



Candidates' Night: Our Candidates' Night on September 26 was a great success with ten candidates and over 70 community members in attendance. The respectful discussion allowed for an interesting exchange of ideas which was very informative for our voters.

Next Door Point Richmond: *Next Door Point Richmond* is the new social network that is open to all residents living in Point Richmond neighborhoods, Brickyard neighborhoods, Seaciff and Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor. Part of a growing national network of neighborhood networks, the website allows us to meet our neighbors, receive recommendations for commercial services, increase neighborhood safety, and develop groups (e.g. babysitting co-ops, neighborhood watch groups, etc). You can join by asking a neighbor who is a member to invite you or signing up at nextdoor.com. So far 67 individuals have signed up. We are all learning to use the website. We will schedule a discussion at an upcoming PRNC membership meeting so we can all learn how to use the site to its best advantage.

Café Altura: As many of you have already heard, mid September Aky and Mohammed, the owners of Café Altura were informed that their lease would not be renewed. Since then, many community members mobilized to find a way to help Café Altura stay in Point Richmond. After a very tense few weeks, the most recent update is that the landlord has changed his mind and is willing to negotiate a new lease with Aky and Mohammed.

To thank the Point Richmond Community, Aky and Mohammed will be hosting a Halloween Party at the Café on Wednesday, October 31. Food and music will be supplied (BYOB). Activities start at 4 pm and will go on into the evening. This will also act as the first fundraiser to help raise money to help enlarge and upgrade the kitchen, so we can soon be eating more Persian food! The second fundraiser will be held in November – more details to come.

PRNC Membership Meeting, Wednesday, October 31: In addition to considering the recommendations of the Land Use Design Review Committee regarding two proposed projects for our commercial area (see agenda), we will be discussing the progress on a ban on formula restaurants in Point Richmond. This issue first came before us in early 2011, when the majority of members present voted to support this ban. Please come to discuss how we can move forward on this issue.

Hope we see you at the meeting on the 31st. Costumes optional.



PRNC President

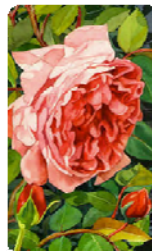
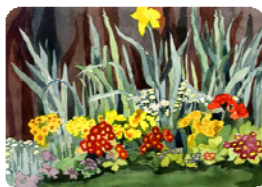




AGENDA

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 **Call to Order**
- Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2012** 2minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report** (Officer Andretich) 10 minutes
- 7:42 **President's Report** Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 5 minutes
- 7:47 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 2 minutes
- 7:49 **Treasurer's Report** Louise Fender (510) 260-0309 2 minutes
- 7:51 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**
(* Updates and regularly scheduled meetings are in the monthly newsletter)
2 minutes each (up to 15 minutes)
Point Richmond Business Association, Margi Cellucci
Farmers Market, Margi Cellucci
Westside Women's Club, Norma Jean Wallace (510) 236-6968
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
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan (510) 234-5334
- 8:11 Vacca Path Update (Margaret Jordan, 5 minutes)
- 8:16 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee**
- Hotel Mac Expansion, 30 Railroad Ave.
 - Remodel 199 Park Place (Corner W. Richmond and Park Place)
- **Items to be considered at the Committee's November 2012 meeting must be submitted to John Rohan, Committee Co-Chair by **Tuesday, November 6**. Contact John at johnrohan@gmail.com.*
- 8:31 Report on Status of Formula Restaurant Ordinance (Marsha Tomassi, 15 minutes)
- 8:46 CPR Training (Jim Mallory--510-812-3647--12 minutes)
- 8:58 **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 for consideration by November 14, 2012 to Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>*
- 9:08 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**
Jean Eakle – longtime resident of Point Richmond and noted local watercolorist.





Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 29, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm.

2. Minutes of July 25, 2012 meeting were approved following corrections.

3. Police Report (Stephen Andretich - sandretich@richmondpd.net) (Non-emergency number for police assistance 510-233-1214). Officer Cortez reported for Officer Andretich, giving crime statistics for the area. Attendees had questions and Officer Cortez offered her email to individuals who wanted additional information. It was brought to the group's attention that mailbox thefts have been increasing and to report any suspicious activity. Vehicles parked for long periods of time and garbage being dumped in the area should be reported to the police to be dealt with.

4. President's Report (Margaret Jordan, President 510-412-3673)

Shea Project - Margaret reiterated her newsletter update that PRNC approval was for the concept of the 72 unit development and that there will be many opportunities for public input. Candidates Night will be Thursday, September 27th from 7 – 9 pm at the Brickyard Cove Marina Buildings. This will be held instead of the PRNC meeting. The next PRNC meeting will be October 31st. Coastal Clean Up - September 15 from 9 am to 1 pm. Tennis Courts - The opening event was a success and the Friends of Tennis have extended their adult tennis into November. Cost is \$25 for 6 sessions. They also are reporting that they are supporting 3 USTA level teams. Anyone interested in helping should contact Garry Hurlbut glh@tai.org

5. Membership Report (Sue Rosenof 510-599-1197) Sue continues to work on moving people off of the snail mailing list onto the email list. She has gotten it down to 63 people on “snail mail”. There are 220 members on email with only 50 up to date on dues. May 1st is the membership renewal date each year.

6. Treasurer's Report (Louise Fender-510-260-0309) Balance Forward: \$5689.40; Expenses: \$142.36; Dues collected: \$295, Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$6720; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94; General Fund: \$5842.04 **Total Balance: \$16294.04.**

7. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups

Point Richmond Business Association (Margi Cellucci 510-237-0101) Andrew Butt reported that PRBA has a new president, David Schoenthal, and new website is PRBA.US. The PRBA is sponsoring *Picnic in the Point* to benefit the Washington School music program. The picnic will be on September 8 from 12-6 pm at Judge Carroll Park. Admission is free and reduced rates tickets for food and activities are available, before the event, at **Up and Under** and **Dewitt Gallery**. Next PRBA meeting is Sept. 12th noon at Black Diamond Video at 350 Canal.

Point Richmond Farmer's Market (Margi Cellucci) Margi was not available. Point Richmond Farmer's Market will be open weekly Wednesday from 4 pm-7 pm through September. Andrew Butt mentioned that vendor participation is decreasing and is a concern, but focus remains on having a market and may be changing market companies.

Westside Women's Improvement Club (Linda Newton) Next meeting is Sept. 11 at 11:30 am Methodist Church. Bring your lunch.

Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) Next meeting Sept. 5 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Community Center.

Arts of Point Richmond (Altha Humphrey) Art Walk on Sept. 20th. Exhibit at the Community Center from 6pm to 9pm. Following event will be December 8 from 11 am to 5 pm.

Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles) Next Pancake Breakfast Sept. 9. More docents needed... see staff onboard for information if interested.

Point Richmond Safety Committee (Tom Brichta 510-620-6538) No report.

Friends of Richmond Tennis (Garry Hurlbut glh@tai.org) Project continuing “adopt a park” along the back of the Plunge tennis courts. Adult tennis continues into November. Please email Garry for further information.

Point Richmond History Association (Mid Dornan 510-234-5334). No report.

8. New Business: Beauty By Nature Hair Salon, Wyvonne Brown -- did not attend meeting.

9. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee (Linda Newton reporting)

Remodel 841 Ocean Ave.- A quorum was not present for the LUDRC meeting. Given that the project had previously been approved and there was no objection from neighbors, Linda recommended membership approval. PRNC attendees approved remodel request.

*Items to be considered at the Committee's meeting must be submitted to John Rohan, Committee Co-Chair.

Contact John at johnrohan@gmail.com.

**Note -- The September meeting of the PRNC will be Candidates' Night to hear from City Council candidates -- no business meeting. Projects to be considered at October membership meeting must be submitted to the LUDRC by October 9, 2012.

10. Operation Ceasefire (Laverne Vaughn and Eugene Jackson) Laverne Vaughn spoke about CCISCO (Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization) which supports formerly incarcerated Richmond residents to reenter the community and become productive citizens. They oppose a proposed jail expansion and advocate for bail reform, pre- and post-release services, and housing and transitional employment. Next meeting is 8 am on Sept.6 at 50 Douglas Drive, Martinez. For more info go to ccisco.org. Eugene Jackson spoke about *Richmond Ceasefire/Lifelines to Healing* -- a movement to stop gun violence without sending more people to jail. For more info contact Rev. Henry Washington, Garden of Peace Ministries, Operation Richmond: 510-260-1006 or Rev. Eugene Jackson CCISCO: Contra Costa Interfaith: 510-593-8994

11. Chevron Report on Fire (Heather Kulp) Heather began by expressing what a difficult month it has been for the community and for Chevron, and expressed the sentiment that they had let down the community and themselves. She followed by giving updates on what has been happening most recently. The 8 inch pipe has not been removed yet, but will be done soon and an investigation as to why the pipe failed will be done. Several other reports will be conducted on emissions, diagnosis of the white cloud, the monitoring system, etc. The emergency warning system did not work well and is also being addressed. She assured us that she would be returning to future meetings with information and then fielded questions from the audience.

13. Public Forum

- Richard Katz brought General Order No. 135 from the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, Regulations Governing the Occupancy of Public Grade Crossings By Railroads. He raised the issue of the trains moving back and forth across the street and issues surrounding this per this order.
- Diana Paul Bort talked about the garden area behind the Plunge and asking if anyone was interested in helping and wanting to participate in the project.
Two attendees expressed concern over a fence that has been built across a paper street and are requesting neighborhood input on this issue, asking that the person who has built this fence appear and talk to the neighborhood council, looking for community input. The Board agreed to discuss this issue at its next meeting.
- Margaret Morkowski spoke about a fundraiser for scholarships for a children's swim team. The fundraiser is an open water swim at Keller Beach on Sept. 30th at 9 am. For more information call Margaret Morkowski at 510-234-4219 or visit www.richmondswims.org

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14. In Remembrance Remembered is Gilda Markarian, longtime resident.

Meeting adjourned.

Becky Garcia, PRNC Secretary (510-237-1752, bgonthego@gmail.com)



Calendar

Wednesday, October 31:

Annual Washington School Halloween Parade -- leaving school at 10:15 am, taking a parade route around the center of town, returning to the school at 11:30 am.

Washington Wednesday, October 31:

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm Community Center

Wednesday, October 31:

Halloween and Celebration Party at Café Altura from 4 pm on. Food and music provided.

Tuesday, November 6:

Election Day!!!!

Wednesday, November 7

Knit and Such: 12:30P to 2:30P at the Community Center. Bring a project to work on while socializing.

Wednesday, November 7:

Meeting of PRNC Board of Directors. Call Margaret Jordan for time and place (510-412-3673)

Wednesday, November 7:

Submissions for projects to Land Use/Design Review Committee (LUDRC) to be considered at meeting on November 28 are due November 7. Contact information can be found in Agenda.

Friday, November 9:

Point Richmond Acoustic Music Series—Adam Levy, songwriter and guitar player with Mark Lemaire and Twilight (Cindy van Empel) opening the show. 8 pm at the Methodist Church, \$15 admission.

Tuesday, November 13:

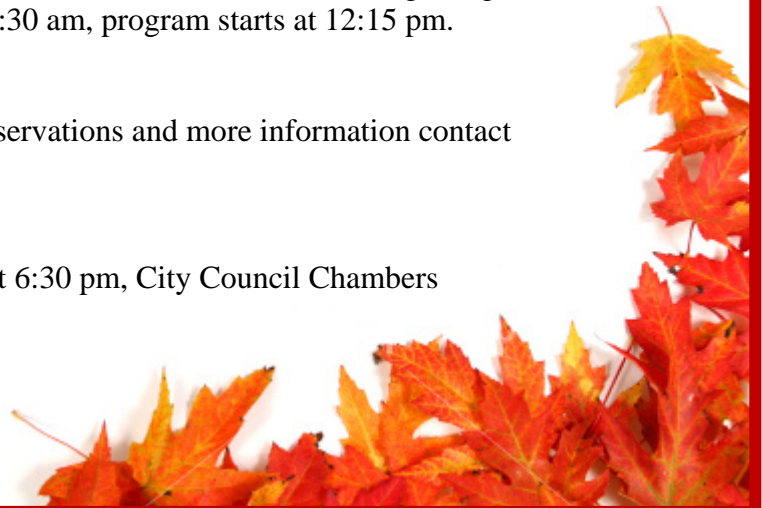
Westside Women's Improvement Club. Meets at the Methodist Church. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and drink supplied. Lunch starts at 11:30 am, program starts at 12:15 pm.

Wednesday, November 14: 12 Noon

Point Richmond Business Association. For reservations and more information contact Andrew Butt at andrew.butt@intres.com

City Council Meetings:

November 13, November 20. Meetings start at 6:30 pm, City Council Chambers



Dues for everyone are due the same time every year – May 1st.

This year's dues covers May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. If you have paid dues in the last few months, you're up to date. The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are minimal: \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a household. If this is a financial hardship, a waiver is gladly granted. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500.

PRNC MEMBERSHIP

New

Renewal

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Bring dues to next meeting or mail check and application to: PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807



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