



Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:30 PM

Open Door United Methodist Church
6226 Arlington Blvd, Richmond, CA 94805
cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/81874478413

Jon Sargent (Chair), Victoria Lynn Curtis (Vice-Chair), Jinwei Zhang, Joann Pavlinec, Pam DeWitt, Bara Sapir

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

00:00:17

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence in honor of Leonard, a long-time community member and founding organizer of the East Richmond Heights art and craft music festival.

Present Victoria Curtis, Pamela DeWitt, Joann Pavlinec, Bara Sapir, and Jon Sargent

Excused Jinwei Zhang

2. Treasurer's Report

00:01:36

The Treasurer's Report confirmed a current balance of \$3,000.

3. Approval of Minutes

00:01:36

The minutes from the September meeting were approved with corrections, including updates to spelling errors related to "Passport Heights" and clarifications regarding a historical presentation on Casper Heights.

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Attachments: [9.17.25_erhMAC Minutes](#)

This Discussion Item was approved as amended.

4. Presentations

P.1. Presentation by Contra Costa County Supervisor's Office

00:03:19

An update was provided on the new county-wide noise ordinance currently under review. The ordinance proposes limits on outdoor amplified sound after 10 PM on Fridays and Saturdays and after 8 PM Sunday through Thursday. It would also establish construction noise restrictions, with enforcement shared between the Department of Conservation & Development (DCD) and the Sheriff's Office. Questions were raised regarding early-morning start times by utility providers, and staff agreed to follow up with DCD.

Ronnie Mills also summarized outcomes from the Community Impact Fund town halls, which gathered input from more than 270 residents across West County on how to prioritize \$1 million in federal funding. Topics ranged from youth programs and housing to public safety and wellness. It was confirmed that housing discussions included services for un-housed residents.

P.2. Presentation by Sheriff's Office Bay Station Commander, Lt. Brian Fitzgerald

P.3. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Update, Chief Watson / Michelle Rinehart

00:08:25

Chief Watson provided an update on district changes and staffing levels following the annexation of an expired district. He discussed ongoing fire-related concerns for July 4, noting reduced call volume due to aerial firefighting support. Chief Watson also emphasized lithium-ion battery safety, advising residents to purchase certified batteries and avoid charging EVs inside garages overnight. Additional updates were shared on EV fire response challenges, Fire Prevention Week activities, and equipment needs.

Updates were provided on shaded fuel break grant applications for East Richmond Heights and Hasford Heights. The community was informed that the district successfully submitted applications for the Fire Risk Reduction Community List, which could improve access to future state grants and help residents secure home insurance discounts. Staff also reported on ongoing State Fire Marshal efforts to curb illegal fireworks and noted that Zone Zero and home-hardening regulations will not change until after the new year.

P.4. Presentation by Richmond Police Department, Sgt. Terry Thomas

00:37:17

Council-members and residents discussed recent burglaries and thefts in East Richmond Heights, including vehicle and trailer thefts. A resident described how a Ring camera helped identify a stolen trailer, highlighting the value of home surveillance. Concerns were also raised about the quality of recent slurry sealing work, including inadequate signage and traffic disruption. Additional discussion focused on a proposed Wildcat Canyon bike trail, with residents expressing concerns about environmental impacts, limited public involvement, and opportunities for future comment.

P.5. Presentation by California Highway Patrol, Officer Rivera (tentative)

5. Discussion Items

6. Subcommittee Reports

SR.1 Land Use Committee: Joann Pavlinec, Jinwei Zhang

00:38:07

No formal subcommittee reports were presented at this meeting.

7. Regional Historical Presentation

00:38:56

8. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ERHMAC Meetings

00:40:51

Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

00:55:17

Residents requested additional information regarding the Wildcat Canyon bike trail proposal and upcoming opportunities for public comment. The Chair also reminded attendees of future meeting dates in November and January and encouraged residents to submit comments on the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 19, 2025

Adjourn

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