1. **Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance; welcome and introductions – 3 min.
2. **Minutes of January 25, 2018 General Meeting** – 2 min.
3. **Finance Report:** Tom Hoffman, Treasurer (finance report given quarterly) – 3 min.
4. **Board Officer announcements** – 5 min.
   The RPD is in the process of converting to a new program called Mark43. Therefore, crime stats are not available at this time. **Remember: Do your part and continue to keep a hawk eye out for any suspicious activity in your neighborhood and be sure to keep a log** (dates & times, make, model, color, and license plate number of vehicle/s; description of person/s involved—i.e. gender, race, age range, build, hair color, detailed description of clothes they were wearing), and report it to the Police Dept. at (510) 233-1214. The Beat Officers for Richmond Annex are Sgt. Kris Tong, (510) 965-4916, email Ktong@richmondpd.net and Ofc. Brad Marweg, 621-1212, Ext. 4959, email Bmarweg@richmondpd.net. If you’re interested in starting a neighborhood crime watch on your block or getting signs, warning criminals that “Neighbors are Watching Out for Each Other,” contact the City’s Crime Prevention Coordinator at (510) 620-6538.

6. **In brief — Reports; project & committee updates:** 5 min. ea.
   a. **Streets/Traffic Committee update:** Special Subcommittee for the Carlson Corridor Improvement Project - Phase II.
   In brief, below are some of the items that we would like to complete. This is a collaborative and continuous neighborhood effort. To participate, call 510-375-7769.
   - Huntington Signal Timing Adjustment
   - Reprogram Radar Speed Activated Signs
   - Painting high-visibility crosswalks
   - Installing State Law Yield to Pedestrians Within Crosswalks signage
   - Improving visibility of oncoming traffic, by replacing plants in median to limit maximum growth to 2 feet and installing commercial grade weed blocking fabric
   - Installing another 4-way signal light to break up the momentum and slow (calm) speeding traffic
   - Seek funding for Safe Routes to Schools Program
   - Installing light-activated crosswalks at key intersections

   Phase I, **completed 4-years ago,** included lowering of elevated crown by 2 to 4 feet, lowering of all PG&E and EBMUD pipelines, regrading, installation of new concrete curbs, gutters and driveways, installation of ADA curb ramps on all corners, new pavement, new bike lanes to line up with El Cerrito’s bike lanes, electronic speed advisory signs, installation of irrigated landscaping in new center medians, reduction of speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.

   b. **Planning/Zoning Committee update:**
   - **2421 San Mateo St:** proposed 625 SQF 2-story addition; Single-Family Residential District; Dylan Sang, applicant
   - **5327 Jacuzzi Street:** proposed private-room karaoke club, located on west side of I-80; Shihong Lin, applicant
   - **10963 San Pablo Ave, southwest corner of Jefferson Ave.** (Playland-Not-at-the-Beach and Donut Shop); proposed 50-unit high density mixed-use development; 65 off-street parking spaces; 57’ Wang Brothers Investments, LLC
   - **10919 San Pablo Ave, southwest corner of Alameda Ave.** (Marty’s Motors and Conners Overhead Door); proposed 85-unit high density mixed-use development; 42 off-street parking spaces; 57’ Wang Brothers Investments, LLC

   c. **Capsule reports:** RNCC update; RANC revitalizing website project

7. **Good of the Order:** (limited to brief general interest announcements and inquiries); adjournment

   **YOUR PARTICIPATION** in this wholly volunteer group is significant in our City’s decision-making process.
Minutes of the Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council General Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2018

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. Mary Selva, President presiding.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Treasury Report: As of 12-29-17, the exact RANC balance is $13,658.52 Tom Hoffman, Treasurer.

4. Announcements: Peggy Wang and Jose, lead researchers with Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology from UC Berkeley, announced they are currently conducting a lab test on the design of Information Display Board signs. They need volunteers 65+ to help evaluate their proposed digital signage along the I-80 corridor. The study takes about 1.5 hours and pays $35/hour for a total of $50—(510) 501-2716. The purpose of IDB signs is to convey additional traveler information, such as expected delays and estimated time to important destinations, in order to enhance drivers’ knowledge of the downstream traffic conditions, alternative routes and transportation modes. To address some of our concerns, we understood their objective is to not place digital signage in such a way as to obstruct views in residential areas nor create light pollution towards those areas.

5. Beat Officer Report: Beat Officers were invited, but unable to attend. Crime stats not available; RPD converting to a new program called Mark43. Two residents in attendance informed us about two break-ins—one on Mariposa while home was occupied; one on Sutter where home was unoccupied at the time. Residents were urged to contact the City’s Crime Prevention Coordinator to start a neighborhood watch on their blocks—510-620-6538.

6. Streets/Traffic Committee Update: Jeff Jones reported on traffic backups during peak commute hours, including occasional big rig use on San Luis St. Dave Harris gave update on Carlson Corridor, which included analysis of accidents along Richmond Annex portion of Carlson. The data shows the range of accidents at each intersection along Carlson, from Carlson at I-80 having the most accidents to Placer and San Mateo having the least. Mary Selva gave analysis on number of Richmond Annex children that attend our local public schools. Richmond Annex, including the Southwest Annex has an overall total of 451 students that attend our designated public schools. All data to be used to improve Carlson and is still a work in progress.

7. Planning/Zoning Committee Update: Mary Selva reported that the Cmte is currently in review of two high-density building proposals in El Cerrito, which abut Richmond Annex residential neighborhoods at the corners of Alameda (Marty’s Motors and Corners Overhead Door) and Jefferson (Playland-Not-at-the-Beach and Donut Shop). The Cmte would like to ensure that these projects are designed to minimize sharp contrasts in height. A good policy that West Berkeley has in place that our Cmte likes is that the physical form should use tools such as increased building setbacks and stepbacks to reduce the impacts of differences in scale, style, and site plan. Following this policy of setbacks and stepbacks is Delaware Court on S.P.Ave. at the southwest corner in West Berkeley. “Delaware Court makes the transition from a commercial street to a residential neighborhood by borrowing materials and details from the Bungalow style architecture of the adjacent homes and incorporating them into the elevations of the building. Significant stepping of the elevations and setbacks along Delaware add to the transition from commercial to the single family homes,” as described in the Architects/Planners’ portfolio. Delaware Court did not dramatically reduce the required number of parking spaces, due to the fact that the building abuts a low density residentially zoned district and provided at least one parking space per unit to avoid parking conflicts on residential streets. Garland Ellis mentioned that Richmond has a neighborhood permit parking ordinance. However, it is not enforceable due to budget constraints and is considered very low priority according to the RPD. Chip Gribble suggested that an EIR study be conducted, particularly for sites that were occupied long-term as auto repair or auto body use. RANC eventually plans to broach these well-thought-out ideas to the City of El Cerrito, so as to make these building projects less impacting to the adjacent residential neighborhoods. The addition to 2421 San Mateo is under review. At this point, the Cmte recommends a hipped roof or brow roof, rather than a prow roof overhang.

8. Community Participation: If you want to be more involved in a variety of issues, Mary encouraged Annex residents to serve on a committee. The RANC needs chairs for the Parks & Shoreline, Alvarado School, Fairmont School, I-80 Sound Wall Landscape Maintenance, Welcome Wagon, Neighborhood Cleanup, and Block Party Committees. If you would like to serve as a chair or participate on these committees, please call 510-375-7769. RANC is working on reviving its old website.

9. Meeting adjourned in memory of Pat Smith: Pat served on the RANC as Recording Secretary and the Streets/Traffic Committee to achieve a new signal light on Carlson Blvd. at Huntington Ave. She also helped to retain Alvarado and Balboa Schools from being sold off as surplus property. For the last several years she served as one of the Executive members on the Annex Community Emergency Response Team. A technical writer by profession, Pat was a big plus to our Council and CERT. Pat passed away on December 12, 2017. She will be dearly missed.

36th Annual Senior Information & Health Fair (free), Wednesday, May 9th, 9am to 12pm, Richmond Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza; $5 pancake breakfast is 8am to 11am; for more information call 510-307-8085 or 510-307-8087.

Senior Night Out, Saturday, May 12th, 6pm to 10pm (dinner served at 6pm), Richmond Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza—An evening of dining and live entertainment; ticket information: 510-620-6793; $20 per person.
Dear Richmond Annex Neighbor,

If you haven’t renewed your membership, you will find an asterisk * next to your name on the mailing label of your RANC mailer. **Please take a moment to send us a check for the incredibly reasonable dues listed below.** The money is used for flyers on important issues or public hearings, letters, other necessary copying, mural touch ups, and now for printing our newsletter and postage.

The Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council is a non-partisan, wholly volunteer group dating from postwar 1940s. Founded under its present name in 1974, the Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council (RANC) represents a long proven example of what the Neighborhood Council is intended and best able to accomplish. We are a founding member of the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC), an umbrella group of all neighborhood councils throughout Richmond, under the wing of the City. Meeting monthly for now 50 years the RANC has maintained active involvement in development, crime, traffic, schools, parks, environmental problems, and shoreline issues for the Greater Richmond Annex area. Some people operate businesses in the Greater Richmond Annex area that have long been supportive members. Our long success has resulted from the trust and good faith of neighbors able to place community beyond purely personal agendas. It is a record we share with pride.

Your membership is encouraged. Our Council depends upon its members to participate, help their neighbors, and community as a whole.

**Annual membership dues are due each spring:** $7 per household, $5 for seniors, and $10 for businesses.

Please return completed application below for renewal or new membership. You will receive the RANC mailer with the meeting agenda, minutes of prior meeting, and other information concerning the Greater Richmond Annex area and our City. Below, you may also add your name to our RANC Email List to receive information about important updates or events. Your private information WILL NOT BE SHARED OR USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Our general meetings are held quarterly, on the 4th Thursday of the month, at the Richmond Annex Senior Center (the old firehouse), 5801 Huntington Avenue, corner of Santa Clara St. We have regular committee meetings every month. For further information, please contact us at 510-375-7769 or email us at richmondannexnc@gmail.com. If you’re interested in Emergency Preparedness, please email annexcert@gmail.com.

Note: An asterisk * on your mailing label means it’s time to renew your annual membership. Please remit dues, along with completed membership application below. Thank you.

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**RANC Membership Application**

Please complete form and send it with your annual membership dues, $7 per household, $5 for seniors, and $10 for businesses to: **Tom Hoffman, Treasurer, Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council or RANC, P.O. Box 5436, Richmond, CA 94805.** Make check payable to RANC or Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council. Do not send cash.

Name_________________________Phone #_________________________Fax #_________________________

Address_________________________City_________________________State_________________________Zip_________________________

Email address (if you have one)_________________________Date_________________________Amount_________________________

☐ New Membership  ☐ Renewal  ☐ * Willing to do Volunteer Work

* If you are interested in joining any one of the RANC committees, please check one of the boxes below:

☐ Parks & Shoreline  ☐ Fairmont School  ☐ Emergency Preparedness

☐ Planning/Zoning  ☐ Streets/Traffic; Carlson  ☐ Stauffer/Zeneca Cleanup Advisory Group

☐ Code Compliance  ☐ Annex History  ☐ I-80 Sound wall Landscape Maintenance

☐ Alvarado School  ☐ Annex Block Party  ☐ Welcome Wagon

Thank you.
Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council
Founded 1974  PO Box 5436, Richmond, CA  94805  * Neighbors Helping Neighbors *

WE THE ANNEX

Working together nearly 60 years, local residents have built and nurtured the stable, uncrowded, family-oriented character of the Greater Richmond Annex.

We enjoy the traditional low-density neighborhoods, public access shoreline, and healthy environment rare in urban areas today.

THIS IS NO ACCIDENT!

Since the 1940’s, Annex residents and businesses have organized to preserve and enhance these special qualities, now increasingly threatened by economic and political pressures.

Good neighborhoods, as good families and sound businesses, succeed by working together for common benefit. Just as we don’t expect others to pay our taxes or cast our vote, we can’t expect others to bear our share of keeping the Annex the kind of neighborhood we want for our families.

If not already serving on one of our committees or special projects, please join your neighbors as an active voice in our shared Greater Richmond Annex neighborhood where . . .

“TOGETHER, WE CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!”