



RICHMOND RISING
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC)
MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY

June 5th, 2024

6:00 – 8:00P.M.

NEVIN COMMUNITY CENTER. 598 NEVIN AVE. RICHMOND, CA 94801

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:07 P.M., Committee member Guerrero Auna 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 of Richmond: Beatriz Guerrero Auna
- Present: Project lead for GRID Alternatives: Ambessa Cantave
- Present: Project lead for Groundwork: Lorena Castillo
- Present: Project lead for Trust for Public Land: Terence Wu
- Present: Project lead for UC Berkeley: Alice Bruno (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Chito Floriano
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Mayeli Rico (alternate)

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee members read the TCC Land Acknowledgment.

3. RICHMOND RISING AND COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER STATEMENT

Committee member Guerrero Auna gave a brief introduction on Richmond Rising initiative and Collaborative Stakeholder Committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Member of the public: Where can information be found about Richmond Rising without use of the website? Not all members of the public are comfortable accessing websites.

Committee member Guerrero Auna: The majority of information is shared via the website and e-mails to the listserv – however, please let us know if there are other methods which you think are appropriate to share information with the public.

Member of the public indicated that he would leave his business card, so Committee member Guerrero Auna could work with him outside of the CSC meeting to discuss the best ways to conduct engagement. The member of the public also volunteered to share information received via e-mail directly with his contacts.

Member of the public: Are there plans to expand the Project Area?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: The Transformative Climate Communities grant is specific to the Project Area, and this will not change over the life of the grant. These

communities were selected because they experience the highest rates of pollution other disadvantages identified in CalEnviroScreen. However, the City and Project Partners are continuously seeking other sources of program funding that could be used in other neighborhoods.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 2024 and April 2024 Committee meetings. Committee member Bruno seconds motion. The Committee voted to approve the motion unanimously.

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.

There were no questions or comments regarding the presentations from the Committee or members of the public.

Displacement Avoidance Plan

Member of the public: Regarding the ADU program, what will Richmond Rising pay for?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: The primary component of the ADU program is providing free-of-charge, pre-approved development plans to help property owners develop ADUs on properties that fit a specific set of criteria (e.g. lot size and shape). This was estimated to save up to \$60,000 in architectural fees for property owners, as well as shorten the City's review period by several months. In general, participation in the programs offered by Richmond Rising are free-of-charge for residents in the Project Area, and residents don't have to reside in the Project Area for a specific amount of time before being eligible. However, some projects such as the Resilient Homes project do require other criteria be met (e.g. income qualification).

Neighborhood Complete Streets/Richmond Wellness Trail

Member of the public: How were the locations of the bike paths chosen?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: Many of these projects were selected as calming measures that would help reduce pedestrian and bicycling accidents. Most of the locations were determined by the City's engineering team before the City was awarded the Transformative Climate Communities grant, based on accident data.

Member of the public: Myself and other parents of nearby schools walk our children to school and believe that these bike lanes make it more dangerous – it seems like cars move even faster now where biking infrastructure was installed.

Committee member Guerrero Auna: Once the City's Public Works team is ready to begin design conversations, we will gather a group of parents that walk their students to school to address these concerns.

Member of the public: What about maintenance for these projects?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: These projects include maintenance for the length of the grant term, and we are working as a team to identify future funding and operations/maintenance agreements to ensure these resources remain available to the community after the grant is over.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

No public comments were reported.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Community Seat Nomination

The Committee discussed engagement that had occurred for the position, and reviewed two applications for nomination to the available CSC community seats. Each application was read out loud, and the attending applicant (Tomas Espinoza) was given an opportunity to present her interests and qualifications in serving on the Committee, which are summarized below:

- Lived in the community for 20 years, including 15 years volunteering as a community leader, including service on the Richmond Rent Board.
- She wants to serve because she's concerned about people making decisions about the neighborhood she lives in (Coronado) without input from community residents.

The other applicant (Juana Hernandez) did not attend the meeting; City of Richmond staff reached out via e-mail regarding attendance at a future Committee meeting.

Several members of the public made public comments attesting to Tomasa's qualifications, including her passion to serve her community, and mentioned her consistent engagement in many impactful volunteer roles in the City.

Additionally, the following public comments were received on the engagement process:

Member of the public: How did the committee determine the point selection of the evaluation form?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: The Committee created a form and scorecard, which were available for review by community members since April. The scorecard represents the values that are important to the Committee, including representation of all neighborhoods in the Project Area, age, gender, and racial diversity.

Member of the public: When are applications due?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: There is no specific due date. Applications can be submitted on a rolling basis, and we will continue to review applications until all community seats have been filled.

Member of the public: How many seats are available?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: 6.

Member of the public: Will North Richmond be a part of this?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: No – just the current Project Area.

The Committee then completed the scorecards, and applicants received the following rankings:

- **Tomas Espinoza:** 162/210
- **Juana Hernandez:** 185/210

Committee then had an internal discussion.

Committee member Cantave: I am very excited by Tomasa's commitment to the community.

Committee member Floriano: Should we have more applicants before we choose people to apply?

Committee member Castillo: We agreed to keep the nomination process open until open seats were filled.

Committee member Guerrero Auna: We agreed to begin review of applications by the June Committee meeting, but we did not specify that we had to select someone at the June meeting.

Committee member Bruno: Are there applications available in paper form?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: There are paper copies that we have been distributing; additionally, Project partners can print and distribute as many as they want.

Committee member Cantave: Maybe we can submit paper applications to neighborhood councils?

Committee member Cantave: Maybe we can also table nomination until a future meeting when we have more applications to review?

Committee member Wu: We can also vote to approve additional seats on the Committee if we feel it's necessary. I am excited by the current applicant.

Committee member Castillo: I would like to vote to approve Tomasa during this meeting, as I think she's an excellent candidate.

Committee member Castillo motions to appoint Tomasa to the Committee effective immediately; Committee member Wu seconds. The Committee votes unanimously to approve.

8.2 Strategic Growth Council Contract Amendment Status

Committee member Guerrero Auna reviews the status of the contract amendment process. There are no questions from members of the Committee.

8.3 Discuss Community Engagement Updates

Committee member Guerrero Auna motioned to move this discussion to the next

Committee meeting, including directions for Project leads to bring examples of how they can collaborate going forward. Committee member Cantave seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved.

8.4 Annual Reports to Richmond City Council and Strategic Growth Council

Committee member Guerrero Auna describes the requirements of the annual reporting to the City and State. The City of Richmond will draft this report, and the Committee will review during the July Committee meeting.

Committee member Floriano: What does the annual report look like?

Committee member Guerrero Auna: The annual report is mostly in the format of a series of questions that cover the time from the initial date of award to the end of July 2024.

8.5 Ride Today Survey – Salma Berumen

Ride Today Community Manager Salma Berumen reviewed the Ride Today program, including a community survey to help identify the best locations for upcoming e-bike hubs in the Project Area.

Member of the public: Does this program include considerations for people with disabilities?

Community Manager Berumen: Based on public input, Ride Today has considered the idea of an electric tricycle. We are interested in making our products accessible to everyone in the City, and are still considering this.

Member of the public: When the program gets started, will someone show us how to use these bikes?

Community Manager Berumen: Yes, we are hosting regular workshops, and also have instructions on our website and social media.

8.6 Postpone July Meeting for Holiday

Given the proximity of the July 3rd Committee meeting to the July 4th holiday, which many organizations are celebrating, Committee member Guerrero Auna motions to move the July meeting to July 10th; Committee member Castillo seconds the motion. The Committee approves this motion unanimously.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

No agenda requests were received for the next meeting.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No general announcements were received.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

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