

Commission Meeting 9/3/2025

Main Street Library (Study Room D)

Commission Attendance:

Abigail Delaney

Jerome Legions

Boz Boschen

Troi Hughes

Aaron Linus (Virtual)

Staff:

Matthew Slaats

Isaac Samuels

Leidiana Delgado

Meeting Called: 5:39pm

Matthew welcomes commission and goes over agenda. Agenda as follows:

- **Welcome and Check In**
 - Updating each other since last time meeting 6/26
 - Abby motions to allow Aaron Linus to join remotely (5:48p)
 - Motion approved unanimously

- **Team Reports**
 - Matthew:
 - Everyone needs to be registered as a vendor for the City of Richmond to get paid for their service as a commission member.
 - Isaac:
 - Meeting with City Departments to move forward with selected departments.

- Working on rewriting and refining rulebook for future cycles, pending ordinance and council approval.
- Miles:
 - Working on the online platform (Decidim) integrating the previous website on the new platform. Including moving previous resources and records to new website.
 - Thinking about future utilization for other departments or boards and commission
 - Creating online trackers
 - Beginning to shift messaging strategy to focusing on process and projects.
- Leidiana:
 - Working on rewriting ordinance for commission to review
 - Working together with team to begin planning and developing ideas of for the future PB Cycle's
- Boz – Continue to share information and why the city should continue with PB, creating a narrative using examples outside (ex. Thomson Ave.)
 - Pulling from things taking off in the community, and other PB's around the world.
- Jerome – New opportunities coming up with Rezoning and looping in PB. Not only is there a system to voice concern, but now the opportunity to select and spend money for these concerns.
 - How is PB a new and better version of Neighborhood Teams.
 - Constantly updating status of PB Projects, getting the community to hold the departments/organizations accountable.
- Aaron – Advocacy is the entire city of Richmond and its residents. How does information that is shared around with other organizations do the advocacy work with us, rather than another advocacy group being built from the ground up. Using other groups? (Infrastructure, Environment, Economic)
- Matthew – Emphasis on showing PB as a new avenue for engagement throughout the city and how is it resonating through the community. How can we build a narrative around the upgrade from Neighborhood Teams.
- Abby –
 - Other departments highlighting taking advantage of PB.
- **Ordinance Review**

- Leidiana gave an overview of PB ordinance changes which included [establishing ad-hoc committees/ including a new timeline/ requiring department to appoint staff to PB (as liaisons)]
 - Abby and Jerome inquired about the ad-hoc committees, asking about how long the committees would be stood up and what power they had.
 - Matthew referred to the ordinance as the ‘skeleton’ and the rulebook as the ‘meat’
 - Leidiana proposed the new timeline and got feedback from the commission – they were generally accepting of the newly proposed timeline. Discussions were had about the effect/ value of aligning the PB voting with the budget creation cycle
- Miles reminds commission that as members of a public commission, FOIA requests could come commissions way. Making sure you are answering, and if unknown about answer defer to PB Staff.
 - PB has a local writer doing district write-ups about PB and impact on the communities.
- Abby Motions for Meeting Adjournment
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:04p