

Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 25, 2026
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Board Members Present:

- President - Andres Jimenez, present
- Vice President - Marlene Arata, present
- 2nd Vice President - unfilled
- Treasurer - Tom Hoffman, present
- Secretary - Mary McDonald, present
- Board Members - Chip Gribble, present, and Dave Harris, present

RANC Officer Reports:

- Meeting minutes for the May 28 RANC meeting were approved by the membership
- RNCC Report (Garland): For the Richmond Field Station, there were over 500 comments received through the toxics survey sent out last month. For the Zeneca site, the DTSC wants to claim they are in their last five years of clean up but some reports are missing or not available for public review including a radiological report. RNCC is trying to get the reports, and may advocate for a longer cleanup period. See end of minutes for contact information to stay involved.
- Treasurers Report (Tom)
 - RANC has about \$18,000 in the bank. This has previously been held in reserve for legal and professional fees to address issues important to RANC such as involvement in developments that would have adverse effects on the neighborhood.
 - We received \$120 from Sims Metals for last year's dumpster day
 - We have received just over \$400 in dues this year.
 - Ongoing expenses include \$300 for the PO Box, \$40 dues to RNCC, and small costs for copying. We'd also like to create a website which will cost about \$400 per year.
 - Options for increasing income include conducting a membership drive, attracting business members, and raising dues. There are currently 77 paying households in RANC, but there are more than 500 households in the RANC database. It was suggested to vote on any dues increases before conducting membership drives.
- City of Richmond app: use to see events, city notifications, and report issues such as potholes:
 - i. iPhone app:
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/city-of-richmond-ca/id1556904637>
 - ii. Android app:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.civapps.richmondca>

City Reports

- Tim Simmons, the new Richmond Police Chief introduced himself and emphasized the importance of maintaining professionalism in the police department and trust building with the community. Captain Elizabeth Bashan is the acting assistant chief. A permanent appointment is expected by October.
- Our beat officer Ben Smith introduced himself. He described that they are increasing speed enforcement on Carlson with 10 stops this week alone. There have only been 3 traffic collisions in our area in the last 30 days, much fewer than other areas. There is an uptick in catalytic converter thefts throughout Richmond. Crime statistics are up 6

percent, but Richmond Annex has had only had 7 calls in the last 30 days, compared to 15,000 calls citywide.

- The officers provided yard signs supporting the Richmond Campaign to stop illegal fireworks.
- Sue Wilson is our City Council Person for District 5 and lives in the Annex. She would like to coordinate with our traffic committee to address Carlson Boulevard issues important to us. The budget cycle was recently completed and there is budget available for traffic improvements. She suggests identifying priority issues and advocating for those. She was asked about issues with ticketing related to street sweeping. She emphasized that street cleaning is legally required and she will work with City staff on ticketing issues.

Project & Committee Updates:

- Traffic Committee – met on June 15th and will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 p, at the Red Oak office, 7502 Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito. Contact Marlene at marlene001@gmail.com to join email list

The committee identified 64 traffic concerns. The top three are crossing Carlson Safely, the use of the Annex as a thoroughfare, and I-80 access.

- CERT - contact Chip at chip.gribble@gmail.com for information and sign-up. At the meeting Don Thompson demonstrated tools to use to shut off gas valves in the event of an earthquake. The tools are commonly available from hardware stores and all residents should have one. A licensed plumber or PG&E is required to turn the valve back on.

A coalition, including the Richmond Shoreline Alliance has proposed a cleanup plan for the United Heckathorn site on Lauritzen Channel. Proper cleanup now will facilitate redevelopment of the Port. The City council will vote on a resolution to support this plan on July 7.

The Annex needs more block captains.

- Event Planning
 - i. Block Party tentatively Saturday 9/26
 - ii. National Night set for Tuesday 8/4
- Gail has completed a survey of missing curbs and the map was presented. Speak to crew leader Gail if willing to help with addressing these.

Community Events:

- Dumpster day on June 13 was a success with three dumpsters of trash (7 tons) collected.
- Huntington Park Garden party on June 14 was a success with 25 volunteers planting 70 native plants. Thanks to the Love Your Block Mini Grant from the City of Richmond for funding.

Community News and Notices:

- Community Resources
 - i. Senior Center - Monthly Calendar:
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/69655/ANNEX-CALENDAR>
Sign up to volunteer at <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/forms.aspx?FID=167>
 - ii. Recreation Department - <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3452/Recreation-Programs>
- Richmond Shoreline Alliance - www.richmondshorelinealliance.org
 - i. Monthly meetings on 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, sign up on website above or email info@RichmondShorelineAlliance.org
 - ii. Toxic Tour at Zeneca site - June 27 & 28, 11:30-1, sign up:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4IRZFS309Hb0KcPxGwLGm9wjpkmlGHUGrM2Hzvjg6bOTZg/viewform>