



RICHMOND RISING COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:05 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
- Absent: Project lead for Trust for Public Land
- 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: Alice Bruno
- 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
- Absent: Youth Fellows: Leslie Poblano
- Absent: Youth Fellows: Judah Gant
- Present: 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

No comments were received.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee Member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 2025; Community 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.

No comments or questions were received.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

Youth Fellow Program Manager Gaby Zacarias: The Youth Fellows Outreach Request Form has been sent out – this form asks project partners for task details regarding requested engagement from Youth Fellows. It also suggests key skills the Youth Fellow can contribute. Project partners should submit the form at least two weeks in advance to the requested event. Gaby will be sending out another outreach form where partners are able to submit event graphics and other materials.

Additionally, Youth Fellows will be hosting a Halloween Bike Ride on October 25th; the day before the bike ride, we will be meeting at Rich City Rides Bike Shop to decorate bikes from 5-7pm.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 GRID Promotional Video Release

Committee Member Cantave introduced the new GRID promotional video, which promotes the Resilient Homes project as well as the IBT Solar Installation Training Program.

No comments or questions were received.

8.2 Displacement Avoidance Plan Updates – Residential Rental Inspection Program

Partnership for the Bay's Future Housing Fellow Kamene Ogidi shared updates to Richmond's Residential Rental Inspection Program, including an increase in inspections to include all affordable housing units. Currently, Kamene is working on the Tenant Habitability Plan, which will be shared with the community when it is complete.

Committee Member Espinoza: How long has this program been operating and, if it hasn't, when does it expect to start?

Housing Fellow Ogidi: The program has been operating for 18 years. The main update to the program is that all units will now be inspected, whereas before only 1/3 of residential units had to be inspected. Additionally, affordable housing units will be included in the updated program. All residential rental units in the City will now be inspected, on a three-year cycle.

Committee Member Espinoza: What I hear from community members is that when an inspection is being conducted, the inspector only views the unit from the outside and never enters. Is the way that inspections are being carried out going to change?

Housing Fellow Ogidi: I have also heard this, and that is not how inspections should be conducted. An inspector is expected to walk through the home, including all shared spaces, and review a list of criteria for each unit. The City is aware that the program has not been

consistent in this, as this is an issue that community organizers have mentioned. This is a key reason why management of the new program will be moved into the City, instead of being implemented by contracted inspectors.

Committee Member Espinoza: How are you planning on educating the community on these resources and this information? How are you planning on getting this information to the most affected communities?

Housing Fellow Ogidi: We are reaching out to organizations that work with tenants, workers, parents, affordable housing, etc. Community engagement is also what brings me here today.

Community Member: With the decarbonization process, are there any focuses on replacing gas appliances with electric?

Housing Fellow Ogidi: Yes. The new inspection notices include a section on decarbonization program highlights and what is provided, such as gas back incentives and other incentives to replace gas stoves with electric stoves.

8.3 Lucas Park Activation Presentation

Rashida Foster and Stef Solis, Lucas Park Community Engagement Co-Managers, presented on project activation that is happening in Lucas Park. Foster and Solis shared Urban Tilth's October community events, and discussed the creation of a Lucas Park Steering Committee to be implemented in 2026.

Committee Member Castillo: Is the funding for the redevelopment of Lucas Park is coming from the TCC?

Lucas Park Community Engagement Co-Manager Foster: No, the funding is coming from Urban Tilth. Lucas Park is going to be adopted by Urban Tilth, hence our promotion.

Committee Member Espinoza: For the steering committee, do you want Lucas Park project area members or general Richmond community members?

Lucas Park Community Engagement Co-Manager Foster: We want people specifically from the Lucas Park area.

Lucas Park Community Engagement Co-Manager Solis: We welcome applications from anyone who is interested, but we will prioritize those who live near Lucas Park.

8.4 Low-Income Transportation Options Presentation

TCC Project Intern Eduardo Romero shared a presentation on various low-income transportation options that are available for Richmond residents. These options included Clipper START, R-Transit, and Richmond Moves.

Community Member: Where can you get the Miocar? How do you access the program?

Project Intern Romero: It is an app that can be downloaded to your phone, or you can visit

Miocar.org.

Community Member: Where is the Miocar program located?

Project Intern Romero: This is a Richmond-based program.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

No agenda requests were received.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: On October 9th at Nystrom Elementary School, there is a workshop on the MLK Community Center. There are flyers in the front, with a survey attached. This is an ongoing effort to design and then construct a new MLK Community Center, because the old community center was torn down.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.