



Get to the Point!

Your Point Richmond Neighborhood Update

**Our next meeting is moved up to Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 pm
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue**

On September 28th, the Home Front Festival-by-the-Bay held three days of festivities celebrating the launch of the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park. It is estimated that over 6,000 folks attended!

The Point Richmond Business Association put on Indian Statue Day on Saturday October 13th in downtown Point Richmond. It was also a celebration of the reopening of our Community Center. Please check it out, it has been remodeled and looks great. A new kitchen is being donated by Home Depot and is on the way! The PRNC was a sponsor and hopefully you had a chance to stop by our table and fill out one of our new community surveys. It was a beautiful day with lots of lively children, costumed, doggies for the contest put on by PRAM, artist's displays, community groups and incredible music by Point Richmond's own "Crunchy Frog." Thanks to the PRBA and all of the neighbors and friends of the Point who attended.

Captain Rick Abercrombie, who is the Captain of "C" shift of the Point Richmond Firehouse, came by the PRNC table and wanted to let us know that they would be painting the firehouse and wanted to work with the right folks at the PRNC to make sure they had colors we would approve as well as to let us know that they would come to our meetings and give updates. FYI, for those of you who may not know – our firehouse is open 24/7! The firefighters work in three 24-hour shifts – A, B and C shifts. We are looking forward to having them at our meetings.

Regarding our survey – we are doing a survey to find out more about what you need from the PRNC and what your issues and concerns are as a resident or someone who works here in the Point. We will have copies of the survey at our next two meetings as well as doing an emailing to our email list and including one in our next newsletter. We've received some great feedback thus far and are looking forward to hearing more.

At our meeting in September we had a summary of the charrette process involving Toll Brothers and the community. It was enlightening and encouraging to see how two strongly opposed groups could come together and using this process and a mediator develop a plan that was agreeable to both sides. It was obvious that this process led to a far more attractive and desirable development for both parties. Sometimes having a lot of input and having to work hard to reach consensus can seem cumbersome – but in the long run having voices and concerns heard and working to have support from all sides makes for a better neighborhood and city.

The PRNC and members of our community supported the Tent City Peace Movement by providing donations of coffee, tea, ice, water, juices, fruit, sandwiches and homemade pies and cookies. Members of the Board and PRNC members at large went everyday to take donations, which were greatly appreciated. It was heartening to see members of the community making a statement to the young people involved in violence and reaching out to make a difference. The PRNC would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their generous donations:

Cafe Altura - Mohammad & Akram (Aki) Abolghasem

Hotel Mac - Griff Brazill & Clint Cook

Point Richmond Market - Nasser Halloum & Fatoum Alwareetl

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Members at large

Starbucks Coffee Company - Crystal Ford

Rap for Richmond - Robin Carpenter, Andy Olmsted and the Board of Directors

Don't forget Community Clean-up Day will be November 3rd with drop-offs at Washington School.



Robin Carpenter, President; Don Woodrow, First Vice President; Chris Spencer, Second Vice President; Rod Satre, Secretary; Margaret Morkowski, Treasurer

AGENDA
Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:30 pm
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue

- 7:30 Call to Order. *1 minute*
- 7:31 Agenda Review and approval of the minutes from the September meeting *3 minutes*
- 7:34 Reports: Beat Officer or Sgt. David Harris, Non-emergency calls 233-1214. *15 minutes*
- 7:49 Our representatives to the RCPC (Richmond Crime Prevention Commission)
Tom Brichta 415-686-1522 and Steve Spencer 510- 233-3040 *5 minute*
- 7:54 Shift Captain for the Point on Duty Richmond Fire Department *15 minutes*
- 8:09 PRNC Safety Committee Report – Joan Gatten 234-0707 *3 minutes*
- 8:12 RNCC (Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council) Report *3 minutes*
- 8:15 Membership report & report on our PRNC community survey - Chris Spencer *6 minutes*
- 8:21 Treasurer’s report – Margaret Morkowski *3 minutes*
- 8:24 Updates from Neighborhood, City and PRNC Committees 1 minute each *7 minutes*
- The Plunge – Margaret Morkowski
- Point Richmond History Association (PRHA) – Mid Dornan
- TRAC – Bruce Beyear 235-2835
- Parents Resources and More (PRAM) –Erika Osborn 593-5473
- Landscape Advisory Committee – Connie Lompa 237-7888
- Women’s Westside Improvement Club (WWIC) – Margaret Morkowski 234-4219
- Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA) – Marsha Tomassi 215-6133
- 8:31 Summary of Design Review & Land Use Committee recommendations *15 minutes*
- Three projects have been brought to the committee this month:**
- Driveway permit application 212 Washington, applicant is Linda Newton.
- Rehab of the house on the corner of Washington and Crest, applicant is Curt Rocca.
- Vacation of the paper street at the top of Alvarado, applicants are Deborah Stearns and Jeff Lee.
- If you are aware of someone planning to construct or modify a building in the Point, please have them contact Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@netzero.net to arrange a review by this Committee. The Committee meets on the same evening as the Council, at 6 pm, in the meeting room of Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond. NOTE: It is important that applicants discuss their project with their neighbors before review by this Committee.*
- 8:46 Old Business: *5 minutes*
- 8:51 New Business *5 minutes*
- 8:56 Public Forum *If needed: 16 minutes*
- As many as eight speakers speaking for 2 minutes each. Please sign up at the meeting.
- Note: Public Forum items are for public information only; no action can be taken on them. If you have an action item, please contact a board member prior to November 9th to have it considered for the agenda of the Council’s November 28th meeting.*
- 9:12 Design Review/Land Use Committee items removed from the consent calendar will be considered at this time. *If needed: 10 minutes*
- 9:22 **Adjourn**

For further information regarding the agenda, excluding Design Review and Land Use Committee matters, contact Robin Carpenter at 510-232-8175 or balsora@aol.com.

PRNC MEMBERS WHO PROVIDE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY AND HAVE THEIR NAME REMOVED FROM THE SURFACE-MAIL LIST. MEMBERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY SURFACE MAIL SHOULD MAKE THEIR WISHES KNOWN TO CHRIS SPENCER AT prncvp2@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 24: **Next Meeting of the Design Review and Land Use Committee**
6:00 pm, Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond
- October 24 : **Next Meeting of the Neighborhood Council**
7:30 pm Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue
- November 3: **Community Clean-up Day** – Washington School – Saturday 8am-12noon – general trash as well as recyclables – we will mail out a flyer on this.
- November 9: **Last day to submit projects to the Design Review and Land Use Committee for their November 28th meeting.** Projects submitted after November 9th may be heard but action cannot be taken on them at this meeting. Contact Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@netzero.net with your agenda item.
- November 9: **Last day to suggest topics for the November 28th Council meeting.** Submit suggestions to Robin Carpenter at balsora@aol.com or call 510-232-8175.
- November 28: **November Meeting of the Design Review and Land Use Committee** 6:00 PM,
Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond
- November 28: **November Meeting of the Neighborhood Council** 7:30pm
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue
- December: **No Meeting in December** – Please call a member of the board if any emergency issues come up during this time frame.
- January 11: **Last day to submit projects to the Design Review and Land Use Committee for their January 30, 2008 meeting.** Projects submitted after January 11th may be heard but action cannot be taken on them at this meeting. Contact Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@netzero.net with your agenda item.
- January 11: **Last day to suggest topics for the January 30, 2008 Council meeting.** Submit suggestions to Robin Carpenter at balsora@aol.com or call 510-232-8175.
- January 30: **January Meeting of the Design Review and Land Use Committee** 6:00 pm
Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond
- January 30: **January 2008 Meeting of the Neighborhood Council** 7:30 pm
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue

Minutes of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting - 1160 Brickyard Cove Road, September 26, 2007
Robin Carpenter, President; Don Woodrow, First Vice President; Chris Spencer, Second Vice President; Rod Satre, Secretary;
Margaret Morkowski, Treasurer

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Carpenter - The Minutes of the August 29, 2007 were approved as presented.

Mr. Vincent Seymour, program coordinator of the Point Richmond Community Center (510) 621-6881 or vincent_seymour@ci.richmond.ca.us reported that the Center will be fully operational by October 1. Ideas for programs are welcome. Joining Mr. Seymour was Ms. Amy Aldrich (510-387-8260) of the Adult Education Center who reported that a minimum of 15- participants are needed for each of the AEC's programs to have them continue. There will be a Grand Opening of the Community Center on October 13, coincident with the Indian Statue Day celebration.

Police Report - Beat Officer Lance Griffin reported on criminal activity in Point Richmond for September as follows: 145 calls for service, 5 auto B/E's, 4 stolen autos (no reports on recoveries). Discussion ensued about the completeness of the data (it is claimed to be complete) and the area covered by the report (all of and only Point Richmond). Tabulated PR crime data for September were presented to the Secretary. Officer Griffin can be reached at: 510-621-1212, x7065 or lgriffin@richmondcpd.net. Officer Griffin also reported real time access to crime data for Richmond can be viewed at: <http://crimeview.ci.richmond.ca.us/crimeviewcommunity/wizard.asp> (To access that site from a PC, CTRL + click on the URL given in the previous line. Be prepared to go through preliminary questions to zero in on the type of crime and location). There were questions for Officer Griffin about the current surge in shootings in Richmond. He explained that many of the shootings were retaliations over someone feeling disrespected or previous shootings. He brought up the Tent City Peace Movement. President Carpenter asked Officer Griffin if he would talk with her about that and she would move her report on TCPM and the RNCC into this part of the program. President Carpenter reported that PRNC is supporting the Tent City Peace Movement's four sites with food donated by local merchants in addition to ice, beverages and fruit purchased by the PRNC. Both she and Office Griffin spoke about the partnership between Police Chief Magnus, Mayor McLaughlin and Jackie Thompson who is this year's president of Tent City and the renewed commitment of the community, the Mayor's Office and Police Department to work together to end the violence and that the new Neighborhood Safety Director (DeVone Boggan) had been hired the day before. They took questions from the membership during their talk. Vice-president Woodrow commented that he went on the first night of tent city to make a donation and President Carpenter and Vice-president Spencer had dropped off the first round of donations from the PRNC that afternoon. PRNC board members would be doing several other trips over the next few days. Members could contact either Robin or Chris, at 510-232-8175 or 510-235-2817 respectively, to arrange to ride along or pick up PRNC member donations. People wishing to further support the Tent City effort should contact Jackie Thompson at 510-860-3842. Officer Griffin was thanked with applause.

Tom Brichta, PRNC representative to the Richmond Crime Prevention Commission, was asked to follow Officer Griffin's report. He reiterated information about the Crimeview website. He asked that members who had any issues regarding crime in the Point or connecting with the Police Department to contact him at (510) 965-1754 or tomb@marvingardens.com

Design Review and Land Use Committee – There were no items brought to the Committee this month.

Announcements and Reports Treasurer Margaret Morkowski offered this report:

Account	Recent Activity	Prior Balance	Transactions	Current Balance
Bishop Alley Path Fund:	None	\$ 706.64		\$ 706.64
Ferry Point Fund	None	\$ 695.27		\$ 695.27
Wig Wag Fund	None	\$ 2,970.94		\$ 2,970.94
General Fund		\$ 7,613.68		
Deposits/Dues			\$ 1,295.00	
Checks issued				
National Night Out: Chris Spencer Veggie Burgers			\$ (20.00)	
Other: Website David Moore			\$ (50.00)	
Other: Membership PRBA			\$ (40.00)	
General Fund Total				\$ 8,798.68
Total of All Accounts				\$ 13,171.53

Joan Gatten, chair of the PRNC safety committee (510-234-0727) reported that CPR training will be offered soon. Joan also provided the following phone numbers for services provided by the Contra Costa Crisis Center: Crisis/suicide: 800-833-2900, Grief: 800-837-1818, Homeless 800-808-6444, Youth in crisis: 800-863-7600, Child abuse: 988-881-1116, Elder abuse: 877-839-4347.

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334) reported that the most recent issue of "This Point in Time" was just published.

Margaret Morkowski reported that the Women's West Side Improvement Club (510-234-4219) will sponsor a progressive dinner. Margaret Morkowski, for the PRBA, reported that Indian Statue Day, an event of general celebration, will be held Saturday, October 13, noon – 5pm at the Triangle in the center of Point Richmond. There will be information tables, food, arts and crafts, and music all offered in an atmosphere sure to be both salubrious and entertaining. All are invited.

President Carpenter reported that copies of Tom Carson's obituary from the SF Chronicle were available. She also reported that PRBA is honoring Tom at their first "Evening in the Point" at DeWitt Gallery, October 4, 5:30-7:30 pm with \$5 cover charge. Any excess after expenses will be donated to Tom's favorite Point Richmond non-profits. Chris Spencer added that the Seniors Fabulous Free Friday at the Community Center on September 29 would celebrate Tom's memory. [Word arrived after the PRNC meeting that a memorial event for Tom will be held at the San Pablo Yacht Club at 700 Cutting Boulevard, Sunday, October 7, 4:30-7:30 pm. RSVP to Elana Crotte at 510-236-6737 or e-mail to ecrotte@hotmail.com.]

Old Business - Beverly Galloway (Concerned Community Citizens of Point Richmond (CCCPR), 510-232-5759) and Ben Helber (Toll Bros., 510-234-8924) summarized results from the charrette held under City auspices to arrive at a design acceptable both to Toll Bros and to the community members involved for project proposed for Richmond's Terminal One at the corner of Dornan Drive and Brickyard Cove Road. Helber showed slides illustrating the various designs considered. In the final design, the number of units is 285, the number of buildings is 6 and they have been moved as close to hill as possible leaving a redesigned Brickyard Cove Road in place. All buildings will be tiered down toward the Bay. The 2 largest buildings, each five-stories high, and intervening the landscaped areas, remain on podium above parking areas. A public access, two-lane road swings around the project, close to the Bay with the Bay Trail on the Bayside of the road and a park built atop the Terminal One pier. Terminal One buildings now occupying the pier will be removed and the site turned into a bayside park. The project will be phased with the first phase being the easterly buildings and that part of the bayside road fronting them. Optimistically, that phase could start construction in 2009. Galloway noted that cooperation with Toll had finally been achieved through the charrette process. She noted further that the City reports it is committed to such a process for future, large-scale projects like this one. Finally, Galloway reported that it was not possible to purchase and use the land on the park side of present-day Brickyard Cove Road, land now owned by BNSF RR. A price could not be agreed and that land was outside the redevelopment area originally agreed to by the City of Richmond and Toll Bros. Further discussion disclosed that a suit by CCCPR was a major impetus toward resolving this project. Ms. Galloway thanked the citizens who contributed ideas and monetary support to the efforts of CCCPR. In response to questions from the floor, Helber reported (and Galloway agreed) that the final steps on this project are yet to come. Two lawsuits must be settled, easements obtained, and the City Design Review process carried out. **Action:** Individuals are urged to write/call the City Manager and Mayor in support of the solution arrived at by the charrette. The PRNC was directed to do so.

New Business - President Carpenter presented a list of 12 projects which the PRNC Board recommends for Council support as the applicants seek funding from the Point Richmond Gateway Foundation. .

- *PRNC - Community Web-site and intern to archive historical PRNC documents
- *PRHA - Cabinet for Museum
- *PRBA - Signage etc for crime prevention activities
- *Methodist Church – Pointing of various parts of the Church's exterior brick walls.
- *Our Lady of Mercy Church - Hand carved wooden sign with spot light for Church
- *Joan Gatten - Community Scholarships for First Aid/CPR classes
- *Linda Newton - Purchase of information package on "The Village" concept for making Pt. Richmond senior friendly.
- *Judy Rattner - Mural for Washington School emphasizing physical education
- *Point Richmond Landscape Advisory Committee (Connie Lompa) purchase of plants and trees
- *Women's Westside Improvement Club – build an arbor adjacent to the restored street directory
- *PRAM - for Field House Operating Costs
- *Richmond Library Foundation - A Mural for the Point Richmond Library

Connie Lompa moved that the Council accept the Board's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Margaret Morkowski. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Forum - Andy Olmsted, co-founder of RAP4RICHMOND, reported that City Council has done the following via-a-vis cell phone towers in Richmond: 1. The emergency moratorium on any permits being issued for commercial cellular antenna sites will be presented for a possible one year extension at the 10/30 City Council Meeting. 2. An inventory of all cell phone antennas and support installations in the City is being prepared by Councilmen Tom Butt and Jim Rogers. 3. RAP had a positive meeting with City Manager, Bill Lindsay, and Mayor McLaughlin. The City Manager is working to have T-Mobile voluntarily remove the antenna installation at 260 Water St. If T-Mobile doesn't agree to remove the antenna installation, the Mayor will put a permit-revocation vote on the agenda for the 10/16 City Council Meeting. Interested parties should attend the 10/30 City Council Meeting.

Richard Lompa registered his displeasure with the Trainmaster project. Mr. Lompa feels that the site plan was not arrived at openly and that the building is not seismically safe. Mr. Lompa is also concerned about the safety and efficiency of the new traffic flow pattern

necessitated by the project. At about 9:20 pm, President Carpenter thanked Mr. Bert Clausen for access to the room and chairs used for tonight's meeting and then declared the meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted – Don Woodrow

