



Here's what's happening:

At the last general membership meeting, we nominated two outstanding citizens to be officers on the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Board for a two-year term. Margaret Jordan, currently our secretary extraordinaire, was nominated for President, and Becky Garcia was nominated for Secretary. The official election will take place at our next meeting, on April 25th. After the election, the three remaining officers, (Megan Bleckinger, 1st Vice President, Sue Rosenof, 2nd Vice President, and Louise Fender, Treasurer) will serve out their terms until April of 2013.

We thank Megan for her willingness to step up as interim President during a very stressful time for the community and for the Board. Peter Minkwitz was a hard act to follow, but we all think she did a great job. She's also a new mom! Henry Bleckinger was born April 14, weighing in at 8 lbs 4 oz, 21 inches long. Best wishes to Megan and Dave!

Farmer's Market

The Point Richmond Farmer's Market will kick off May 2nd. The PRNC will host a booth on May 30th. In cooperation with the Farmer's Market organizers, the PRNC will host a booth once per month for the duration of the Market season, and we are looking for volunteers to help staff the booth. Please let the PRNC board know if you are interested in volunteering a few hours this summer.

Peter's Mural Fund

In memory of Peter Minkwitz, donations are being accepted to fund the completion of artwork for the bay side Ferry Point Tunnel Mural. The mural is estimated at \$7,500 for completion. If you'd like to donate, please send donations in Peter's name to the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 70386, Point Richmond, CA 94807 designated for the Ferry Point Tunnel Mural fund.

Sue Rosenof Acting President (for one week only)
POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Update on newsletters:

As you know, starting in May, the City will only fund Richmond neighborhood council newsletters 4 times a year. However, the Board feels that it is important to continue communicating to our members every month, 12 times a year, so the PRNC needs to fund the printing and mailing of the newsletters for the remaining 8 months. In order to afford that, we need to **DRASTICALLY** reduce the number of mailed newsletters. Last week, the board reluctantly decided to send mailed newsletters **ONLY** to those members in good standing as of 2011. So if you're only on the snail mail list and are not in good standing, this could be your last newsletter -- but copies **WILL** be available at the library. Please contact Sue at suenjca@aol.com if you wish to switch to email.



AGENDA

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 pm **Call to Order**
- 7:30 **Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2012**
President's Report by Sue Rosenof Acting President 5 minutes
- 7:35 **Police Report** 10 minutes
- 7:45 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197..... 2 minutes
- 7:47 **Treasurer's Report** Louise Fender (510) 260-0309..... 2 minutes
- 7:50 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**
2 minutes each Up to 20 minutes
- Point Richmond Business Association..... Margi Cellucci
Women's Westside Improvement Association Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219
Knit and Such Altha Humphrey (510) 234-3822
Arts of Point Richmond Altha Humphrey
Red Oak Victory George Coles
PRNC Safety Committee Tom Brichta (510) 620-6538
Friends of Richmond Tennis Committee Garry Hurlbut gla@tia.org
Point Richmond History Association Mid Dornan (510) 234-5334
- 8:10 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** Rod Satre
Items to be considered at the Committee's May 30 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, LUDRC Committee Chair, by Saturday, May 5. Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com
- 8:12 **Point Richmond Business Introduction**, Point Behavioral Medicine
- 8:35 Veolia Update -- Aaron Winer (tentative)
- 8:40 Solar Richmond presentation – Alex Thibadeau (tentative)
- 8:45 Election for PRNC President and Secretary
- 8:50 Discussion of efforts to decrease train noise and lengthy blocking of streets
- 9:00 **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, submit issues to Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 or suenjca@aol.com prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting scheduled for April 30, 2012.

Adjourn



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 28, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

2. Minutes of February 28, 2012 meeting were approved.

3. **President's Report (Megan Bleckinger, Acting President)**

A) Beginning in May the City will only pay for four newsletters/year. Those currently receiving mailed copies of newsletter are encouraged to switch to e-mail. Council will need to decide how to handle distribution of newsletter in the future. B) Donations for the Ferry Point mural in Peter Minkwitz's honor can be sent to Treasurer, Louise Fender. If mailed in, please designate intent. C) The PRNC will host a booth at the Farmer's Market on the last Wednesday of the month from May through September. Please volunteer. D) Megan won't be available to chair the April meeting -- Sue Rosenof will chair.

4. **Police Report (Stephen Andretich-sandretich@richmondpd.net)** (Non-emergency # for police assistance--510-233-1214). E-mails to Officer Andretich between 7:30pm and 7am will go to his phone. Crime stats for Point Richmond for 2/12: 1 petty theft, 3 recovered stolen vehicles, 3 house burglaries, 1 vehicle theft. Petty theft was from carport on Scenic. Individual is sleeping in carports in area. Bruce Beyaert reported several car thefts on Washington and Crest. No violent crimes were reported. Officer Andretich recommends not having anything worth stealing visible in your car and being sure car is locked. Officer Andretich reported a handful of armed robberies at gas station on Harbor Way and Cutting by a black male in his 40's on a bike. Be alert at the Chevron Station.

5. **Report on Membership (Sue Rosenof 510-599-1197)** Reiterated that we won't be able to mail newsletters monthly. Sue is working to switch members to e-mail.

6. **Treasurer's Report (Louise Fender-510-260-0309)** Balance Forward: \$5,988.90; Expenses: \$56.96; Dues collected: \$25, Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$4045; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94; General Fund: \$5,956.94 **Total Balance: \$13,683.94.**

7. **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups**

- Point Richmond Business Association (Margi Celluci) Excellent, well attended meeting at the Yacht Club last month. Next meeting April 11 at noon at Hotel Mac.
- Point Richmond Farmer's Market (Margi Celluci) Opening night will be May 2 from 4-7 pm. Band from Richmond PAL will be there. City Manager will cut ribbon. Market is getting a cheese vendor, fish vendor (hopefully), a new bread vendor. Markets usually expand significantly in the 3rd year. Margi has recruited a group of people willing to work at the Market. They will meet Friday, March 30 at Hidden City at 8:15 am. PRNC will have a table at the market the last Wednesday of each month. The Point Richmond Historical Association building will be open.
- Westside Women's Improvement Club (Margaret Morkowski) Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Methodist Church. Bring bag lunch. Dessert and drinks provided.
- Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) Will meet April 4 in Community Center from 12:30-2:30 pm. All welcome.
- Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles) The first pancake breakfast will be April 8, 9am-1pm (\$7). With the exception of May (will be Mother's Day), June (will be Father's Day), and July (will be on July 4th weekend), the breakfasts are monthly on the 2nd Sunday of the month. It is possible that when the ship is running that it may be used for filming the America's Cup. A possible alliance between the SF State Historical Museum and our Nevin Street Museum might result in a collection of Native American artifacts (up to 4000!) from Brooks Island being housed in Richmond
- Friends of Richmond Tennis (Garry Hurlbut glh@tai.org) Resurfacing of the courts at Nichol Park and by the Plunge will begin early April. Will also install 2 benches and a windscreen around the Plunge court. Adult Tennis program will begin in May.
- Point Richmond History Association (Mid Dornan 510-234-5334) Newsletter goes to press this weekend. The annual meeting will be May 20. Celebration of centennial of Washington School will begin Sunday, April 1 at 2pm at the school.

- Nominating Committee (Bruce Beyaert) The committee is nominating Margaret Jordan for PRNC President and Becky Garcia for PRNC Secretary. Both will be two year terms and will result in staggered board elections (2 one year/3 the next year) as outlined in by-laws. The election will be held at the April membership meeting. Member must be in good standing (dues paid or officially waived) in order to vote.

8. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee (Linda Newton): The committee did not meet in March. Rod Satre met with representatives from Shea Homes who are planning to develop the “Bottoms Property”. They have been meeting with homeowners’ associations. Although they plan to start the project in 2013, plans are preliminary. Rod emphasized that they must go through LUDRC. Bruce Beyaert reported that the city put out an RFP for the Richmond Ferry Point Terminal One Site. They are requesting proposals for a “world class development” for the site. Items to be considered at the Committee's April 25 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by April 10th. Contact Rod at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@live.

9. Intro to New Non-Profit “Love Delivers” (Diana Paul) Love Delivers is a global non-profit dedicated to promoting natural, drug-free birth. The organization has produced award winning films. Offices moved from Tiburon to the space above the Baltic Restaurant. A benefit last night called “Laugh Your Baby Out” raised money for the organization.

10. Veolia New Air Monitor Location Vote (Aaron Winer, Veolia Water) Veolia has purchased a monitor to add to the five that are currently being monitored by the City. Company asked the PRNC to vote for the location of a 6th monitor. Proposed choices were on Brickyard Cove Rd. near the entrance to the Brickyard Cove marina or at Nevin and A Street (1 mile north of Point Richmond). Vote Brickyard Cove Rd (21)/Nevin and A Street (0).

9. Chevron Air Monitors (Joe Puleo, Member; Walt Gill, Chevron) Joe raised concerns that Chevron will be “self-monitoring” and suggested that Chevron collaborate with the city for independent monitoring. Mr. Gill stated that the City had concluded that Chevron should own and monitor the data and that Bay Area Air Quality Management has approved the equipment. The public, including Bay Area Air Quality Management, will have the capability to monitor the data online as it is recorded. Acceptable ranges of emissions, along with weather conditions, will be observable next to the data. Will not be tied to the shelter in place system.

10. Contra Costa Clean Water Initiative--Ballots due April 6 at 5pm. Informational outreach. The organization was formed in 1993 in response to new regulations regarding discharging storm water into local waters. To make improvements to reduce urban runoff going into waterways, the Initiative is asking for an approval of an assessment on property owners. This is to meet reduction goals of 40% by 2014, 70% by 2017, and 100% by 2022. Will be retrofitting current system, designing and testing new projects, and mounting public awareness campaigns. Following the directions of Proposition 218, ballots are being sent to property owners and voters must sign ballots. Average property owner will pay extra \$19/year.

11. Public Forum

- Marsha Tomassi—Encouraged members to contact City Council members and ask them to pass the General Plan as drafted and completed in October without subsequent changes and amendments.
- Juntique sale will be held at the Methodist Church on the first Saturday in May. Accepting all donations except clothing.
- Veolia representative informed us that there will be a project to replace sewers on Santa Fe. Will provide further details before the project begins. Will be working for a few weeks.
- Art Mowry expressed concern about new hook-ups overloading the sewer system and the waste water treatment plant. Suggests that all sewer hook-ups be suspended until it is clear that the system can handle extra sewage. Asked Veolia representatives whether or not Shea Homes is discussing the capacity of the sewage plant and whether it could handle the extra sewage from new houses. This has not been discussed.

12. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Trayvon Martin.

Margaret Jordan, PRNC Secretary (510-412-3673, mjordan00@gmail.com)



ELECTION DAY 2012



No – it’s not time yet for the Romney/Obama showdown, it’s time to elect a new PRNC President and Secretary. Following are some words from our nominees:

Nominee for PRNC President – Margaret Jordan

I'd like to thank the Nominating Committee for nominating me for the presidency of the PRNC. I commit to support and to be responsive to the expressed goals of the membership. I would like to strengthen our community by strengthening multigenerational connections.

I would like to encourage a stronger relationship between Point Richmond and greater Richmond. I think this will enrich the lives of all of us. I will be giving monthly RNCC reports, publicizing opportunities and events in the city, and bringing important city-wide issues to the membership. I will do my part to support efforts to draw people from Richmond to our festivals, our Farmer's Market, our businesses.

Every day I'm aware of living in the most beautiful spot in the Bay Area (or maybe on the earth). I look forward to making it even better in my role as president of the PRNC!

Nominee for PRNC Secretary – Becky Garcia

My name is Becky Garcia and I have been nominated as a candidate for the Secretary position on the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council. My husband, Fernando, and I have lived in Point Richmond for the past 3 ½ years, renting for the first 2 ½ and purchasing a home here in June 2011. A little about me... I was born and raised in small town in Minnesota, graduated from the University of Minnesota, move to Arizona, back to Minnesota, Texas and now California.

I am a retired social worker and am now focusing my life on managing “Becky and Fernando, Inc.”! Since residing in the Point, I have volunteered as Block Captain for the Neighborhood Watch group, worked on the Taste of Richmond the past 2 years and most recently have volunteered to help with the local Farmers’ Market. If elected, my hope is to become better acquainted with and more involved in our community.

IMPORTANT DATES

When	What
Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 pm	Next regular meeting of the PRNC at the Point Richmond Community Center
Monday, April 30	Next meeting of the PRNC Board of Directors. Call Margaret Jordan for time and place. (510-412-3673)
Saturday, May 5	Last day to submit proposed projects to the Land Use/Design Review Committee
Wednesday, May 9	Next meeting of the Point Richmond Business Association
1 st and 3 rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm	Richmond City Council meets
Friday, May 11, Methodist Church 8 pm	Point Richmond Acoustic – Claudia Russell opens for master-guitarist Rick Ruskin
Thursday, May 19, 6 to 9 pm	Point Richmond ArtWalk (every third Thursday)

IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY A MEMBER, WE URGE YOU TO BECOME ONE!

The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are minimal. Rates are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a household. New and renewed membership covers the period from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. If dues amount is a financial hardship, a waiver is gladly granted. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500.

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

- New
 Renewal

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Bring dues to the next meeting or mail
check and this application to:

**PRNC
P.O. Box 70386
Point Richmond, CA 94807**

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