



RICHMOND RISING
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC)
MEETING MINUTES
October 2nd, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:10 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
- Present: Project lead for Trust for Public Land: Terence Wu
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Chito Floriano
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Mayeli Rico (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for UC Berkeley: Alice Bruno
- Absent: Project lead for Groundwork Richmond
- Present: Community member: Tomasa Espinoza
- Present: Community member: Juana Hernandez
- Present: Community member: Montserrat Gonzalez
- Present: Community member: Judith Rocha

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 Collaborative Stakeholder committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comment received.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 2024; Committee member Rico 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. No public comments were received.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

No community questions or comments were reported.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Neighborhood Complete Streets Presentation

City of Richmond consultant Jessie Maran (CSW-ST2) presented an overview of the Neighborhood Complete Streets and November 16th community event, and solicited feedback from the Committee and members of the public.

Committee member Espinoza: How will working people be able to attend the sitewalk?

Consultant Maran: The meeting is scheduled on a Saturday 12-2pm so that community members who work during the week will be able to attend.

Committee member Espinoza: What is being done to ensure the safety of children on Harbour Way? I live there and it's very dangerous to walk/bike right now.

Consultant Maran: We are aware there are concerns that resulted from previous improvements; can you share your concerns with these so we can ensure we're not replicating them?

Committee member Espinoza: The people that are driving in the car lane are not paying attention to bicycles. There have been a lot of accidents because of how fast they're going. Today, my son and husband almost got ran over. People don't want to walk on these streets, or let their kids walk by themselves. The zones that are the most important are where the kids would walk to get to and from school – and those are the most important times as well. Also, it's really dirty. We try to clean up but it's too hard to maintain, as there are not enough people. Urban Tilth also cleans sometimes, but it is still really dirty. This looks bad but is also dangerous for bicycles that are riding on the path. This is really important because there are many schools along that path. Because of this, there is a committee of school parents that is beginning to organize and work with the police.

Consultant Maran: Thank you. I would also like to organize a walk together with you to point these areas out.

Member of the Public: I walk with my kids in that area and its very dangerous.

Member of the Public: There is a right hand turn on Virginia and Marina Way that is really close to the sidewalk – when cars turn it's very dangerous and they can hit bikers and pedestrians.

Committee member Espinoza: How do you plan to take care of the landsdcaped area? Right now the area on Marina Way is very dirty.

Consultant Maran: That's something we'll need to talk about during the project, to understand maintenance opportunities, and also designing it so that things don't

get dirty.

Committee member Espinoza: OK - Urban Tilth cleans it but it's not maintained.

Committee member Espinoza: What else is being done to share information with the families that aren't here?

Committee member Guerrero: We are making fliers to share out, and we are hoping that the Committee members and attending members of the public can help us distribute flyers as well.

Committee member Espinoza: The areas that we're focusing on are those by the freeway. Therefore, the traffic can be really bad. Why don't we try to make just one bike path— why make two right next to each other?

Ride Today Community Manager Salma Berumen: There is a bike hub on Marina Way South and Hoffman, and we have been running into issues with the encampments. Illuminating the streets as much as possible would be very helpful. We also have an issue with speeding cars there, so we think bike riders are feeling the burden of how fast the cars are going.

Member of the Public: At Chanslor and 6th, they're doing donuts. They are hitting cars that are parked there.

Committee member Hernandez: At the intersection of Marina Way and Ohio.. I walk there every day with my kids, and the parents don't respect where people are supposed to cross.

Committee member Floriano: I would love to see features like illuminated crosswalks or visible speedometers to try to help increase safety.

8.2 CSC Community Member Nominations

The Committee reviews an application for appointment to the CSC from Curtis Rice, graduate of the VeggieRX Climate Health Promoters program. After a personal introduction by Curtis, a member of the public spoke in his favor, stating that he is a great learner, hard worker, and very interested in supporting the community and improving climate health. Additionally, Committee member asked Curtis to speak more on his work with a local civic organization. Following Curtis's response to this questions, the Committee ranked Curtis's application 261 out of 270 possible points.

Committee member Cantave motioned to appoint Curtis to the Committee; Committee member Rico seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

8.3 Annual Report to Richmond City Council

Committee member Guerrero announces that the Richmond Rising team will present an annual report to the Richmond City Council on October 22, 2024, and invites all interested Project Partners to attend and share in the presentation.

Additionally, Committee member Guerrero announced that SGC will be visiting Richmond on November 14th. Committee members recommended the following locations for the visit:

- Unity Park
- Phase 1 of the RWT
- Bike hubs
- Sites with GRID solar installations

8.4 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Submission

Committee member Guerrero announces that the Richmond Wellness Trail and Neighborhood Complete Streets projects worked together to submit an application on September 30th to the US Department of Transportation for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant program.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

No agenda requests for the next meeting were made.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hike with Rich City Rides in Pt. Pinole: October 5th

Groundwork Richmond Arbor Day celebration: October 18th at from 9am-1pm at Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Urban Tilth Halloween Event at Unity Park: From 10am-1pm. Will be pumpkin carving, spooky orchard, music, and costume contest.

Richmond Wellness Trail Site Walk: October 26th at 9:30am at Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Rich City Rides San Rafael Bridge Crossing: November 16th

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 7:41pm.