

Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council
Draft General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 23, 2026

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:

- DECISION: Shirley Patterson moved approval of the June 25 RANC meeting minutes, seconded by Martha Nash. Vote was one abstention and the remainder in favor. Approval PASSED.

- *RNCC Report (Garland Ellis):*

Please return fireworks signs to the fire department or at the next RANC meeting, they will be used again next year. The City of Richmond is looking for commissioners. We can find out more and apply online

<https://www.richmondca.gov/256/Boards-and-Commissions> . Garland mentioned these upcoming community events:

- Richmond tool lending library 10th anniversary this Saturday 11-3, 3230 MacDonald Ave.
- Movies in the park tomorrow night, August 7 and 21. Generally for children.
- Flower arrangement workshop July 29, 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Annex Senior Center
- Richmond Plunge 100th Anniversary August 15, 10:00 am -5:30 pm, demonstrations, activities, swimming for \$1
- Northeast neighborhood National Night Out , August 4, 6 to 9 pm.

- *Treasurers Report (Tom Hoffman)*

Proposed dues increase to \$12 for resident (including family), \$8 for seniors and income limited, and \$20 for a business. At these rates and current membership count, income will be about \$804 per year. This year's annual operating expenses will be about \$940, including our new web site. Costs for special events such as the Block Party will be in addition. Expenses for events will be voted on and approved by membership before incurring. Expenses above revenue are expected to be paid for by new memberships as we conduct outreach.

DECISION: Approval of dues increase was moved by Marth Nash and seconded by Jimmy Reina. Vote was one against and remainder in favor. Approval of new dues PASSED.

City Reports:

None this meeting.

Project & Committee Updates:

- *Traffic Committee* – Council person Sue Wilson attended the last meeting and provided practical advice and emphasized that we will have the biggest impact if we come together and present a unified voice to the City. We can use the Richmond app to report non-emergency issues. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, 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. They are preparing a more

formal survey of traffic concerns which will be more widely distributed.

- *Event Planning*
 - i. Block Party tentatively Saturday 9/26 Andres shared the task list and shared that we are looking for volunteers to coordinate activities and food as well as other support roles including set up and take down. Next meeting is on July 29. Contact ranc.neighbors@gmail.com to join the committee.
 - ii. National Night set for Tuesday 8/4. There will not be an annex-wide event, please attend local events in your neighborhood.
- *Curb crew* - 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.
- *Bylaws* - Our bylaws have not been updated since 1987. We will need to soon form a committee to update these. The RNCC has a template we can use.
- *Digitization* - Funding for our new web site was approved tonight. Tim Aidley and Scott Frankel offered to help set up the domain and design the web site.
- *History* - the history committee has started to compile a history of the Annex and plans to have a booth at the block party. Members can view historical documents we have compiled at [Annex History](#). The senior center also has pictures to share.
- *Richmond Shoreline Alliance* - This alliance is devoted to clean up of contaminated sites along the Richmond shoreline, including the Zeneca site where 4,000 units of affordable housing are proposed. The alliance has proposed an alternative cleanup plan for United Heckathorn where DDT was formulated. They are proposing restoration of the site as habitat instead of housing.
- *Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)* - Two trainings are coming up for those who want to become CERT certified in San Pablos and El Cerrito. Contact Chip at chip.gribble@gmail.com for information. At the meeting Chip handed out wildfire preparedness and evacuation guides, and demonstrated Vulcan vents that help protect against fire. These are available at lumber yards.
- *Beautification* - thank you to Marlene Arata and Jessie for heading up the effort to keep Huntington Park beautiful and to Anita for heading up the effort to keep Mendocino park beautiful. To adopt a soundwall segment, visit <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3910/Adopt-a-Spot-Program>

Past Community Events:

- Arhoolie Foundation Block Party, June 6 was a success.
- 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>

- 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.civicapps.richmondca>