



The Memorial Day Garage Sale was blessed with good weather. Two days before, and a few days afterward, however, it was cold and rainy. It was an unusual Spring—not only here, but across the country.

I'm sure that I'm not the only one in the Point to have cut the grass and weeds around their property in early May and then seen the late rains bring everything back with a vengeance. I hope the summer solstice will bring us better weather and sun.

If you haven't already marked your calendars for the Point Richmond Summer Music Concerts on Friday July 8, August 12, September 9 and 23, I encourage you do so. It's a chance to have some fun with your neighbors, listen to some good music, and dance—all for free, and all the while surrounded by our charming downtown. The music begins at 5:30 and runs to 8:00 pm. Take your date to dinner afterwards.

Andrew Butt and Sue Rosenof got together after our last meeting and found an appropriate font for the new Welcome to Historic Point Richmond sign on the planter at the bank at the end of Cutting. You will be able to see a print of it at the upcoming meeting.

It was announced at the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council that acceptance of applications for individual grants to repair sewer laterals will no longer be a one day event, but will be ongoing, throughout the year, beginning July 1. As noted last year, there are some unscrupulous contractors who solicit work on laterals—often taking advantage of elderly residents. The City will provide a list of reputable contractors if you ask.

Some of you may have noticed that the stripes on the Wig Wag abutments were repainted a few weeks ago. This was not because of prodding from our committee, but is welcome nonetheless. Victor Morales, the chair of our Wig Wag Restoration Committee, says that an agreement to make the Wig Wags operational has been drafted by Carlos Privat from the City and forwarded to the BNSF corporate office in Washington. If the legal paperwork can be worked out, we should see the Wig Wags waving at us by the end of summer, and hopefully no later than the Turkey Shoot.

The Point Richmond Farmer's Market has been a welcome addition to our community on Wednesday nights during the summer. It brings people downtown, gives us a chance to bump into our neighbors, and supports local business. But the market is still trying to find its legs. Different booths keep popping up, and in some cases, favorite booths are not to be found when we look for them.

We have invited Gloria Baker, the Farmer's Market Manager, and several representatives from the Pacific Coast Farmer's Market Association to attend our next meeting to give us an idea of how the market is doing, and how it might be improved. Please bring your ideas and questions to the meeting.



AGENDA

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 pm **Call to Order**
- 7:30 **Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2011**
- President's Report** by Peter Minkwitz (510) 232-3663 5 minutes
- 7:35 **Police Report** Officer Joe Anderson
(510) 621-1212 Ext.7145 janderson@richmondpd.net 10 minutes
- 7:45 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 2 minutes
- 7:46 **Treasurer's Report** Louise Fender (510) 260-0309 3 minutes
- 7:50 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**
2 minutes each Up to 16 minutes
- Point Richmond Business Association
Women's Westside Improvement Club, Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219
Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934
Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey
Red Oak Victory, George Coles
PRNC Safety Committee, Tom Brichta 510-620-6538
Formula Restaurant Ordinance Committee, Marsha Tomassi 510-215-6133
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan 510-234-5334
- 8:10 **Introduction to a new Point Richmond business**, Synergy International, Inc
124 Washington, Laurie Rolfe
- 8:25 **Update on Veolia and the Waste Treatment Plant**, Maureen Decombe
- 8:30 **What's Happening at the Point Richmond Farmer's Market?**
Gloria Baker, Market Manager, and the marketing manager for the Pacific
Coast Farmer's Market Association
- 9:00 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** Rod Satre
*Items to be considered at the Committee's July 27, 2011 meeting must be
submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by July 13, 2011.*
Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com
- 1) Construction of a two-level deck on rear of house**,
261 Washington Court. Mark Adams, owner. Meredith Bressie, designer.
Interactive Resources, engineering
 - 2) Vacating a street next to 222 Martina St.** Ted Cuzzillo, applicant
- Public Forum:** Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers—2 minutes each
*Issues brought to the attention of the Council in the Public Forum cannot result in
Council action at this meeting. Instead, the issue should be presented to Council
President Peter Minkwitz for consideration by the PRNC Board as an agenda
item at a future meeting. Must be submitted to Peter Minkwitz (510) 465-2527
(B), 510-232-3663 (H) by July 13, 2011 peter@sanfranciscomarinesurveyors.com
or peter180@comcast.net*

Adjourn

IMPORTANT DATES

- ** July 27**
Wednesday
Next Regular meeting of the PRNC
7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center,
- ** July 13**
Wednesday
Last day to submit proposed projects to the
Land Use/Design Review Committee
- ** July 6**
Wednesday
Next meeting of the PRNC Board of Directors
Call Peter Minkwitz for the time and place
- ** 2nd Wednesday**
12:00 noon
Next meeting of the Point Richmond Business Assoc.
The Baltic Restaurant
- ** Every**
Wednesday
The Point Richmond Farmer's Market
4-8 pm
- ** 1st and 3rd**
Tuesday
Richmond City Council meets
- ** July 8**
Friday 5:30-8:00 pm
Summer Music Festival, Downtown Point Richmond
The Stairwell Sisters and Houston Jones



**POINT RICHMOND MUSIC
SUMMER CONCERTS
2011** PARK PLACE, RIGHT OFF
580 RICHMOND PARKWAY EXIT

All concerts 5:30 – 8:00 pm

FREE

FRI, JUN 10
Sekhou Senegal
Blind Lemon Phillips

FRI, JUL 5
Stairwell Sisters
Houston Jones

FRI, AUG 12
Dave Crimmen Band
Lloyd's Garage

FRI, SEPT 9
Taarka • Lava

FRI, SEPT 23
Michael O'Neill
Tom Rigney & Flambeau

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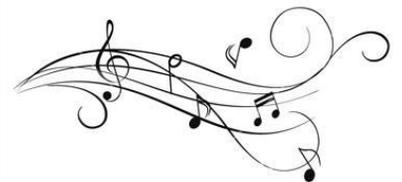
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Minutes
POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
May 25, 2011
Point Richmond Community Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

2. President's Report

- Megan Bleckinger (1st VP) not in attendance as she was out of town.
- City pick-up of large trash items (appliances, etc) will be Saturday, Aug 27 from 7 am to 11 am. Dumpsters will be at Washington School. Must provide ID with local address to use this free service.
- Paul Hyman, city arborist, notified the PRNC of dead trees at the corners of Delfino/ Cottage and Eddy/W. Richmond. Peter has stapled signs to the trees to let neighbors know so that they can voice concerns before trees are removed. Peter will investigate a dead pine tree on the south side of tunnel.
- Victor Morales has been in touch with the city regarding PRNC plans to repair the wig-wags and make them operational. He will meet with Carlos Privat, city attorney, on May 26.
- Peter received complaint about train bells at night. A member noted that the bells on the crossing gates had been stuck a few nights. Peter will check back.
- Peter noted excellent East Bay Express article, "Richmond Renaissance" featuring City Manager, Bill Lindsay.
- Thanks to Andrew Butt for his design of a "Welcome to Historic Point Richmond sign to go in front of the Mechanics Bank. It will be made of steel and wrap around the concrete abutment. Moved, seconded, passed that we ask Andrew to look into a different, more decorative font.
- The minutes were approved with following corrections to phone numbers: Margaret Morkowski 510-234-4219. Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934.

3. Police Report--Officer Joe Anderson (510-621-1212 X7145)
janderson@richmondpd.net and Sgt. Tod Updyke (510-621-1592;
topdyke@richmondpd.net)

- There has been an increase in daytime burglaries in the Western/Ocean/Golden Gate area. Burglars forced their way in front/side doors. A white, medium build woman (about 40 years old, 5'3" wearing a plaid shirt, with older model blue car) was seen in the area at the time of the crimes.
- Officers emphasized that residents should call the police immediately when suspicious persons or vehicles are observed. From land line or "smart" phone call 911. From regular cell phone call 510-233-1214 and prompt "0" or "2" to get to the dispatch center.
- Peter reported a number of car break-ins on Cottage which apparently are going unreported.
- To receive non-emergency messages from Sgt. Opdyke or send him your e-mail address.

4. Membership Report--Sue Rosenof (510-599-1197)

- Last month at the Farmers Market 5 new members joined and 25 people renewed their membership.
- Contact Sue if you are not receiving your e-mail newsletter.

5. Treasurer's Report Louise Fender (510-260-0309)

Balance beginning month:	\$4831.67
Income:	\$ 395.00
Bishop Alley Fund:	\$ 711.06
Ferry Point Fund	\$1989.58
Wig-Wag Fund	\$2927.94
Expenditures	\$0
Total	\$10,898.25

Louise will describe the purpose of each fund at the next meeting.

6. Committee Reports and Announcements from Community and Non-Profit Groups

- Women's Westside Improvement Club (Altha Humphrey) Last meeting of the year will be potluck June 14. Members are encouraged to wear a hat and have a story about it. WWIC is creating new street map to replace the map by the fire house.
- Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey--510-232-2934) meets in Community Center the 1st Wednesday of the month from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Come chat, knit and have some fun.
- Arts of Point Richmond (Altha Humphrey) Next meeting, June 21, 7 pm – 9 pm in Community Center. Member's works in restaurants and windows around town and Appian Way Medical Center in Pinole.
- Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles). The next Pancake Breakfast, a fundraiser to refurbish the Red Oak, will be on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, from 9:30 am to noon.
- PRNC Safety Committee (Tom Brichta 415-686-1522; e-mail:tom911r7@yahoo.com) Tom is a member of the Crime Prevention Committee and is available to help neighborhoods start a Neighborhood Watch Groups. August 2 will be National Night Out.
- Formula Restaurant Ordinance Committee (Marsha Tomassi (510-215-6133) Currently reviewing other municipal ordinances. Will bring sample Richmond ordinance to PRNC.
- Point Richmond Historical Society (Mid Dornan). Currently working on plans to update the walking tour of Point Richmond and placing "this point in time" plaques in the windows of historic buildings.

7. Introduction to new PR business, Synergy International, Inc. Reinhold Ziegler, co-partner, gave a brief description of Synergy International which opened 2 months ago. It is intended to be a "one-stop" center for renewable energy systems and is involved in a number of international projects.

8. Summary Update on Veolia/Waste Treatment Plant (For more info e-mail maureen@decombe.com)

- Without prior notification a lime stabilization process was started at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The process did not work well and there were complaints

from the residents of North Richmond (site of drying beds) regarding odor. The process was stopped and waste is once again being shipped from the waste water treatment plant by truck.

- There was a problem with odor again last weekend. Veolia's hotline didn't work. The phone is in service again (510-412-2001). A roving cell phone number will be added.
- Veolia is holding an Open House, Saturday, June 11 from 9 am-11 am. Coffee/Doughnuts

9. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) (Kathy Branstetter, CERT Certified) Cathy described three levels of disaster preparedness. Since first responders will likely not be available for several days we have to be prepared to take care of ourselves in that time.

- Prepare your household--numerous lists online provide guidelines.
- Prepare immediate neighborhood—See “Map Your Neighborhood” online.
- CERT trains people to manage more significant disaster- related events including assisting those who are trapped, helping stabilize injured, etc. Many CERT trained are needed in a neighborhood. CERT training does not require a lot of strength. Look at city website for classes schedule. John Hart from Veolia offered a CERT trainer.

10. Land Use/Design Review Committee: Items for Committee's June 29, 2011 meeting must be submitted by June 15, 2011 (Rod Satre --510-232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com).

- New residence 125 Western Avenue (Kozy Kove) John Maniscalco, architect, Knox Family owner. Presentation: Land is not being subdivided. Two houses planned—one for Jean and Jack Knox and one for John's family. No public access to the beach because of concerns about parking and bathroom facilities. BCDC is not requiring physical public access. The City Council did not require physical public access as a part of the three lot subdivision previously approved. Moved, seconded, and passed that the PRNC approve the plans.
- Restoration of front porch and removal of chimney 221 Scenic Ave, Tom Butt, owner. Restoration will revert the structure back to its 1978 design. Moved, seconded, approved the project.

: 11. Public Forum

- Masquer's Garage Sale and a Pancake breakfast at the Methodist Church, Monday, May 30.
- Garry Hurlbut, a new member living in Sea Cliff is interested in fixing up the tennis court behind the Plunge. He has started working with Parks and Recreation. Maureen Decombe offered to help if the project would include a community garden. Call Garry at 510-547-8111 if you can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.p.m.

Submitted by
Margaret Jordan, PRNC Secretary

