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RICHMOND RISING

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 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
- Present: Project lead for Trust for Public Land: Annie Youngerman (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Nathan Bickart (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Gaby Zacarias (alternative)
- 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
- 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

No comments were received.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee Member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from October 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

No comments or questions were received.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Bay Area Air Management District Presentation

Bay Area Air District Community Investments Manager Emi Wang presented guidelines for applying for Local Community Benefits Fund grants that the Air District is offering. There are three different grants that nonprofits and other community-based organizations can apply to – these include: the Catalyst grant, the Opportunity grant, and the Seed grant.

Grant	Overview <i>Details vary; see Call for Projects documents</i>
Catalyst Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant size ranges between \$10 - \$40 million• Lead Applicant must partner with multiple Co-Applicants• Up to 5 year grant term• Eligible communities vary
Opportunity Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant size ranges between \$500,000 - \$5 million• Lead Applicant must partner with at least one Co-Applicant(s)• Up to 3 year grant term• Eligible communities vary
Seed Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant size ranges between \$100,000 - \$200,000• Open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations only, no Co-Applicant requirement• Up to 2 year grant term• Eligible communities vary

Committee Member Castillo: Is it possible to use this grant funding to leverage an existing project?

Community Investments Manager Wang: There is no strict leverage requirement, however, it will show greater readiness if there are other sources of funding for a project.

West Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia: When the grant application is opened, the Air District will make sure that the Richmond/San Pablo communities are aware that it is open. Applicants will be given three months to apply.

Committee Member Guerrero: For the Climate Health Promoters that are present, please let us know of any projects that are happening in your community that can benefit from this funding.

8.2 Barrett Ave – Complete Street

Rails to Trails Western Regional Director Iman Sylvain and consultant Vignesh Swaminathan from Kimley Horn presented on the Barrett Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian improvements Project. This project includes proposed improvements to Harbor Way, 18th Street, and 25th Street.

Committee Member Castillo: Have you considered planting trees and shrubs in these protected bike and pedestrian lanes?

Consultant Swaminathan: For projects like these, paint and plastic is first used because we want to gauge community reaction to the changes. If liked, and sufficient funding is received, trees and other greenery are planted during the next project phase. There is planting currently happening on Harbor Way to 18th Street; however, there will be no greenery added to 18th Street to 25th Street due to the limited size of this area for plantings. We will be proposing pedestrian level lighting in these areas.

Community Member Hernandez: What is being planned for bike lanes that do not have proper street lighting? Because this causes an issue of safety. What can we do when the area is dark? From Barrett to Harbor Way, various pedestrians use this path but there are no streetlights - what will be done to address this issue?

Consultant Swaminathan: As part of this project, streetlights are proposed on Barrett Ave from between the BART Station and Harbor Way. These will be pedestrian level lights, and the trees will be trimmed to avoid issues of hiding. Crossing lights underneath the railroad tracks are being proposed to make it feel safer when crossing underneath, the BART and Union Pacific Railroad tracks on Barrett Ave. The same will be completed on Macdonald Ave. because we received negative community input regarding safety. Street lighting east of 18th Street will not be added because of existing lighting in that area. A walkthrough exercise will be completed, with specialized testing equipment, to ensure that lighting is sufficient.

Community Member: On Barrett Ave., there is a bridge and an area that is very difficult to cross – is there anything that can be done in regard to pedestrian safety? This area is very dark and hidden.

Consultant Swaminathan: Left turn access will be removed on both sides of the bridge and a pedestrian refuge will be added so that pedestrians can cross easily and safely. Flashing lights will also be installed on both sides of 18th Street. On Marina Way, a fourth crosswalk will be added to make a more efficient path to the BART station.

Community Member: I bike and walk these paths. How will you ensure these areas are well-maintained? There have been multiple accidents which have involved the Richmond Fire Department, as well as issues of littering.

Consultant Swaminathan: Directional curb ramps will be added so that drivers are not directed into the bike lane and instead go straight. In regard to the emergency vehicles, the road is being

planned so that there is space available for them to get through. As for maintenance, the streets will be wide enough for a street sweeper to go through and clean.

City of Richmond Engineer Hillal Hamdan: The bike lane will be wide enough so that emergency vehicles will be able to use them if necessary. Additionally, the street will be wide enough so that a street sweeper will be able to go through to clean.

Committee Member Espinoza: Where are the funds for this project are coming from?

City of Richmond Engineer Hillal Hamdan: The City received approximately two million dollars to invest in this project, and this funding will be going to the continued maintenance of the project's lighting, street ramps, and bike lanes.

Committee Member Espinoza: The streetlights on 18th and Barrett Ave are not functional and I have experienced an accident on that street – my suggestion is that a left turn light is added.

Consultant Swaminathan: A left-turn pocket with a left-turn green light will be added to allow vehicles on either side of the street to make a left turn. A full street signal will also be added to increase safety for drives in the turn lane.

8.3 Economic Development Presentation – Facade Improvement Program

City of Richmond's Senior Business Assistance Officer Jesson De Leon presented on the Small Business Building Beautification Pilot Program. This program seeks to enhance the City's commercial corridors by funding facade and interior upgrades for greater visibility and economic growth for Richmond's small businesses.

Community Member: How is this information being shared with the general public? Is door-to-door canvassing being done?

Senior Business Assistance Officer De Leon: Door-to-door canvassing has begun. The City also has access to business license information, which will be used to notify all registered business in the area of this program. The City will also be reaching out to local business partners and community organizations to make them aware of this opportunity.

8.4 Richmond Arts Corridor Presentation

Richmond Renaissance's Community Engagement Representative Kyndelle Johnson presented on the Richmond Arts Corridor initiative, which envisions artist housing, theatres, and galleries throughout 23rd Street and Macdonald Ave. No comments were received.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

No agenda requests were received.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Guerrero: GRID Alternatives will be hosting a No Cost Solar Workshop on November 12th at 5:15 PM. Please RSVP and attend.

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: An indoor basketball group will be starting, with plans to meet once a month. The first game is December 6th at the Richmond Recreation Complex. Please reach out if you are interested or want additional information.

All Stars Project Program Associate Larry Huynh: Our organization (All Stars Project) uses performance as a tool of personal and professional development. If you or anyone you know is interested in our program, please reach out.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.