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RICHMOND RISING

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2026

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: Annie Youngerman
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Chinue Fields
- 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
- Absent: Community member: Montserrat Gonzalez
- Present: Community member: Judith Rocha
- Present: Community member: Curtis Rice
- Present: 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 public comments were received.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee Member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from January 2026; 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 Becker: Thank you for providing the slides regarding the overall progress of the program.

Committee Member Espinoza: I wanted to make it aware that there is an issue in the printed Spanish slides and also as a recommendation, can the letter size of the CSC presentation slides be increased?

Committee Member Guerrero: Yes, we will address these issues prior to our next meeting and posting.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

LifeLong Medical Staff Health Promoters Project Specialist Irma Peralta: To eliminate any confusion, what is the date that the TCC program will be completed?

Committee Member Guerrero: The program is planned to come to a close in August 2028; however, reporting will continue into the following year.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Fruit Tree Giveaway promotion

Orchard for ALL! Project Manager, Bruno Lara, and Gleaning Coordinator, Lisette Castillo, presented on Orchard for ALL! Fruit Tree Giveaway, highlighting Urban Tilths mission, how to join the tree care assistance team, and their future tree giveaway.

City of Richmond Community Development Manager Lina Velasco: What types of trees will be distributed?

Gleaning Coordinator Lisette Castillo: There will be a variety of trees that will be distributed, some include orange trees, persimmon trees, etc.

8.2 The Watershed Project and the City of Richmond Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Resiliency Plan

The Watershed Project's Climate Ready Watershed Senior Manager, Naama Raz-Yaseef, provided an overview on the updates to and the expansion of the City of Richmond's Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Resiliency Plan. Information included the effects of sea level rise on groundwater, health, and wellbeing; community input on the planning stage of the plan was encouraged.

8.3 Climate Health Promoters Cohort 3

VeggieRx Project Manager, Bailey Ward, and Community Health Promoter, David McClelan, promoted Urban Tilth and LifeLong Medical's Climate Health Promoter program. Specifically, a new English Climate Health Promoter cohort will be starting in March.

8.4 New Youth Fellow Cohort

Youth Fellow Program, Manager Gaby Zacarias, and Youth Fellow Community Outreach Manager, Malea Reeves, encouraged Richmond residents to apply to the Youth Fellow program. Youth Fellow program participants will be able to gain a paid internship experience, while gaining skills in community engagement, public outreach, and leadership.

8.5 Informational Presentation on New Copper Laws

Committee Member Jim Becker briefly updated the CSC on new laws regarding copper theft; this includes the passing of CA Assembly Bill 425 which strengthens regulations against metal theft, specifically copper wire and infrastructure components.

8.6 Small Business Façade Improvement Program

Economic Development Management Analyst, Junne Garcia, presented on the City of Richmond's Small Business Façade Improvement Program, which provides funds to community businessowners for storefront improvements.

8.7 Richmond Rising Office Space

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock briefly promoted the opening of the new TCC BART Office. Information regarding an Open House will be sent out to partners.

8.8 New CSC Chair Voting

Item moved to next meeting where a vote will take place.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

No requests were received.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Guerrero: There will be a Third Community Design Event, regarding the new Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and Park, taking place on February 25th, 2026 from 6-7:30PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.