

Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Board Members Present:

- President - Andres Jimenez, present
- Vice President - Marlene Arata, not present
- 2nd Vice President - unfilled
- Treasurer - Tom Hoffman, not present
- Secretary - Mary McDonald, present
- Board Members - Chip Gribble, present, and Dave Harris, present

RANC Officer Reports:

- The president introduced himself and the Secretary. Other officers were not present
- The president reviewed meeting rules of conduct
- Meeting minutes for the 23rd RANC meeting were approved by the membership
- Treasurers Report ~170 active members, ~\$340 annual operating costs. There will be additional operating costs for items such as a web site.
- President proposed raising dues to \$15 seniors, \$20 households, \$30 businesses. There was a lot of apprehension about this and concern over raising senior dues. Many members were in favor of a sliding scale. This matter was tabled and the president will bring a proposed budget and proposed changes in dues structure.
- City of Richmond app: use to see events, city notifications, and report issues:
 - 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.civicapps.richmondca>

Richmond Mayoral Candidates:

- Eduardo Martinez, Ahmad Anderson, Demnlus Johnson, Claudia Jimenez, and Mark Wassberg introduced themselves and took questions from RANC member. Members raised issues such as cleanup of the Zeneca site, affordable housing, maintaining neighborhood character, Levin Terminal that previously handled petcoke, funding for the paramedic program.

Project & Committee Updates:

- Traffic Committee - contact Marlene at marlene001@gmail.com to join email list
 - i. Monday June 15 6:30-8pm at 7502 Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito. Thank you Jimmy for hosting us.
 - ii. City project planning underway along Central and Carlson
- CERT - contact Chip at chip.gribble@gmail.com for information and sign-up. Looking for block captains.
- Event Planning - proposed planning sessions during meetings 6/25 & 8/27
 - i. Block Party tentatively Saturday 9/26
 - ii. National Night set for Tuesday 8/4
- The City of Richmond owes the Annex curbs on all streets but they have not all been installed. Missing curbs have not been surveyed or mapped. Gail is doing a survey and plans to have a map by the next RANC meeting. Speak to crew leader Gail if willing to help.

- The RANC bylaws need updating and RNCC has a template we can use. We will put the proposed changes together, have them legally reviewed, and sent to RNCC for approval. We plan to send those to the neighborhood.
- Digitization in review - website, email, & zoom will be discussed in future meeting

Community Events:

- Dumpster Day - June 13 8am-12pm at Alvarado School - ~8 volunteers needed. For residents only - bring ID. No vehicles larger than a pickup truck. Andres is coordinator.
 - i. line starts at Sutter/San Mateo - drive up from Placer or Santa Clara
 - ii. Monetary donations accepted, some money received from metal recycling
- Garden Party - Sunday June 14 10am-1pm - contact Marlene or Jessie
- Arhoolie Foundation Block Party - June 6 on Fresno Ave between San Pablo & Carlson, will have food, live music, and outdoor film screening
- National Night Out - Tuesday August 4
- Block Party - Saturday September 26

Neighborhood News:

- Need block Representatives
- Community Resources
 - i. Earthquake retrofit, youth employment , wants to create a directory including the senior center.
- The Department of Toxic Substances is conducting a community survey for cleanup info at [1301 S 46th St.](#) i. Survey link: surveymonkeys.com/r/8Z7KLYC open until June 12
- There was a community suggestion to provide poop bags in all Annex parks