



Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

6:30 PM Open Door United Methodist Church, 6226
Arlington Blvd, Richmond, CA 94805 |
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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

00:00:16

Present	Victoria Curtis, Joann Pavlinec, Royer Ramirez Ruiz, Bara Sapir, and Jon Sargent
Absent	Jinwei Zhang
Late	Pamela DeWitt

2. Treasurer's Report

00:00:48

The Treasurer's Report was presented, indicating a balance of \$1,183. There was a discussion regarding the upcoming budget reset and the requirement to allocate \$1,000 by the end of June. An update was also provided about a receipt for insurance and a lost check.

3. Approval of Minutes

00:01:33

The Council discussed the minutes from the May 21 meeting. It was noted that the Land Use Committee report was missing from the documented minutes. After clarifying that the report was recorded, the minutes were approved as presented.

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<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>5.21.25 erhMAC Minutes</u>
Motion:	Curtis
Second:	Ramirez Ruiz
Aye:	Curtis, DeWitt, Pavlinec, Ramirez Ruiz, Sapir, and Sargent
Absent:	Zhang
Result:	Passed

4. Presentations

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

00:03:25

An update from Ronnie Mills (Supervisor Gioia's office) addressed the rescheduling of the noise ordinance task force meeting to July 8, with Grant Farrington identified as the primary contact. Updates on committee and commission vacancies were discussed, along with details regarding new interns and forthcoming events.

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

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Lieutenant Fitzgerald reported 76 service calls for May, including incidents involving felony domestic violence, residential burglaries, and vandalism. An unusual incident concerning a bird initially thought electrocuted but later found to have been shot was also mentioned. Questions were raised about a perceived increase in activity and possible ICE operations, which will be followed up on.

P.3. Presentation by Richmond PD, Sgt. Terry Thomas

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Richmond Police reported 267 calls in the incorporated area of East Richmond Heights, marking an 11% reduction from the previous month. Details of a major sideshow event were shared, highlighting multiple arrests and vehicle impounds. Updates included the use of drones and Shot Spotter technology to improve police response. Further information regarding ICE activity and Richmond's sanctuary city status was offered.

*P.4. *SPECIAL* Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, Noell Crosse*

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Noelle Crosse from the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District presented an overview of their revitalized public education program. Discussions included various age-specific school presentations and collaborations with the Red Cross on smoke alarm assistance programs. Further information regarding emergency preparedness presentations was made available.

The council addressed criteria for tree removal in open spaces and emphasized the importance of community compliance with defensible space and home-hardening initiatives. Clarification was provided about the state's "zone zero" regulation, with an emphasis on fostering firewise community practices. New grant opportunities to support these efforts were discussed.

P.5. Presentation by California Highway Patrol (tentative)

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An update from the Highway Patrol included ongoing conversations regarding speed radar deployment on Arlington. The suggestion to incorporate ICE activity updates in future reports was noted. Confirmation was provided that the Highway Patrol does not receive direct ICE notifications.

5. Discussion Items

6. Subcommittee Reports

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

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no report presented

7. Regional Historical Presentation

8. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ERHMAC Meetings

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Discussion around Jelly's Place, EBMUD on a representative coming to a future meeting. Discussion was held around copper wire theft.

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

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The council highlighted the publication of the latest neighborhood update and promoted the upcoming neighborhood festival on August 2, neighborhood playdates, and a concert featuring local artist Alice Ducey. Positive feedback regarding the pipe construction project on Arlington was shared, noting good communication by the contractor.

Community concerns were expressed about construction timing, particularly on Sequoia Avenue, where work crews were reportedly starting as early as 7:20 AM instead of the scheduled 8:00 AM. It was noted that the early start aimed to expedite project completion; however, community members were encouraged to submit complaints if necessary.

The pipe replacement project duration was confirmed to run from March through December. Requests were made to include individuals on the mailing list for the Firewise program and to promote the arts and music festival online via the East Richmond Heights Facebook page.

Plans for a festival quiz, incorporating local history and math questions, were discussed, along with potential incentives like East Richmond Heights-branded merchandise.

Adjourn

01:18:35

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