



RICHMOND RISING

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:15 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: Chinue Fields (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Gaby Zacarias (alternate)
- Absent: 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
- 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 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 November and December 2025; Committee Member Becker 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.

Committee member Jim Becker: In the project status reports, can presentations include a "Where are We" section? For example - when the e-Bike Lending Library starts lending bikes, the presentation could include the number of bikes being rented out, etc. This would allow the Committee to celebrate successes, and problem solve challenges that are being experienced.

Second question: for the Façade Improvement program, are the program details being circulated via existing pipelines? For example, to Richmond Main Street Initiative (RMSI), the Chamber of Commerce, etc.?

Committee member Guerrero: [In response to first question] Can I ask that project partners are more explicit in the reports? The Grantee team can also make sure there is space in the slides for partners to add this requested information.

Committee member Jim Becker: I'd like the reports, which includes quantities, to include details on whether goals are being met.

Committee member Guerrero: [In response to second question] The Economic Development team did engagement with business owners in each of the neighborhoods when developing the program and have also been active with stakeholder groups. This information has also been shared in other forums, including with RMSI and the Chamber of Commerce.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

No comments were received.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 BAAQMD Application Coordination

Committee member Guerrero presented on the status of the collaborative application for the upcoming BAAQMD Local Community Benefits Fund grants, including ongoing discussions between City staff and potential non-profit partners.

Committee Member Castillo: Can non-profits apply to multiple BAAQMD grants at the same time?

Committee member Guerrero: Yes. Richmond nonprofits can apply with the City of Richmond and also be a part of other applications. Additionally, there is funding available for other nearby cities as well, including Benicia.

8.2 CSC Chair Nomination

Committee member Guerrero announced that the 2-year terms for the Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary were coming to an end, and new members would have to be elected to serve on

these positions by March.

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta: Can community members nominate Committee members to serve in these positions, or is this only reserved for the Committee?

Committee member Guerrero: Yes, community members can recommend and nominate Committee members as well.

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta: I would like to nominate Chito Floriano as Chair of the Committee.

Committee member Guerrero: We will let Chito know about this nomination.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Committee member Jim Becker: I would like Transform to present, as the Richmond Community Foundation (RCF) is partnering with them on transportation projects in the City.

Committee member Jim Becker: Also, new State laws have created additional restrictions to copper sales that went into effect January 1, 2026. It would be helpful to receive a presentation on these laws, as copper theft in charging stations and streetlights is a common issue in Richmond.

Transform Transportation Policy Manager Abibat Rahman-Davies: I am the Transportation Policy Manager Transform, and we'll be happy to present next month.

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez: The next Youth Fellow cohort will be starting in March, and I would like to present on the next cohort.

Wellness Center Program Coordinator Andrade: The Next Climate Health Promoters (CHP) cohort starts in March, so we'd like to present at the February CSC meeting.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Youngerman: The Community Design Event for MLK Park and Community Center is on Wednesday, January 14th at Nystrom Elementary at 6pm. This is the second of three events that are being hosted by the City of Richmond to look at potential designs for the proposed park and community center.

Committee Member Fields: The 19th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is on Monday, January 19th from 9am-1pm on the Greenway. Volunteers can sign up online to participate. This is the biggest Urban Tilth event of the year – there are usually more than 1,000 participants.

Committee member Jim Becker: An Advanced Energy Community Survey Forum hosted by California Endowment will take place on February 19th. This is an annual-day event and will be hosted at 2000 Franklin St. in downtown Oakland.

Committee member Guerrero: Shared the signup link for the Facade Improvement Program.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.