



RICHMOND RISING

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:13 P.M. Committee Member Guerrero 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 (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Chito Floriano
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Gaby Zacarias (alternate)
- Absent: Project lead for UC Berkeley
- Present: Project lead for Groundwork Richmond: Lorena Castillo
- Present: Community member: Tomasa Espinoza
- Absent: Community member: Juana Hernandez
- Absent: Community member: Montserrat Gonzalez
- Present: Community member: Judith Rocha
- Present: Community member: Curtis Rice
- Present: Community member: Jim Becker
- Present: Youth Fellows: Leslie Poblano
- Present: Youth Fellows: Judah Gant
- Absent: Youth Fellows: Miki Masui
- Absent: Youth Fellows: Yadhira Quintanilla

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 the Richmond Rising initiative and the Collaborative Stakeholder committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comments were received.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee Member Floriano makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from June 2025; Committee Member Cantave 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.

No comments or questions were received.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

Community Member Becker: In relation to the land acknowledgement, can we have a conversation about paying a Shuumi Land Tax in a future meeting?

Committee Member Guerrero: Yes, this will be added to the next agenda.

Grantee:

Community Member Espinoza: Can you give additional information about the database of properties with violations?

Committee Member Guerrero: This database is primarily for GRID Alternatives to help identify homes for outreach where solar could be installed.

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: This database is also to be used by Marin Clean Energy (MCE) to identify homes where free-of-charge electric efficiency upgrades might support residents in addressing code violations.

Displacement Avoidance Plan:

Community Member Espinoza: What is the work that is being done to amend the Renter Access Ordinance?

Committee Member Guerrero: This was the initial project that was being considered, but the Community Development Department is now shifting their priorities to the Residential Rental Inspection Program (RRIP), to help preserve quality of housing and tie in energy efficiency updates.

Community Member Espinoza: You've previously stated that you're doing inspections through the program. When are these inspections starting, and how significant are the inspections?

Committee Member Guerrero: There is no set timeline because the program hasn't been started, however, it is still being designed. If you have any feedback, please let us know.

Community Member Espinoza: Will the RRIP Program work with Rent Control?

Director of Community Development, Lina Velasco: The RRIP has existed for several years - however, the program has now expanded to include affordable housing. Affordable housing units were previously exempt, but there were issues arising so we're now integrating these properties into our program. The program is currently using contractors to do inspection, but we're looking to bring this program in house. This program is currently focused on housing quality and prioritizing safety for occupancy, including issues such as lack of sanitation and ensuring minimum habitancy standards are met. The program will also work on incentives for landlords to make energy efficiency upgrades.

Community Member Espinoza: Can we have a presentation from the City of Richmond regarding this program?

Committee Member Guerrero: Yes, we'll have the Community Development and Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) give a presentation.

Community Member: How can one become a Board member of Groundwork and are there any requirements?

Committee Member Castillo: Anyone who's passionate and interested in volunteering in their community would be a good fit - especially if they have non-profit work experience and live in Richmond or other communities served by Groundwork. It is a volunteer position; the Board meets once a month virtually (no in-person meetings). Whatever skills or passions you bring to the table can be utilized. I can share my contact information after the meeting if you want more information regarding volunteering opportunities.

Climate Health Promoters Project Specialist Irma Peralta: Is the "Buy Local" campaign only for businesses in Richmond?

Committee Member Guerrero: Yes, this is only for residents in the TCC Project Area (Iron Triangle, Coronado, and Santa Fe neighborhoods).

Committee Member Floriano: Various community members mention that the richmondrisingca.org website should have annual evaluation progress integrated into the interactive map on the home page. Is this something that we can do?

Committee Member Guerrero: We'll discuss this work with the UC Berkeley team to see how we can get this integrated into the website.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Introduction of Annual Report to SGC and City Council

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock presented on the required annual reports to SGC, specifically the Annual Progress Report and the Leverage Funding Report. The Richmond Rising team will be sending out e-mails next week to Project Leads with instructions and additional details. Additionally, Partners are required to input project progress into the presentation that will be present to the Richmond City Council. While the City Council presentation date is still being determined, Project partners were encouraged to attend and co-present at this presentation.

Committee Member Cantave: When is presentation to the City Council?

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: This is still in progress, but October is a reasonable estimate.

8.2 Report Back on Rich City Rides Bike Ride

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez and Youth Fellows Leslie Poblano and Judah Gant presented on the first Youth Fellows bike ride and hike event. Rich City Rides partnered with Moving Forward, Fierce Advocates, Lifelong Medical, and Richmond Rising to organize this event. Community residents participated in a successful bike ride and hike which included Lucas Park, Point Richmond, and Keller Beach in Richmond.

Committee Member Castillo: Do we reach out to you [Gaby] if we want event information posted on the Richmond Rising Instagram?

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez: No, please make sure to reach out to TCC Intern, Eduardo Romero if you want information posted to Instagram.

Committee Member Floriano: Similar to Castillo, how can Project Partners get more involved with the Richmond Rising Instagram?

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez: Please make sure to reach out to Eduardo – Eduardo, could you share your email?

TCC Intern Eduardo Romero: Yes, its eduardo_romero@ci.richmond.ca.us .

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Climate Health Promoters Project Specialist Irma Peralta: Is there a way we could collaborate with mental health organizations to provide resources for community members affected by the ICE raids and the new presidential administration?

Committee Member Guerrero: We may be able to find partners that can do this. The City of Richmond cannot do this, but could Lifelong Medical provide some guidance on services that are needed and available?

Climate Health Promoters Project Specialist Irma Peralta: Yes, but I also wanted to bring this up to the group in case anyone else has additional information.

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez: In terms of immigration resources - sometimes Catholic charities offer free services so they may be able to provide help.

Committee Member Guerrero: I can ask if any Catholic charities are willing to present.

Community Member Becker: Contra Costa County is hosting an event at Contra Costa College on Saturday, July 26th, related to immigration issues - mostly legal issues will be discussed, but many resources related to the changes in the Federal government will be available. This event is free to the public.

Committee Member Guerrero: The ADU Toolkit team may be presenting information on the latest ADU Toolkit draft at the next CSC meeting.

Committee Member Cantave: By our next meeting, the GRID promotional video should be done. Can GRID do a reveal of this video at the next meeting?

Committee Member Guerrero: Yes.

Committee Member Guerrero: Community Member Becker, would you like us to include an action item pertaining to the Land acknowledgment and Shuumi Land Tax?

Community Member Becker: Yes.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ride Today Community Manager Salma Berumen: Ride Today has changed bike operation hours from 6AM-1PM on the weekdays to Monday through Friday from 8AM-6PM and Saturday-Sunday from 12PM-6PM. This change was made to accommodate peak ridership hours.

Committee Member Guerrero: Matias and I will be presenting virtually about the CSC meeting organization and facilitation to other TCC grantees on July 14th, 2025. Please let us know if you would like an invitation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.