



## RICHMOND RISING

### COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:06 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 (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Groundwork Richmond: Colin Martin (alternate)
- Present: Community member: Tomasa Espinoza
- Present: Community member: Juana Hernandez (arrived at 6:22pm)
- Present: Community member: Montserrat Gonzalez
- Present: Community member: Judith Rocha
- Present: Community member: Curtis Rice
- Present : Community member: Jim Becker (arrived at 6:22pm)

#### 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 the Collaborative Stakeholder committee.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comments for items not on the agenda were received.

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

Committee member Rico makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from February 2025; Committee member Cantave 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. The following questions and comments were received:

### **Bosque del Barrio**

**Committee member Becker:** In a site in North Richmond, there's a number of properties that have been received by nonprofits for affordable housing. The City Planning Department wants us to put trees in those sites – can Groundwork help us with this?

**Committee member Martin:** This site is not in the Project Area; however, Groundwork may be able to support, outside of the TCC project.

**Committee member Espinoza:** Are you planting in the Richmond Parkway?

**Committee member Martin:** Not as part of the Bosque del Barrio project, but Groundwork Richmond does plant trees along the Parkway. There's a project called Tree Fence funded by the State that aims to create a barrier between the railroad and neighborhoods on the other side.

### **Richmond Wellness Trail**

**Committee member Espinoza:** Is there any QR code for the survey?

**Committee member Wu:** Yes, on the informational flyer there is a QR code that can be scanned to take the survey.

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

No community questions or comments were reported.

## **8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **8.1 Youth Fellows status update and project engagement planning**

Rich City Rides Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez presented on the status of the Youth Fellows Program. Rich City Rides has been recruiting actively for youth aged 16-24. 12 positions will be offered later this week, with an anticipated start in April.

Additionally, a request form that was developed for Project Partners in order to involve the Youth Fellows in their projects. Youth Fellows involvement in projects can start as soon as mid-April. Partners should be sure that the projects are TCC-related; examples of appropriate projects include canvassing, outreach, tabling/event assistance, hosting or participating in bike rides, conducting resident interviews and surveys, social media posting, and attending town halls. When requesting Youth Fellows participation, Project Partners should ensure that the dress code and expected duties are clearly communicated, and that there are plans for food and transportation as needed.

**GRID Alternatives Workforce Development Manager Alex Shade:** How long will the

Youth Fellows be working on these projects?

**Youth Fellows Project Manager Lopez:** We expect them to work for a year, though they will only work 10 hours a month.

**Committee member Guerrero:** Please also make sure that the programming is of interest to youth, so that they can learn and continue to be excited to work in this field.

## **8.2 Electric Bike Lending Library Logo Review and CSC Recommendation**

Rich City Outreach Manager Carlos Torres presents the draft logos for the Electric Bike Lending Library to the Committee for review and recommendations. A survey is opened via QR code for all attendees of the CSC meeting to vote on the logo. There will also be several polling stations in the Project Area for residents to vote on their favorite logos as well. Rich City hopes to identify the logo by the end of the month.

No public comments were received for this item.

## **8.3 Neighborhood Complete Streets update**

Committee member Guerrero presents on the recent updates to the Neighborhood Complete Streets project. Committee member Guerrero shares the Town Hall that was presented at Richmond College Prep on February 15<sup>th</sup>, which was the second townhall for public review and comments. The City and consultants are currently working to incorporate community comments to revise the plans. Once the next version of the plans are completed, another townhall will be scheduled to share the 65% plans with the public.

Committee member Guerrero noted that community members have been expressing concern for the safety of the streets, especially given that there are three schools in the project. The community has also expressed concerns with traffic along Harbour Way. The City of Richmond is looking into ways to improve traffic efficiency and safety, using additional leveraged funds.

No comments were received for this item.

## **8.4 Richmond Wellness Trail survey presentation**

Committee member Wu presented on recent surveys that were shared with parents at the schools on Marina Way near the San Francisco Bay Trail. Committee member Wu shared the survey with public attendees and committee members, and invited everyone to submit a survey and share with others.

No comments were received for this item.

## **8.5 Know Your Rights Training**

Richmond Rising Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock and Committee member Rico shared a 'Know Your Rights' presentation regarding Constitutional rights regarding immigration enforcement, as well as sharing of additional resources.

**Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez:** Do other local cities also have a

local ID process?

**Committee member Rico:** Yes - Oakland, Sacramento, and San Francisco

**Committee member Cantave:** IF ICE does present a warrant, is there particular information that needs to be on it?

**Project Analyst Eusterbrock:** The address *does* have to be on the warrant; however, I'm unclear if there needs to be someone's name on it.

**Committee member Becker:** In Richmond, not everyone has peepholes, so its hard for people to review the warrant or other documents without opening the door, which constitutes permission for agents to enter the residence. It is therefore being recommended to install a door with a peephole, or put in a locking screen door so that the main door can be open but the screen door remains locked and thus does not constitute permission to enter. Alternatively, we recommend individuals use a window to review documentation being presented by agents.

**Member of the Public:** If an agent presents a legitimate warrant but someone doesn't let them in, what happens?

**Committee member Floriano:** If someone doesn't open a door and there is a valid warrant, that is an additional crime.

**Committee member Espinoza:** I learned that ICE agents sometimes takes the letters from the mail to get names of residents. They also sign the letters, even though that does not count a legitimate warrant. Therefore, it's very important to confirm that the warrant is signed by the judge. Additionally, as soon as someone walks out of the house, that constitutes permission for agents to enter the house.

**Committee member Guerrero:** If there are additional questions, we can get an expert to present at an upcoming meeting. We also have samples of warrants and subpoenas that can be reviewed.

**Committee member Espinoza:** I really recommend the resource for making an Action Plan, which is available in English and Spanish. It is very helpful, and includes a form that parents can use to authorize others to pick up their children in case they are detained.

**Member of the Public:** Is this presentation publicly available?

**Committee member Floriano:** Yes, this meeting as well as meeting minutes and recordings are all public available on the Richmond Rising website.

## 9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

**Committee member Becker:** I think a conversation between RCF team that's installing Electric Vehicle charging hubs in the Project Area, and Ride Today, would be great alignment.

**Ride Today Community Manager Salma Berumen:** Please pass me the contact information and I will reach out to begin this conversation.

**Committee member Floriano:** The Orchard for ALL team would like to present on our recent Fruit Tree Giveaway.

**Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez:** would like to introduce the youth fellows, and also share the form.

**GRID Workforce Manager Shade:** I think would be good to have a presentation on upcoming events that partner organizations are doing.

**Committee member Guerrero:** This is done at the end of our meetings

## 10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Member of the Public, Postdoctoral Scholar Rebecca Sugrue from UCSF,** shares about a survey being conducted by a group of partners across the UC's that is looking at climate health and equity in the 9 Bay Area counties to better understand what is being done about wildfire and extreme heat. They are hoping to understand more about the actions being taken in response to the smoke and heat, in order to understand what the barriers are to the work and where improvements could be made. All survey results will be shared with the community as well as the State to improve work being done in this area across the State. Please reach out to me directly to take a survey. In addition to taking a survey, interested organizations can call me directly and I can ask survey questions via phone instead.

**Member of the Public Tracy Brandt:** I would love for Groundwork Richmond and Rich City Rides to consider a 'rewilding landscapes' project, in which youth could work together to 'rewild' landscapes in the Project Area, including foodscapes.

**Committee member Rice:** I think induction stoves are a recent and very great invention, which has health benefits by reducing pollutants released from a gas stove. They are also very energetically efficient. As a Climate Health Promoter, I want to bring these to everyone's attention, and encourage Resilient Homes project to use these in their electrification projects.

**Climate Health Promoters Program Manager Irma Peralta:** The Climate Health Promoters cohort starting in May still has 15 spots available for community members.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.