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**RICHMOND RISING  
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

At 6:11 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 (Joined after roll call)
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Chito Floriano
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Gaby Zacarias Lopez
- Present: Project lead for UC Berkeley: Jason Corburn
- Present: Project lead for Groundwork Richmond: Colin Martin (Joined after roll call)
- Present: Community member: Tomasa Espinoza
- Present: Community member: Juana Hernandez
- Present: Community member: Montserrat Gonzalez
- Present: Community member: Judith Rocha
- Present: Community member: Curtis Rice

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Committee members read the Richmond Rising Land Acknowledgment.

At this time, Committee members Terence Wu (Trust for Public Land) and Colin Martin (alternate, Groundwork Richmond) arrived.

**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**

Community member, Irma: What's the strategy and vision of the project and how to do outreach for youth and other people?

Committee member Guerrero shared information about the Youth Fellows Program focused on youth.

Committee member Cantave shared information about Resilient Homes Program, focused on adults and families.

Community member, Irma: Is it possible for renters to access Resilient Homes Program?

Committee member Guerrero shared information about the program being in process of modifying the Richmond Rising agreement to provide access to renters.

Committee member Cantave shared information about GRID Alternatives for multifamily properties.

Community member, Irma: Is it possible to recruit people from any age in Veggie RX.

Committee member Guerrero shared that the program does not have any restriction.

## **5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Committee member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 2024, Committee member Rice seconds the motion. The Committee voted 11 in approval with one abstention (Tomas Espinoza) to approve the motion. She wasn't present on the previous meeting.

## **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. The following public comments were received:

Committee member Espinoza requested to see the traffic and safety studies in relation to Neighborhood Complete Streets and asked to attend the next meeting where the project will be present. She also requested to know how to adopt a tree and if it is available for property owners or renters too.

Committee member Martin replied that he usually receives the request from residents when they sign up, then comes to the site to do an assessment of the site to find the right location for the tree. The tree can be requested by either property owners or renters, as long as they take care of it for the next 3 years.

Committee member Rocha asked if a tree can be removed.

Committee member Martin replied that the City is responsible for tree removal. He offered to share the contact and mentioned, another tree more appropriate needs to be planted for the removal to be approved.

No community members had comments or questions on the item.

## **7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED**

Committee member Martin mentioned that Groundwork Richmond has a green team for youth in middle school and high school and also has a workforce development program for transitional age youth and an urban forestry program for youth from 16 – 24 years old in Richmond.

Committee member Espinoza suggested to create a placeholder for all the youth programs in Richmond Rising and to share it with all schools, particularly high schools and charter schools.

Committee member Rocha asked about the youngest age for youth to join the programs mentioned by Groundwork Richmond. Committee member Martin replied 16 – 25 years old, and there are exceptions if there are people who are interested.

Committee member Guerrero mentioned Richmond Rising is starting to build relationships with schools. Committee member Zacarias mentioned she shared the form for all partners to attend the 2025 Contra Costa School District Event on January 20<sup>th</sup> for partners to table.

Committee member Zacarias mentioned the Bike and Hike Club that Rich City Rides is promoting in schools.

Community member, Irma suggests that every time we do outreach, we should explain people clearly that Richmond Rising projects only apply for the project area. People are asking questions about why the programs are only available in Santa Fe, Coronado, and Iron Triangle.

Committee member Cantave shared that they haven't faced issues with the outreach.

## **8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **8.1 Place-Based Workforce Development Strategy: Findings and Recommendations Presentation**

This item was postponed until the next CSC meeting, which will take place on January 8th, 2025.

### **8.2 Spanish Climate Health Promoters Program**

Irma Peralta from Lifelong Medical presented on the Spanish Climate Health Promoters Program. The next cohort will be in May 2025, and will be in English. The next Spanish cohort will be in October 2025. Asked project leads to think of ways the promoters can be useful.

### **8.3 CSC Community Member Nominations**

The Committee reviews applications for appointment to the CSC from Alma Delia Guerrero, Manuela Ramirez, and Jim Becker. Community member Guerrero was in attendance and spoke regarding her interests in serving on the Committee, and then the Committee reviewed the submitted applications. Each Committee

member completed a score card for each applicant, with a total possible score of 0- 120. Committee member Cantave motioned to choose the member that had the highest scorecard; Committee member Rice seconded this motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The scores were as follows:

Community member Guerrero: 284

Community member Ramirez: 228

Community member Becker: 314

Community member Jim Becker was selected for the Committee.

## **9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING**

No agenda requests for the next meeting were made.

## **10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **2025 Education Fair**, hosted by GO Public Schools. The fair is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at Richmond High School.
- **Winter Solstice event at Urban Tilth**. December 21, 2021 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm PST at Dr. 323 Brookside Dr., Richmond, California,

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.