



RICHMOND RISING
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES
February 5th, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:04 P.M. Alternate Committee member Eusterbrock calls the meeting to order, greets attendees, and declares the availability of live Spanish interpretation, free childcare, and refreshments.

Roll Call:

- Present: Project lead for City: Beatriz Guerrero
- Present: Project lead for GRID Alternatives: Ambessa Cantave
- Present: Project lead for Trust for Public Land: Annie Youngerman (joined at 6:15pm)
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Chito Floriano
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Mayeli Rico (alternate)
- Present : Project lead for UC Berkeley: Alice Bruno (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Groundwork Richmond: Colin Martin (alternate)
- Present: Community member: Tomasa Espinoza
- Present: Community member: Juana Hernandez
- Present: Community member: Montserrat Gonzalez
- Present: Community member: Judith Rocha
- Present: Community member: Curtis Rice
- Absent: Community member: Jim Becker

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee members read the Richmond Rising Land Acknowledgment.

3. RICHMOND RISING AND COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER STATEMENT

Committee member Guerrero gave a brief introduction on Richmond Rising initiative and Collaborative Stakeholder committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

In response to public interest in previous Committee meetings, City of Richmond Environmental Manager Samantha Carr presents on the City of Richmond Ride to Work Day (May 15th) and the I Heart Richmond informational booklet, which includes information on available local resources and how to report issues to the City. The following questions were received:

Ride to Work Day:

Member of the Public: What if I don't have a bike?

Environmental Manager Carr: We recommend using a Ride Today electric bike, or reaching out to Rich City Rides regarding any bikes that may be available. We are looking into other resources as well.

I Heart Richmond:

Member of the Public: Can we include Styrofoam in the hazardous pickups?

Environmental Manager Carr: Unfortunately not at this time.

Member of the Public: Are there alternate locations for drop-off?

Environmental Manager Carr: Yes.

Committee member Floriano: Is there a way for residents to get feedback on how the issue was addressed?

Environmental Manager Carr: Yes, if residents include their e-mail info on the complaint, they can expect a reply with follow up information. However, this is a process we're working to improve so the response is not 100%.

Committee member Floriano: Is this information online?

Environmental Manager Carr: Yes, this information is all online, including direct links and phone numbers. You can find the website links in the booklet.

No other items were discussed as part of this agenda item.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 2024; Committee member Rice seconds the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

6. PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Project Leads presented project status reports for each project and Transformative Plan of the Richmond Rising collaborative, including up-to-date financials and grant expenditures to date. The following questions and comments were received:

Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity Plan

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta: Is this strategy only in partnership with GRID Alternatives, or all partners?

Committee member Guerrero: The Workforce Development Strategy includes all partners. We just finished the Place-Based Report, and the next steps will involve the rest of the community as well.

Committee member Espinoza: Is this strategy only for the Project Area?

Committee member Guerrero: The Workforce Development Strategy focuses on the Project Area. However, the City does have workforce programs that are available for everyone in the City.

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta: Are the IBT-200 offered by GRID Alternatives only for Project Area residents?

Workforce Development Manager Alexandra Shade: Priority is given to Project Area residents, but application is open to all residents.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

No community questions or comments, outside of those discussed, were reported.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Fruit Tree Giveaway Promotion

Orchard for All! Project Manager Bruno Lara and Urban Tilth Project Lead/Committee member Chito Floriano present on the upcoming Fruit Tree Giveaway. The Fruit Tree Giveaway will give Iron Triangle, Santa Fe, & Coronado Residents free fruit trees, and will take place on March 8th, 2025 from 10 am – 1pm at Unity Park Plaza (1605 Ohio Ave, Richmond, CA 94804). A variety of fruit trees will be distributed, including oranges, limes, lemons, apples, peaches, and more! Residents should bring their own cart if they want more than two trees.

All recipients of the giveaway must book an on-site follow-up consultation with the Orchard for All! Team.

There were no questions or comments regarding this presentation.

8.2 NCS Status Update

Committee member Guerrero presents an update on the Neighborhood Complete Streets project, including features that are being considered such as chicanes, street lights, and protected bike paths. Guerrero also presented community feedback that was received from the first townhall, and also shared that another upcoming public townhall is scheduled for February 15th from 11am-1pm at Richmond College Prep. Flyers were shared with meeting attendees.

No comments or questions were received.

8.3 Place-Based Workforce Development Strategy Presentation

Committee member Guerrero presents on the Final Place-Based Workforce Development Strategy, which has been translated into Spanish and made available here:

<https://richmondrisingca.org/resources/>.

Committee member Espinoza: Are there upper age limits to participating in the workforce taskforce?

Committee member Guerrero: No, there is no age limit to participation in the taskforce.

8.4 Climate Health Promoters Planning

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta and Wellness Center Program Coordinator Nanci Andrade presented a summary of the Climate Health Promoters Program, including an announcement regarding the upcoming English Climate Health Promoters Program, which begins May 2025.

Committee member Cantave: What is the minimum age for Promoters?

Wellness Center Program Coordinator Andrade: 16 years old.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

No agenda items were requested for the next meeting.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No general announcements were made for the group.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.