

Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council
Draft General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 27, 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: Lori Hymel moved approval of the August 27 RANC meeting minutes, seconded by Nancy Baer. Unanimous vote for approval. PASSED.
- *RNCC Report (Garland Ellis):*
 - The Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council is an umbrella organization for all Richmond neighborhood councils. Their 75th anniversary is upcoming and there will be a celebration in December at a date tbd.
 - The mural on Carlson Boulevard at I-80 is in need of cleaning.
- *Treasurers Report (Tom Hoffman)*
 - RANC has \$18,224 in our account. Year to date dues paid is \$647 and we have received \$120 from Sims Metals for last year's dumpster day and \$103 for this year's event.

City Reports:

- *Richmond Police* - Representatives present include Officer Ireland, Officer Sagan, and Michelle Milam. There were 156 calls for services in Beat 3 over the last 30 days, this is down 30 percent from previous periods. This beat includes Home Depot and areas to the north of the Annex, not just Richmond Annex. Monitoring of traffic issues on streets such as Tehama and San Luis is done by police volunteers because the traffic unit was dissolved in the early 20's. Speed trailers are not an option because the City has only one. Residents can call the non-emergency number to report traffic issues. 510-233-1214. Press "0" for dispatch.

The Richmond police department holds a crime prevention meeting one Wednesday per month and holds block captain training several times per year.

Michelle described efforts to support unhoused encampments before they are abated. Residents can email Michelle with concerns about encampments. Can also submit a customer service request (CSR) to Caltrans which will be reviewed in conjunction with the City of Richmond.

The City of Richmond has a Community Ambassador program that includes training for residents. We can get on the crime prevention email list and even do ride alongs with officers. Email Michelle if interested mmilam@richmondpd.net

Project & Committee Updates:

- *Traffic Committee* – Working on finding a new meeting time, other than third Tuesday. Meetings are at the Red Oak office, 7502 Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito. info@richmond-annex.org to get on the email list. Fill out the [Traffic Survey](#) to help identify traffic concerns of the community. Some concerns brought up at the meeting were issues on Columbia which is a safe routes to school and also uncontrolled intersections in parts of the Annex.
- *Event Planning*
 - i. Block Party will be on Saturday 9/26 from 11 to 3. DECISION: Jimmy Reina

motioned to approve the \$2,700 budget for the block party, Katherine Griffin seconded the motion. Members present voted unanimously to approve the budget. PASSED

- *Digitization* - the RANC web site is up! www.richmond-anex.org
- *Measure B* - A representative discussed Measure B which is renewal of a tax measure to fund schools. It is a continuation of an existing tax, not a new tax.
- *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.

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/1FAIpQLSf4IRZFS309Hb0KcPxGwLGm9wjpkmleGHUGrM2Hzvjg6bOTZg/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.civcapps.richmondca>

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 24