obtain a 500 person capacity building in Russell City, in good repair; with offices, a commercial kitchen, bathrooms for the public and the offices and a full capacity assembly space and parking, to be sold to the forming 501(c)3 *Russell City Community Committee (RCCC - name pending)* for \$1, with no strings attached.

Due to the tangible loss of real estate and businesses for RC Residents and the lost opportunities for intergenerational wealth transfers, as well as the missed opportunities for many RC renters to obtain and own land in RC due to industry and governance practices at the time, including but not limited to, redlining; the *RCCC Building* is to incur zero costs for its real estate taxes, in perpetuity; as well as for municipal and utility services for the duration of time that they were first denied to the RC Residents; up until its deformation.

This building will re-establish residency for RC Residents and Descendants to be used democratically by the aforementioned and the public; according to a governing *RCCC Board* composed of Residents and Descendants, and as established by the *RCCC Bylaws*; for the benefit of the population it serves and for the establishment of an on-going building maintenance fund

7) as a significant step in 'wiping RC off the map', along with the total loss of 'belonging' and stability for the RC Residents and Descendants; all of the street names were changed by the COH governance, to reflect no association whatsoever, with the thriving city they destroyed and overtook - therefore the final step in the RC Restitution and the revival of the thriving RC that 'was', would be to restore the names of those streets throughout the boundaries of RC to represent a literal 'rising from the ashes', and serve not only as a remembrance of a hurtful, destructive past, but, contrary to only allowing opportunity for a self-proclaimed group of victors, recognize those who may have been viewed as insignificant, as fully entitled citizens, who are worthy of humane and equal treatment, and who may, given an equal platform, have within them, the greatness that will lead us *all* to Peace, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Looking forward to our progress that will move Hayward closer to being a beacon and template for a Progressive City.

Velda Goe  
Wynn-Brooks Descendant