



**CITY OF RICHMOND**  
**Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting**  
**AGENDA**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022 6:00 PM**

This meeting is held on Zoom that is accessible to people with disabilities.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93771521625?pwd=ZEI1Q0ZiOHV4b0lRRnZjeUYxak9RZz09>

**Webinar ID: 937 7152 1625**

**Passcode: 156963**

Or One tap mobile: +16699006833, or 93771521625# US (San Jose)

Or join by phone: US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/abTvlsoMuj>

**Board Members:** Joey Smith, Chair, Vacant, Vice Chair, Allison Blakeley, Secretary, Vacant, Treasurer

**Commissioners:** Maryn Hurlbut, Soheila Bana, Eleanor Thompson, Catalin Kaser, Aaron Rowden

1. **Call to Order** (2 min)

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Genuine acknowledgement of the value of a land acknowledgement
  - The opportunity and risk of this moment in our agenda, and how to embrace it wisely
  - The simple acknowledgement that we stand, sit, live and exist on land that was previously and currently occupied and cared for by First Peoples prior to the establishment of the United States, California statehood and the founding of the City of Richmond
  - Embracing the truth and leaning into our discomfort
  - Relentlessly identifying and pursuing opportunities for genuine engagement with local indigenous communities to understand indigenous struggles, needs and goals with a specific focus on exploring pathways to return indigenous lands to indigenous hands

2. **Roll Call** (1 min)

3. **Welcome and Meeting Procedures** (1 min)

*Individuals who would like to address the Recreation and Parks Commission on relevant matters not listed on the agenda or on Department Reports for Information items not pulled for discussion, may do so under **Open Forum**.*

*Public comment may be made on agenda items when the item is discussed. The standard amount of time for each speaker, in either instance, will be two (2) minutes.*

4. **Agenda Review** (1 min)

*The order in which items will be heard may be adjusted by Commissioner vote at this time. In addition, items may be removed from or placed on the Consent Calendar at this time. Individual items may be removed from Department Reports for Information for discussion, explanation, or continuance to a future meeting. In addition, the order in which items will be heard may be adjusted at this time.*

5. **Open Forum** (10 min.; 2 min per speaker)

*Issues brought to the attention of the commission in **Open Forum** cannot result in discussion or action at this meeting. Individuals who would like to address the Recreation and Parks Commission on relevant matters **not** listed on the agenda or on Department Reports for Information items **not** pulled for*

*Public comment may be made on agenda items when the item is discussed.*

6. **Announcements through the Chair** (5 min.)

7. **Consent Calendar** (2 min)

*Items on the Consent Calendar are considered matters requiring little or no discussion and will be acted upon in one motion.*

- a. APPROVE minutes of the May 4, 2022 Special Meeting
- b. APPROVE minutes of the May 4, 2022 Meeting
- c. APPROVE minutes of the June 1, 2022 Meeting

8. **Department Reports For Information** (10 min)

*Unless items were pulled for discussion during Agenda Review, all reports are considered received and accepted by the commission requiring no further action.*

- a. Public Works: Facilities – Jose Urquilla
- b. Parks & Landscaping Divisions – Greg Hardesty
- c. Community Services Division: Recreation and Neighborhood Services – Ranjana Maharaj

9. **Presentations**

1. Harbour-8 Park Update (Toody Maher)
2. West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council (Commissioner Bana)

10. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports** (20 min)

- a. Sustainability and Climate Responsiveness Committee (Catalin/Maryn)

11. **Discussions and Action Items**

*Following discussion of each item, the commission may vote to make recommendations to Commissioners, staff and/or to the City Council.*

- a. **DISCUSS Election of Officers to the Recreation & Parks Commission** (Officer Posts are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) – Allison Blakeley, Secretary
- b. **COORDINATE** open conversation on how the city can support the native stewardship of Ookwe Park:
  - i. Recreation and Parks Commission
  - ii. Sogorea Te' Land Trust
  - iii. Arts and Culture Commission
  - iv. Planning Commission

12. **Commissioner Liaison Reports** (14 minutes, 2 min. per member)

*At 8:00 PM, any items remaining on the agenda that require immediate attention may be moved to this time. All other items will be tabled to another meeting or the following commission meeting in order to make fair and attentive decisions. This meeting adjourns at 8:30 PM. The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the commissioners.*

13. **Commissioner Comments** (7 min.;1 min. per person)

14. **Agenda Setting for Next Meeting and Future Topics** (3 min.)

15. **Adjournment** (1 min.)

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

*As presiding officer, the Recreation and Parks Commission Chair has the authority to preserve order at all Recreation and Parks Commission meetings, to remove or cause the removal of any person from any such meeting for disorderly conduct, or for making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, using profanity, or becoming boisterous, threatening or personally abusive while addressing said Commission, and to enforce the rules of the Commission. Any documents produced by the City and distributed to the Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available at the Community Services/Recreation Division located at 3230 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, California during normal business hours.*

## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

PURSUANT to the Governor of the State of California's Assembly Bill 361 and in the interest of the public health and safety, attendance at the City of Richmond City Council meeting will be limited to Council members, essential City of Richmond staff, and members of the news media. Public comment will be confined to items appearing on the agenda and will be limited to the methods provided below.

Public comment may be submitted by email and/or Zoom video conference in the manner that follows; provided that no member of the public may submit more than one verbal comment per agenda item.

1. Via email to [recreation@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:recreation@ci.richmond.ca.us) by 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Emails MUST contain in the subject line 1) Public Comments – Open Forum; **OR** 2) Public Comments agenda item # - [include the agenda item number].

All such email will be posted on-line and emailed to the Commission before the meeting is called to order. **No individual email will be read into the record. Due to the high volume of emails received, emails that do not contain the correct identifying information in the subject line may be overlooked and may not become part of the record. Email received after 1:00 p.m. will be posted on-line following the meeting as part of the supplemental materials attached to the meeting minutes.**

2. Via Zoom by video conference or by phone using the following link/call-in numbers – for Open Session:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

Zoom webinar link: <https://zoom.us/j/93771521625?pwd=ZEI1Q0ZiOHV4b0lRRnZjeUYxak9RZz09>

**Webinar ID: 937 7152 1625**

**Passcode: 156963**

Or One tap mobile: +16699006833, or 93771521625# US (San Jose)

Or join by phone: US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592  
or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099

Webinar ID: 937 7152 1625

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/abTvlsoMuJ>

- a. To comment by video conference, click on the Participants button at the bottom of your screen and select the “Raise Your Hand” button to request to speak when Public Comment is being asked for. Speakers will be called upon in the order they select the “Raise Your Hand” feature. When called upon, press the unmute button. After the allotted time, you will then be re-muted.  
\*\*
- b. To comment by phone, you will be prompted to “Raise Your Hand” by pressing “\*9” to request to speak when Public Comment is asked for. When called upon, you will be asked to unmuted by

pressing \*6. After the allotted time, you will then be re-muted. Instructions of how to raise your hand by phone are available at:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362663-Joining-a-meeting-by-phone>. \*\*

3. Use the below email address to correspond directly with the Chairperson for any other issues:  
[rec.parkscommission@gmail.com](mailto:rec.parkscommission@gmail.com)

\*\*The Chair will announce the agenda item number and open public comment when appropriate. Individuals who would like to address the Commission should raise their hand. The Chair will close public comment when public comment is concluded.

Open Forum for Public Comment: Individuals who would like to address the Commission on matters not listed on the agenda or on items remaining on the consent calendar may do so under Open Forum.

*The City cannot guarantee that its network and/or the site will be uninterrupted. To ensure that the Commission receives your comments, you are strongly encouraged to submit your comments in writing in advance of the meeting.*

AB 361 Procedures in the Event of Technical Difficulties: In the event the meeting broadcast is disrupted, or if a **technical issue on the agency's end** disrupts public participation, the legislative body board cannot take any further action on the agenda until the technical issue is resolved.

**Record of all public comments:** Properly labeled public comments will be considered a public record, put into the official meeting record, available after the meeting as supplemental materials, and will be posted as an attachment to the meeting minutes when the minutes are posted: [Archive Center](#) • [Richmond](#) • [CivicEngage](#)

**Procedures for Removing Consent Calendar Items from the Consent Calendar:** Members of the public who request to remove an item from the consent calendar must first discuss the item with a staff member by phone or a back-and-forth email discussion, and state the name of the staff member when requesting removal of the item from the consent calendar.

Any member of the Commission who would like to remove an item from the consent calendar must notify the appropriate staff person prior to the meeting. Although members of the Commission are encouraged to ask questions and share concerns with staff ahead of the meeting, they are not required to do so.

The Recreation Division staff must be informed of any requests to remove items from the Consent Calendar.

**Accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities:** Upon request, the City will provide for written agenda materials in appropriate alternative formats, or disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services and sign language interpreters, to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in and provide comments at/related to public meetings. Please submit a request, including your name, phone number and/or email address, and a description of the modification, accommodation, auxiliary aid, service or alternative format requested at least two days before the meeting. Requests should be emailed to [recreation@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:recreation@ci.richmond.ca.us) or submitted by phone at 510-620-6950. Requests will be granted whenever possible and resolved in favor of accessibility.

Effect of Advisory on In-person participation: During the pendency of Assembly Bill 361, the language in this Advisory portion of the agenda supersedes any language contemplating in-person public comment.