



RICHMOND RISING
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:08 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: Terence Wu
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Chinue Fields (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Mayeli Rico (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for UC Berkeley: Jason Corburn
- Present: Project lead for Groundwork Richmond: Lorena Castillo
- 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
- 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 Richmond Rising initiative and the Collaborative Stakeholder committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kyndelle Johnson announced a Community Listening Session at the Richmond History Museum, as well as a Museum Open House on Saturday, August 9th.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from July 2025; Committee member Castillo 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.

Comments:

Youth Fellows Program Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez: How does [Committee member Castillo] recommend that Youth Fellows talk to community members about vandalism at Lucas Park? Rich City Rides is currently doing Saturday rides and monthly training workshops at Lucas Park. When they are there, they would want to be able to have this conversation with community members. Is there a recommended script or something similar that would be helpful for engaging residents?

Committee member Castillo: The best thing would be for GroundWork to collaborate with Rich City Rides to be out there at the same time to clarify concerns with the specific trees and let community members know what GroundWork can do. We should meet and discuss in more detail.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

No comments or questions from the community were reported.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Annual reports - due August 15th

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock presented on the annual reports due from Partners, including the Leverage Report, Annual Report, and slides for presentation to Richmond City Council.

No comments or questions were received.

8.2 ITP – Year 2 Data Collection Beginning

Committee member Corburn presented on the beginning of data collection for the Year 2 Indicator Tracking Plan Report, including a discussion of submission methods and timelines. No comments or questions were received.

8.3 Basins of Relations Update

Community Engagement Manager Cheryl Lopez presents on previous and upcoming Basins of Relations youth training programs.

No comments or questions were received.

8.4 Climate Health Promoters – Partner Project Review and Feedback

LifeLong Medical staff Health Promoters Project Specialist Irma Peralta, Wellness Center Program Coordinator Nanci Andrade, and Community Health Worker Andres Abarra presented on the most recent collaboration between Climate Health Promoter program and Richmond Rising Partners. CHPs worked with many Partners to do outreach, program

engagement, and other tasks while gaining useful skills and understanding.

Committee member Guerrero: From the City side, we saw CHPs get involved in ways they've never been before. CHPs learned how to present projects in public, as well as about Neighborhood Councils and other ways to get involved in City affairs. Although there were some logistic challenges, we were very happy to partner with them.

Committee member Cantave: GRID had a great time working with the CHPs. CHPs were very motivated, soaked up a lot of information, and were very eager to work with GRID. There were some challenges in working with them, and if we participate in this program in the future, we would recommend having additional sessions with them.

Committee member Guerrero: One good example of this program was in the Park Day. One CHP mentioned that it was her first time walking at Unity Park. At first she was very upset that she had to be there, but at the end she was very grateful and started making good connections to the ways that engaging in local parks was good for her.

Committee member Fields: Can LifeLong share a one-pager with us, so we can share and communicate to partners and funders?

Wellness Center Program Coordinator Nanci Andrade: Yes, no problem.

Wellness Center Program Coordinator Nanci Andrade: I would also like to acknowledge that we are still working on the best way to pay and are working to resolve ongoing issues with gift card payments.

8.5 Updates to Richmond Rising flyers

Community member Guerrero presented on updates to the Richmond Rising flyer which is distributed during community events to increase public awareness about the Richmond Rising programs. The updates to the flyer increased legibility and made it easier for residents to sign up for programs.

Committee member Fields: I recommend avoiding center lined text, and think project descriptions should be left-centered.

Committee member Castillo: When we do canvassing, community members are confused on the difference between the fruit tree program (Orchard for All!) and the street tree program (Bosque del Barrio). I'd like to send some text to clarify the difference for our flyer.

Committee member Cantave: Is there a deadline for sending links to add to the Linktree?

TCC Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: There is no deadline; the Linktree is created and ready to be updated.

Committee member Guerrero: Reach out to myself, Matias, or TCC intern Eduardo

Romero.

Committee member Espinoza: I believe Basins of Relations should be translated to 'Sistemas de Riego', and it should say 'reducen *sus* facturas', not 'las' facturas. I will send Matias an e-mail of text that I believe is correct for Neighborhood Complete Streets. E-Bike Share description should say "anadido" not "agregado", and I will send additional revisions regarding the eBLL.

Committee member Guerrero: We will add sign-ups for the GRID Solar Workforce training program, signups for summer GroundWork program and the Adopt-a-Tree program.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Committee member Cantave: We'd like to present a short video commercial that GRID has developed.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Fellows Bike Ride: August 16th at Lucas Park from 10am-1pm

Music on the Main: August 21st @ MVP Lot from 5:30-8pm

GRID TCC Summer Community Celebration: August 23rd @ Unity Park from 10am-2pm

Atchison Village Community Day: October 4th @ Atchison Village Community Center from 11am-4pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.