



RICHMOND RISING COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 6:19 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: Terrence Wu (alternate)
- 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
- 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
- Present: Youth Fellows: Leslie Poblano
- Present: Youth Fellows: Judah Gant
- Present: Youth Fellows: Miki Masui
- Present: Youth Fellows: Yadhira Quintanilla

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 comments were received.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee member Rice makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 2025; Committee member Cantave second 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.

Project 2: Richmond Wellness Trail:

Community Member Jim Becker: While walking the Richmond Wellness Trail, I noticed issues of landscaping and trash along the trail. I hope that TCC projects include maintenance, because it's unfortunate to see.

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: These comments have been received several times during outreach events and discussions with the public. We are working on project design and operational approaches to address these issues. The City highly recommends residents and concerned members of the public download the City of Richmond app and report these issues, including through the use of photos, as this helps document the need, and hold City accountable in addressing issues.

7. REPORT ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

Community Member: For CSC members who presented, do you have business cards or a website where members of the public can access your contact information?

Committee Member Guerrero: Yes, all of the TCC project partner information can be found on our website, RichmondRisingca.org. The City TCC team also has an e-mail address (tcc@ci.richmond.ca.us) that can be found on our TCC flyers. Additionally, we can provide business cards for anyone who needs one

TCC Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: Additionally, one of the primary purposes of the CSC meetings is to ensure project leads are available to receive community feedback and engage members of the public.

Community Member: Why were the three neighborhoods (Santa Fe, Iron Triangle, and Coronado) selected for TCC, and will TCC expand outside of these neighborhoods into the rest of Richmond.

Committee Member Guerrero: The grant that the City of Richmond received is a Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant. The TCC grant, administered by the California Strategic Growth Council, requires that at least 60% of the Project Area is within communities considered environmentally and economically disadvantaged. Disadvantaged communities are mapped in the online tool CalEnviroScreen, which identifies communities which face both environmental and economic challenges. These neighborhoods are all considered disadvantaged communities.

Community Member: For the project partner who was responsible for planting trees in Lucas Park, thank you. They are growing beautifully.

Committee Member Guerrero: That was our project partner, Groundwork Richmond. The

Groundwork project lead is absent, but we will relay the message. These trees include the ones that were planted within the last month.

Community Member Becker: In past meetings, we discussed the vandalism on the charging stations for electric vehicles and bikes. The Richmond Community Foundation, EV Car Sharing program, has met with Ride Today and the City of Richmond to collaboratively problem solve this issue, and Gabino Arredondo has been appointed to be the primary point of contact on this issue. These changes will be reflected on the website soon.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 CSC/ Youth Fellows Update

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez gave an overview of the status of the Youth Fellows program, including:

- While there were originally only 2 seats allocated for Youth Fellows on the CSC, the CSC voted to add an additional 2 seats; therefore, as of this meeting, 4 Youth Fellows are currently appointed to the CSC, as well as Montserrat, who is a Youth Fellow but applied to the CSC before the Youth Fellows program began.
- Youth Fellows and Climate Health Promoters will be partnering to host a bike riding event from 10AM-2PM on July 5th. More information will be provided, and a flyer will be shared via Instagram. This event is open to the public and is encouraged for all CSC members and project partners to attend.
- Gaby introduced the Youth Fellows who were recently nominated to the CSC. The Youth Fellows introduced themselves to the CSC and members of the public, including which school they attend and why they are excited to be appointed to the CSC.

8.2 Neighborhood Complete Street Contractor Update

Committee Member Beatriz Guererro introduced the Robert Stevens from CSWst2 to present a status update on the Neighborhood Complete Street project. Stevens explains that the Neighborhood Complete Street project's purpose is to improve access for walking and biking as well as improving traffic safety along Harbour Way. Because of budget cuts, CSWst2 is currently implementing feedback to redesign the project to be smaller in scope. Plans with these revisions will be submitted between August and September of this year.

8.3 Introduction of Climate Health Promoters

Climate Health Promoters Project Specialist Irma Peralta: The Climate Health Promoters program is currently training its third cohort. The program is constantly developing, and the current cohort is beginning to work with the Project Partners on designated projects. This cohort will have a graduation on July 12th.

Review of Recent Solar Workforce Program Completion

GRID Alternatives Workforce Development Manager Alexandra Shade explains her role and provides background on GRID's solar workforce program. Shade gives an overview of the recent solar workforce program cohort, including discussion of skills learned to prepare the cohort for the construction trades, particularly in solar panel installations. The solar workforce training was a full-time, 5-week, paid program. The cohort graduated on June 16th.

Community Member: Is there an age requirement for joining the program?

Alexandra Shade: The requirement states that you must be 18, however, there is no age cap.

Community Member: Is the training located off of 27th in Richmond?

Alexandra Shade: No, that is the location of a different training program. The GRID facility is located in San Pablo in Oakland and the on-site training will be in Richmond.

Community Member: What criteria are used to determine acceptance into the program, and how does one increase their likelihood of acceptance?

Alexandra Shade: The acceptance rate is dependent on the size of the cohort and the number of applicants. Interest in the program is gauged based on a completed interest form and application form. The application asks for background details and other information, however, there are no strict restrictions. The primary requirements include being able to lift 50 pounds and desire to obtain a job within the electricity industry. The current cohort includes 8 individuals; the typical cohort size is expected to be between 8-10 individuals. However, the cohort size does depend on the number of applications.

Community Member: You stated that you must be 18 years or older, is there an age cap?

Alexandra Shade: No, there is no age maximum. However, the applicant must meet the requirements of the program, including interest in working in construction, and a physical skills assessment.

Community Member: Is remote attendance possible?

Alexandra Shade: Since the training will be on-site, remote attendance is not possible. This is because the training is hands-on, and the solar installation on-site trainings are in-person, so applicants will need to be present physically to participate.

Community Member: For applicants, will there be a "looking for work" requirement?

Alexandra Shade: Applicants should be interested in working in this industry; however, there is no requirement that the applicant is actively looking for employment in the industry.

Community Member: Can people use what they learn in the training in other locations?

Alexandra Shade: This training and certification prepare individuals for employment within solar careers and is not specific to the Bay Area. This program is not city-specific.

Committee Member Eusterbrock: Is it correct that graduates get a certificate after completion of the program?

Alexandra Shade: Yes, following the completion of the program, graduates will receive a certificate stating the trainings completed and skills gained.

Community Member: In terms of getting to the site of training, is there a designated bus or carpool?

Alexandra Shade: No, there is no dedicated mode of transportation to the trainings. However, individuals in the program do receive travel stipends, which could be used for transportation. Additionally, the team does carpool when working off-site during the solar installation trainings.

8.5 Discussion of Draft ITP and Translation Options

Committee Member Corburn presents the completed Indicator Tracking Plan (ITP). Corburn explains that substantial reductions in greenhouse gases were projected as part of the ITP, despite having less than a full year of program implementation due to contract negotiations and program start up delays. The UC Berkeley team will be producing a summary report of the findings and is considering producing a translated report as well. Corburn also encouraged partners to track progress monthly so that the UC Berkeley team can more easily analyze the overall impacts of each of the projects.

Community Member: How was the team able to determine how much of Richmond's pollution has decreased over time?

Committee Member Coburn: The Clean Air Resources Board (CARB) is a state agency that provides statistical models for researchers to understand how programs reduce pollutants, including carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Community Member: How can members of the public contact UC Berkeley team?

Committee Member Coburn: Contact information is on our website at HealthyCities.Berkeley.edu.

Community Member: This is my first time attending a CSC meeting. How much more time do we have to provide feedback and input so that the Richmond Rising program continues?

Committee Member Guerrero: The grant that the City of Richmond received was a 5-year grant, however, that doesn't mean the work has to stop. Our grant is guaranteed for \$35M,

but we are actively seeking and being awarded additional grants which will help these programs continue.

Community Member: How does the community receive information regarding the projects and their progress?

Committee Member Guerrero: The CSC meetings occur every first Wednesday of the month, except holidays, and all members of the public are welcome. The TCC website and project partner websites are regularly updated, so information regarding the CSC meetings can be found there.

Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: We also encourage you to fill out the sign-in sheet; we will add e-mails on the sign-in sheet to our listserv.

Climate Health Promoters Project Specialist Irma Peralta: When I first started coming to the CSC meetings, I did not understand the work that the City and its partners were doing. But now I can see progress that you have made in the community, and I just wanted to say that I appreciate the work that you all are doing and am proud to be a part of this team.

8.6 Contract Modification and Amendment confirmation

Committee Member Beatriz Guererro explains that TCC partners are able to amend their respective contracts, including budget allocations, deliverables, and timelines. Although partners cannot change the objectives of the grant, they can change how the allocated funding is used. Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock describes the process for amendments and modifications, which will begin in July and last for several months.

Committee Member Cantave: How long is the timeline from when we submit our changes to when the changes will be implemented?

Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: It will depend on a few factors, but we will be going back and forth internally for a couple months before submitting to the State, and after that it could be several months.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

No agenda items were requested for the next meeting.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Ambessa Cantave: On August 23 at Unity Park between 10-2PM, GRID

Alternatives, the City of Richmond and Richmond Rising Partners are hosting a TCC Celebration Day. Please stay tuned; promotional material will be released soon.

Youth Fellows Project Manager Gaby Zacarias Lopez: We have a save –the-date for July 5th, which will be the first community bike ride. The Youth Fellows Program is hosting this event at Lucas Park from 10-12PM. We will also be incorporating information regarding each project during our event.

Project Analyst Matias Eusterbrock: On June 21st, there will be a Juneteenth parade and festival at Nicholl Park on MacDonald Street. Additionally, the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council will meet next Monday, June 9th at City Council. For context, there are neighborhood councils for each neighborhood in Richmond, and leaders from each of these Councils attends the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council. If you are available, please attend.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.