



RICHMOND RISING
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC)
MEETING MINUTES
January 8th, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:02 P.M. Alternate Committee member Eusterbrock 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: Matias Eusterbrock (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for GRID Alternatives: Ambessa Cantave
- Present: Project lead for Trust for Public Land: Terence Wu
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Nathan Bickart (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Mayeli Rico (alternate)
- Absent: Project lead for UC Berkeley
- Present: Project lead for Groundwork Richmond: Lorena Castilo (joined virtually)
- Absent: Community member: Tomasa Espinoza
- Present: Community member: Juana Hernandez
- Present: Community member: Montserrat Gonzalez
- Present: Community member: Judith Rocha
- Present: Community member: Curtis Rice
- Present: Community member: Jim Becker (joined at 6:20 p.m.)

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee members read the Richmond Rising Land Acknowledgment.

3. RICHMOND RISING AND COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER STATEMENT

Committee member Eusterbrock gave a brief introduction on Richmond Rising initiative and Collaborative Stakeholder committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following comments from members of the public were received for items not on the agenda:

Community member: How have we considered that the projects will change after the inauguration?

Committee member Eusterbrock: Money/contracts/programs are in place.

Community member: Given the arrests and other legal issues that will arise for immigrants due to the election, will this impact the way volunteers engage in the project?

Committee member Cantave: Not if we have anything to do this, we have the grants and will continue to pursue doing this work and getting volunteers.

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez: Citizenship is not a question that is or should be asked for volunteers. Will not need to disclose this information unless applying for a job.

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta: Even for doing outreach, people may be afraid to engage us because of deportation fears.

Committee member Eusterbrock: We always think about how immigration status would impact a benefit, and try to remove this barrier. This is harder with employment opportunities but we try to be very proactive on this.

Ride Today Community Manager Salma Berumen: Richmond is also a Sanctuary City.

Committee member Eusterbrock: Yes, and also every organization that contracts with the City has to sign a form saying they won't share data with ICE.

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta: January 22nd, we will be having our monthly reunion with the 59 Climate Health Promoters. Everyone is invited to come and share ideas of how they can get involved with Richmond Rising projects.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee member Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 2024; Committee member Rico seconds the motion. The Committee voted 10 in approval with one abstention (Jim Becker) to approve the motion. Committee member Becker abstained due to not being present at the December 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. However, Project Lead for UC Berkeley was not present and no project status report was presented for the Indicator Tracking Plan. The following questions and comments were received:

E-Bike Share

Committee member Rice: eBike incentives – how are the vouchers coming along?

Ride Today Community Manager Salma Berumen: TODAY offers four types of vouchers that give users wallet credit, and we are still giving these out. For community members who already received a voucher, please redeem the code as soon as possible.

Community member: Who is qualified to receive vouchers?

Committee member Eusterbrock: Anyone who lives, works, or studies in the Project Area.

Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity Plan

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta: Are the 200 training courses offered in Spanish as well as English? IBT-

Workforce Development Manager Alexandra Shade: You don't have to be fluent, but the fieldwork will be in English, as will a lot of the safety instructions, so you will have to know basic English to participate. We will have Spanish written materials.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

No community questions or comments, outside of those discussed, were reported.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Neighborhood Complete Streets – Project Status Update

This item was postponed until the next CSC meeting, which will take place on February 5th, 2025.

8.2 Richmond Wellness Trail – Review of Conceptual Design

Project lead Terence Wu presented an update on the Community Health Walk engagement for the Richmond Wellness Trail, including outreach materials and an overview of the engagement responses.

Committee member Bickart: We've heard feedback from neighbors in the region that it is hard to get trash/recycling bins to the street for collection because of Phase 1.

Committee member Wu: Yes, we have heard this feedback on Phase 2, and are looking into sources of funding and alternative design options to address this issue.

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta:

Several months ago it was discussed that someone from the Parks or Public Works Department would attend a CSC meeting to discuss the process for reporting trash and other issues along the path.

Committee member Eusterbrock: We will work to get someone to present at an upcoming meeting, as this was expressed as a point of interest during the Community Health Walk.

8.3 2025 Climate Health Promoters Program Planning

Irma Peralta from Lifelong Medical presented on the Spanish Climate Health Promoters Program. The next cohort will be in May 10, 2025, and will be in English. The next Spanish cohort will be in October 2025. Irma asked Project Leads to think of ways the promoters can be useful.

The first 30 signups will be selected for the cohort.

Additionally, January 22nd there will be a meeting of the former graduates. I encourage Project Partners to attend, as Promoters are interested in engaging with these projects.

Committee member Eusterbrock: What are the key things that Project Leads need to think about when partnering with Lifelong?

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta:

Communication needs to be consistent. We received initial interest but then there wasn't follow up. Next cohort, we will be a lot more intentional to engage with Project Partners, including a day dedicated to building a direct partnership.

Committee member Eusterbrock: I encourage Project Leads to be consistent with what they commit to for the Promoters.

Committee member Cantave: Do you know how many hours?

Lifelong Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta: They graduate July 12th, but they they need to do 8 extra hours. For the next project, we would like everyone to be ready with the project they have in mind.

8.4 Place-Based Workforce Development Strategy: Findings and Recommendations Presentation

This item was postponed until the next CSC meeting, which will take place on February 5th, 2025.

8.5 Discussion and Consideration of Project Area Office Space Rentals

Committee member Eusterbrock: As part of the Community Engagement Plan, we would like to rent a space in the Project Area to increase access to the community, as well as provide a place for Youth Fellows to work from. Does anyone have any specific interests in also joining in this? Location, size, etc?

Committee member Becker: The Maritime Child Development Center second floor is available for rent, with multiple offices there.

Several Project Leads expressed interest in a joint office space, including GRID and Urban Tilth.

Committee member Eusterbrock: Also gives a lot of professional exposure to the Youth Fellows. We're also considering CoBiz and BRIDGE Storage.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Committee member Eusterbrock will begin to research the appropriate staff member to present regarding landscaping, trash, and other related issues.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming event:**
 - **MLK Day Jr. Day of Service** at the Richmond Greenway on 17th Street– 9am-1pm.
Rain or shine.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.