



RICHMOND RISING
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES
May 7th, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:09 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: Annie Youngerman (alternate)
- Present: Project lead for Urban Tilth: Chito Floriano
- Present: Project lead for Rich City Rides: Mayeli Rico (alternate)
- Absent: Project lead for UC Berkeley
- Present: Project lead for Groundwork Richmond: Lorena Castillo
- 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
- Present: Community member: Jim Becker

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 Cantave makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from April 2025; Community member Rice 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 questions and comments were received.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

No questions and comments were received.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Youth Fellows Nominations to CSC

Committee member Guerrero explains that four applications to join the CSC were received from Youth Fellows; Committee members were told to read applications and rank each applicant using scorecards.

Community Member Becker: On the applications, the box 'Other' is checked for a majority of the applications. Do we know what neighborhoods the applicants reside in?

Committee member Guerrero: Most applicants are from the Iron Triangle neighborhood.

Committee member Guerrero: Is reading the applications and scoring them a good way to carry out scoring? Also, we had discussed how many seats we want to add to the CSC at previous meetings and we only have budget to include two more members on the committee. We do not need to include two additional seats given Community Member Gonzalez is a fellow and on the committee. Would any committee member like to propose a motion? However, we do want to make it aware that the budget we do have, can fund up to an additional two people.

Community Member Espinoza: Given that we have four applicants and two positions, I'd like to know what neighborhoods the current committee's community members reside in to understand the representation of the current committee.

Committee Member Guerrero: We want to know if we should have the youth fellow applicants get up and introduce themselves. Are they all present today?

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez: Yes, they can introduce themselves, however, they are both here except for Judah because he is out sick.

Committee Member Guerrero: While they're getting ready, in the meantime, Espinoza should we have each current committee community member state what neighborhood they reside in?

Community Member Espinoza: Yes.

Community Member Rice: I represent the Coronado neighborhood.

Community Member Espinoza: I represent the Coronado neighborhood.

Community Member Rocha: I represent the Coronado neighborhood.

Community Member Hernandez: I represent the Coronado neighborhood.

Community Member Becker: I represent the Santa Fe neighborhood.

Community Member Gonzalez: I represent the Iron Triangle neighborhood.

Committee Member Guerrero: I'll allow you all approximately 10 minutes to read over the applications

and score the applicants. Then I'll ask the Youth Fellows who are present to introduce themselves. And to clarify any questions, the applicants are part of the Youth Fellow Program, under the leadership of the Rich City Rides Team. They additionally applied to be apart of the CSC meetings; the way the program was originally designed, we were supposed to have at least two CSC members who are also Youth Fellows. This was to include the youth and was required by the state. Since the program started late, we have funding available to include yup to three Youth Fellows on the CSC Committee. We already have Community Member Gonzalez on the CSC committee, who is not considered a Youth Fellow because she joined the Youth Fellow program after she initially became a CSC community member so we would be adding to additional positions to the committee. These two open positions are exclusively for Youth Fellows. Once the Youth Fellows leave the committee, these reserved seats will stay reserved for Youth Fellows. The memorandum of understanding explains specifically how CSC meetings are structured, and the required number of seats dedicated for Youth Fellows. Since we did not have a staff member to run the program, we took longer to begin the Youth Fellows program but now Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez has started running the program.

Committee Member Castillo: Have we filled all of the other positions? Can we move around funding so that we can accept all four applicants.

Committee Member Guerrero: It is possible to ask the state to move around funds. If that's a proposal, we can do so and come back next meeting to confirm that everyone was added to the CSC committee.

Committee Member Castillo: I believe that we should give everyone a chance if they want to be a part of the CSC committee, but we should open it for discussion.

Committee Member Guerrero: If you or anyone agree and would like to start a motion, please do so.

Committee Member Guerrero: Thank you all for reading the applications and the scorecards, are there any questions or thoughts that you would like to share with the group? Now, ill be giving space to the Youth Fellow to introduce and explain why they would want to join the CSC committee.

Youth Fellow and CSC Applicant Mikki Masui: A large reason for why I wanted to join the committee is to utilize my skills and gain new skills to be able to listen and learn about local businesses and organizations. As well as give them a platform to voice their opinions.

Youth Fellow and CSC Applicant Yadhira Quintanilla: I wanted to join this committee because I want to utilize the skills that I acquired throughout high school. And I just want to be a part of my community and involved in future projects.

Youth Fellow and CSC Applicant Leslie Poblano: I applied because I want to be more involved in the community and help people in my neighborhood.

Committee Member Guerrero: Thank you for the introductions and we are happy to have you here. Does anyone have any questions?

Committee Member Castillo: Anyone willing to contribute to their community although they might have work or school shows dedication. We cannot disregard this.

Committee Member Guerrero: Castillo asked earlier if we should open more seats to accept all applicants. Eusterbrock and I can talk to the Strategic Growth Council and ask if we can make an amendment to our agreement to try and figure out if there's funding for additional seats for Youth Fellows. Is that something that everyone is interested in?

Committee Member Youngerman: Since the applicants are already in the Youth Fellows Program, I appreciate that they're already involved in the project in some way, but if there wasn't a way to include all four, they still hold a fellow position and are still included in the project in some capacity.

Community Member: Is it possible to know what neighborhoods the applicants reside in?

Youth Fellow and CSC Applicant Mikki Masui: I reside near El Sobrante but attend school at De Anza High School.

Youth Fellow and CSC Applicant Yadhira Quintanilla: I reside in the East and West neighborhood.

Youth Fellow and CSC Applicant Leslie Poblano: I reside in the East and West neighborhood.

Committee Member Guerrero: As a reminder that Youth Fellows can be studying, living, or working in the project area, which is a requirement we included for access to the program. All applicants attend school in the project area. Any other questions or comments? Does anyone want to make a motion?

Community Member Becker motions to approve and accept Mikki Masui, Yadhira Quintanilla, Leslie Poblano, and Judah Gant to serve on the CSC Committee. **Committee Member Ambessa Cantave** seconds the motion.

Committee Member Guerrero: Add a comment saying that we will review with the Strategic Growth Council before adding everyone to the committee.

Policy Analyst Eusterbrock: A friendly amendment would be beneficial. In that way, we can go to the state and say that our advisory body suggests this.

Committee Member Guerrero: We have a meeting in two weeks so we can come back within two weeks with a more finalized response. Depending on what they say, you all will be able to join the committee on the next CSC meeting. Does this sound like a good solution?

Community Member Rice: Am I hearing that this motion has been amended?

Committee Member Guerrero: Yes, only through the approval of the state. Thank you all, we will have everyone serving on the committee as long as the state approves. If that is not the case, we will reconvene with the committee, but we believe we can make this happen. We will now vote on the motion.

Policy Analyst Eusterbrock: I suggest that we don't need to add the scores from the scoresheets, but we will keep them so we can submit them to the state. Then, in the case they say no, we will accept the two applicants with the highest scores.

Committee Member Guerrero: I agree with Eusterbrock, let's keep all the scoresheets in case that the states does not approve all four applicants and we have to chose the two applicants with the highest scores.

Committee Member Guerrero repeats motion, adding that all applicants will be approved as long as the state approves. The Committee, except UC Berkeley, approves the motion unanimously.

No additional questions were received.

8.2 Neighborhood Complete Streets Project Update

Committee Member Guerrero explains that the Neighborhood Complete Street project was originally supposed to begin at Pennsylvania Avenue and continue through Hoffman Boulevard. Richmond Rising then applied for federal funding to get additional funding and were awarded 9.5 million. The grant was supposed to be executed in March, however, various emails were received saying that the meetings with the state were postponed. Earlier this week, Guerrero received emails from the state stating that the meeting will be postponed because they need to review documents and seeing if they align with the vision of the federal government. This has caused the team to rescope the project – this New Complete Street begins on Chancellor Avenue and run to Cutting Boulevard. This area is being prioritized because of the number of schools and youth that reside in that area. More plans are to come and next meeting, consultants might possibly come to reveal the updated project scope.

Community member Espinoza: Was it only this part of the project that was affected, or was McDonald Ave. also affected?

Committee Member Guerrero: McDonald Ave. has other funding sources, so it was not affected by this. We are not talking about the McDonald Ave. Project, because it's a project not funding by TCC funds. These two projects intersect with McDonald Ave. but it is a different project.

No additional questions were received.

8.3 Workforce Development Steering Committee RFP

Committee member Guerrero explains that four recommendations were made to the finalized Workforce Development Plan, which could be found on the Richmond website. Extra funding was requested to implement two annual meetings that were requested in the Workforce Development Plan, as well as to implement the four recommendations. Due to issues of understaffing, requests for proposals for a consultant team were sent out, asking if they could take over the current work. Information on local consulting teams that could take over this work would help. Please share this information.

Community Member Becker: Is the RFP going to be posted to the BIDS online system for the city?

Committee member Guerrero: It will be posted on website, specifically, the Planet Bids website and we will be happy to share a link

No additional questions were received.

8.4 Discussion of Draft ITP and Translation Options

This item was postponed until the next CSC meeting, which will take place on June 4th, 2025, because

of UC Berkeley's absence.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Committee member Guerrero: We will be adding the Neighborhood Complete Streets Project update to the next CSC meeting, is there anything else that needs to be added? We will also be adding the item of the Youth Fellows CSC space confirmation.

GRID Alternatives Workforce Development Manager, Alexandra Shade: Photos of the Workforce Development's first cohort will be added.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Analyst Eusterbrock: In regard to the Air Quality District Survey, I would highly recommend partners to put in programs (including what your organization is doing) and think about what you want to apply for, including partnerships amongst ourselves. It is part of the work regarding the Richmond Rising program. The money is still not available because they are still continuing surveying, but I believe that this program would be competitive.

Committee member Guerrero: I agree, if you believe that we are missing funding connected to air quality, I believe this is a good opportunity to pitch what we would like them to spend the money on.

Committee Member Floriano: Do we know where the \$128M is coming from?

Project Analyst Eusterbrock: This money is coming from fines and settlements but not the recent Chevron settlement.

Committee member Guerrero: This is money coming from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, not from the City of Richmond. They are a regional agency that represents their district.

Community Member Espinoza: I wanted to invite you all for an event that starts May 15th at Nicholls Park from 5:45PM to 6:45PM. There will be a walking club, dance club, and yoga.

Community Member: On May 22nd, Urban Tilth is hosting a workshop with Fierce Advocates near Kaiser. It will take place from 5:30 to 7PM, and we will be discussing pollution in Richmond and foods that help in lung protection. Please come and food will be provided.

Youth Fellow Project Manager, Gabriela Zacarias: May 15th is 'Bike to Wherever Day'. The Bike East Bay website which has a Energizer locating map to find energizer stations. I will be outside the Energizer station outside of Richmond High School from 7:30-8:30. This is in partnership with Contra Costa Health and other Youth Fellows will be present. We will have two Energizer stations in the front of 23rd Street.

Committee member Guerrero: Saturday May 10th, we will be starting the next Climate Health Promoters cohort, and it will be hosted in the Nevin Community Center. If you have committed to this

program, please check for more information. This is the English-speaking cohort.

No additional announcement requests were received.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.