



# CITY OF RICHMOND Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting

## AGENDA

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 6:00 PM

Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza

This meeting is held in a building that is accessible to people with disabilities.

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

**Commissioners:** Maryn Hurlbut, Catalin Kaser, Dani Lanis, Samantha Torres

1. **Call to Order** (3 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. **Mission and Roll Call** (2 min.)

3. **Welcome and Meeting Procedures** (2 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 comments 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 and Adoption** (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 discussion, may do so at this time.*
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 April 5, 2023, Meeting
  - b. APPROVE minutes of the May 11, 2023 Special 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) – Carl Capistrano
  - b. Parks & Landscaping Divisions – Greg Hardesty
  - c. Community Services Division: Recreation and Neighborhood Services – Ranjana Maharaj
9. **Presentations** (15 min.)
  - a. Receive an update on the Resilience Hubs – Rebuilding Together East Bay-North
  - b. Memorial Bench Application – Pt. Molate Beach Park (FYI)
10. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports** (20 min.)
  - a. Sustainability and Climate Responsiveness Committee (Catalin/Maryn/Allison/Samantha)
  - b. Coordinate open conversation on how the city can support the native stewardship of Ookwe Park:
    - i. Recreation & Parks Commission
    - ii. Sogorea Te' Land Trust
    - iii. Arts & Culture Commission
    - iv. Planning Commission
  - c. Youth & Associate Commissioners Initiatives (Joey/Maryn)
11. **Discussions and Action Items** (20 minutes)  
*Following discussion of each item, the commission may vote to make recommendations to Commissioners, staff and/or to the City Council.*
12. **Commissioner Liaison Reports** (14 min; 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, July 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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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.

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