



ON POINT *January 2016*



Happy 2016 to Everyone! We hope that 2016 will bring joy, happiness and contentment to you and your loved ones. The PRNC Board is looking forward to continuing our mission of helping Point Richmond be a vibrant, livable community. We look forward to working with the other organizations in Point Richmond who share our mission, as well as doing what we can to contribute to the welfare of greater Richmond.

Positive Train Control At the December meeting Bruce Beyaert reported on a BNSF project to install “Positive Train Control” apparatus on Crest Avenue. The installation will approximate (as much as possible) the appearance of a pine tree. Thanks to Bruce’s initiative (with input from Maureen Decombe), we were able to request native planting around the project to lessen its visual impact of the installation). Working with a landscape consultant from BNSF, we have made our list of recommended planting and are hoping that this is included in the project.

Representatives from PG&E gave a report at a recent Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC) and emphasized the importance of knowing where gas lines are on your property before digging. You can call **811** and a representative of PG&E will locate the lines for you.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime, with over 143 million men, women and children having had their identities stolen. Attend this month's PRNC meeting with a presentation from David Schoenthal, a local specialist in identity theft at IDShield, to learn ways to protect yourself from identity theft and restore your identity when it is stolen.

A weather related announcement: RICHMOND -- With rain in the forecast over the next few weeks, the city is reminding residents that it offers free sandbags to residents during the rainy season. The sand, bags and a shovel for do-it-yourself filling are available at:

- Richmond Fire Station 64, Carlson Boulevard at Bay View Avenue.
- Richmond Corporation Yard, Harbor Way at Ohio Avenue.

Residents with disabilities can get delivery service by calling 510-231-3011. Contact Tom Lochner at 510-262-2760 or follow him at [Twitter.com/tomlochner](https://twitter.com/tomlochner) for more information on sand bags.

Update on Kaleidoscope Coffee at 109 Park Place: Cassie will host a weekly open mic night on Thursday nights from 7pm to 9:30pm. You can sing, tell a story, read a poem, tell a joke, whatever you want. You get 5-8 minutes to express yourself, express your art.

Tool Lending Library—The city is organizing a tool lending library that will be available for Richmond residents doing home improvement projects. If you have extra tools that you could part with, e-mail Guadalupe_morales@ci.richmond.ca.us or call 510-620-6553, **or bring them to the next PRNC meeting.**

PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES--Still the best deal in town—\$10/individual, \$15/household. Dues for 2015-2016 can be paid now! If you want to vote at the membership meeting you can join at the door.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Jordan".

Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, January 27, 2016
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 *Call to order and approval of Minutes from December 2, 2015* 2 minutes
- 7:32 *Police Report, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Officer Villalobos, Chris Roderick* 10 minutes
- 7:42 *President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673* 5 minutes
- 7:47 *Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267* 1 minute
- 7:48 *Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111* 1 minute
- 7:49 *Land Use/Design Review Committee* 15 minutes
Items to be considered at the January meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by February 9. Contact Rod at rdsatre@live.com, (510) 232-5059. The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC Meeting at 6 p.m. at Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place. Please attend if your project is being considered.
- *Proposed Solar Project, 227-249 Tewksbury (James Jacobs, Owner)*
 - *Proposed Construction of 3 Houses on Tewksbury, Lots – APN#558-330-039, 558-330-040, and 558-330-039 (Norma Munoz, Owner)*
 - *Rehab of Bottoms Quarry/Development of an 'Agricultural Center' (Ojan Mobedshahi, Ashbury Construction)*
- 8:04 *Educational Presentation – Identity Theft, Dave Schoenthal* 15 minutes
- 8:19 *Richmond Youth Leadership, Cordell Hindler and Youth Rep* 5 minutes
- 8:24 *Update on Terminal One, Margaret Jordan* 5 minutes
- 8:29 *Update on Sustainability Page on PRNC Website, Christine Volker* 3 minutes
- 8:31 *Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups*
2 minutes each-up to 15 minutes
- *Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal, dbschoen@hotmail.com*
 - *Knit and Such, Terri Phillips, (510) 237-6865*
 - *Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934*
 - *Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081*
 - *Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111*
 - *Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334*
 - *Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org*
 - *TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail*
 - *People for a Healthy Shoreline, Pete Bingham, (510) 778-8314*
 - *Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown, Jordan DeStaebler (510) 697-2742*
 - *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-1045*
- 8:46 *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 Margaret Jordan at 510-412-3673, mjordan00@gmail.com or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.*
- 8:56 *In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn*



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 2, 2015

1. Called to Order at 7:35 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on November 4th approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Margaret Jordan, Charmain Tyler, Jordan DeStaebler, Garry Hurlbut, Hilary Brown. Absent: Maureen Decombe.

2. Police Report - officer was not present. Observations by president: Police activity observed on corner of Santa Fe and W. Richmond; lots of mail theft activity in Seacliff. Police have indicated witnesses must observe thieves actually taking the mail. Brickyard Landing: 3 bays of locked mail boxes in foyer were opened with a crowbar. Pick pocket reported at Richmond Bart station. Consider getting locking mailboxes. Stay alert while walking in the neighborhood. Report mail theft to post office and police, report suspicious activity to police.

3. President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 (1) Next meeting is the last Wednesday in January 2016. (2) The Point is a 26 rental unit apartment complex proposed for property in triangle next to Mechanics Bank. Developer agreed to suggestions; PRNC voted 27 to 0 to approve project. This project has had a difficult time getting through city approval. Project finally passed Design Review Board, and on December 17th will go before the Planning Commission. (3) Saffron Strand, a Point Richmond nonprofit with a goal of helping homeless people find work. They are having a holiday event on December 12 from 5 to 7 at the Methodist Church. Cost is \$25 to enter.

4. Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 Total membership is 155 paid members. If anyone would like to join, please contact Charmain.

5. Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111

The Benevolent fund is still looking for local causes to support. To date we have spent \$3,700. We gave \$100 to Hug-a-Bear, \$500 donation to the Richmond Museum for the Native American Exhibit for George Coles. Current balances: \$2,497.71, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,384.39, General Fund.

6. Land Use/Design Review Committee - Three projects considered:

- 715 Ocean: Applicants propose various changes to residential property, no changes will increase mass or height of building beyond houses on either side. Applicants talked to neighbors and there has been no significant concern except one. Height should be limited to 20 feet 3 inches. LUDRC recommends we confirm their decision. Motion to support remodel with understanding that maximum height above grade is only 20ft 3 inches. Motion passed with unanimous support; no votes in opposition.
- East Brother Brewing Company at 1001 Canal: 12,000 square feet in back of commercial building; a beer production company mainly selling wholesale. Will produce a variety of classic styles including IPA's and ales. Tasting room only, no food. Hours open to public: Wednesday through Friday 4pm-8pm, Saturday and Sunday noon to 8pm. LUDRC recommends approval of project. Motion to concur with LUDRC to approve the planned East Brother Brewing Company was passed with unanimous support, no votes in opposition.
- Three houses on Tewksbury: presenter at LUDRC did not have complete plans. Project will be revisited at next LUDRC meeting in January at 6pm for discussion. If interested, please attend.
- Positive Train Control: Communication station to be installed on Crest, construction starting this month. Part of a nationwide project to remotely monitor trains, prevent speeding trains, allows for remote control of trains to prevent accidents. Antenna to be installed on the Bay side of Crest Ave inside of existing chain link fence, currently enclosing telecom equipment. Pole will be 10-20 feet higher than existing structure with a 6 foot fence with green slots. They are planning to put in a giant fake pine tree that will mask the antennas. Railroad is exempt from discretionary review, but they will take our suggestions under advisement.

7. Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition - Hilary Brown: Reviewed history of street lights. Tonight 3 items up for vote: (1) Motion to make demonstration of the lowest brightness of street lights in Zone 1 permanent. This will result in all street lights in zone 1 to be set at about 40% of maximum brightness available from the fixture. Motion passed with unanimous support; no votes in opposition. (2) Motion to dim all street lights in zones 2 and 4 (which excludes the commercial areas) to dimmest setting as seen currently in zone 1 as part of a 60 day demonstration which the PRNC may later consider and vote to make permanent. Motion passed with unanimous support; no votes in opposition. (3) Motion to modify zone 3 so that street lights on E. Richmond from Garrard to the dead end of E. Richmond are included in residential zone 4 (voted in Motion 2) rather than commercial zone 3. This motion will result in all lights on E. Richmond from Garrard to the dead end at Wastewater Treatment Plant being dimmed along with the lights in zone 4, as part of item 2 vote. Motion passed with unanimous support; no votes in opposition.

8. Brilliance of Birds - Christine Volker – Birds are amazing animals that have lived for the past 60-65 million years. Birds disperse seeds, fertilize, help with insect and rodent control and inspire and delight with their ability to fly and sing. Unfortunately, bird populations are declining because of habitat loss, climate change, drought, outdoor cats, window collisions, pesticides, herbicides, plastic pollution and by-catch. Many things we can do to help: create habitat providing food, water, shelter, and a place to raise young. Plant berries, seeds, and flowers for nectivores. Plant grass / ground level plants, bushes, vines and tall trees. Include water features and forested areas so birds can escape predators. As consumers: buy bird safe, shade grown coffee from small scale plantations, sustainably caught fish with no by-catch. Do not always keep a tidy garden and leave some leaf litter for bugs, allow some fruit to drop to ground. Avoid using rodenticide which is responsible for secondary poisoning of raptors and other wildlife.

9. Committee Reports and Announcements from Point Richmond Non-Profits

- **Knit & Such, Altha Humphries** - meets 1st Wednesday in community center. Next meeting 1/6/2016.
- **Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphries** – Christmas show on December 7th from 11-4 at Community Center. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Women’s West Side Improvement, Linda Newton** 510-235-0081 Holiday luncheon was well attended, lovely and a good time was had by all. Currently on winter hiatus, next meeting is Tuesday, Feb 2.
- **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut** – Gary is working with city to move more sporting events outside Nichol Park. Next year will have more activity at our tennis courts here in the Point. Garden progress: decomposed granite pathways are installed, furniture and planting will be installed in first quarter.
- **History Association, Mid Dornan** - Planning a kiosk on corner of W. Richmond Ave and Washington. Projected cost is \$11,000 to 12,000. Design includes 2 cabinet display for History Assn & 2 cabinets for community. Currently funds provided by History Assn. Gateway Foundation may provide \$8,000. History Association asking \$1700 from PRNC. Motion to consider supporting the idea in theory but PRNC would like to explore costs, who will maintain it and see drawings showing size before approving money for project. Motion passed with unanimous support, no opposition.
- **People for a Healthy Shoreline** – Design is back to drawing board after community opposition. EIR soon to be issued without final design. EIR is next chance to make voices heard regarding project.
- **Red Oak Victory** – unclear when ship will be moved, possibly end of January. Movie night still scheduled.

10. Open Forum

- **Cordell Hindler** – Contra Costa Civic Theater showing The Secret Garden. Youth Leadership Committee seeking support, asking for \$200 from PRNC for volunteer project for highschool students.
- **Mike Parker** – Richard Poe collected signatures to bypass the city to build a development. By collecting ballot signatures, he forces city council to choose between an expensive ballot election or approving plans. This could be a signal that developers can get around city processes by signature gathering. Chevron, Laconia, other wealthy entities can bypass process by gathering signatures.
- **Katheryn Dienst** - FEMA flood maps were updated, and some areas show increased risk of flooding. Insurance may be more expensive as a result of updates. With El Nino coming we should be aware of issues, and we should write letters to city to encourage them to address regular winter flooding on Cutting.
- **Mid Dornan** – Homemade pies, cakes and goodies available at Methodist Church on Saturday 12/19 from 9-3.

13. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn - Tommy Kenney, parents signed incorporation papers for Richmond. He provided many pictures to History Association. Sidney Clatzs, lived on Martina street and grew up in The Point. Wayne Tar, lived on Western for many years, a real character.

PAY DUES NOW AND YOU'RE COVERED UNTIL MAY 2017. 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. Bring dues to next meeting or mail check and application to: **PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807 – DO NOT mail membership to PRNCC address in front of mailer – delivery will be delayed.**

New

Renewal

Individual

Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting:

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Here are some highlights of our next meeting:



- * Learn how to prevent Identity Theft
- * Update on Terminal One Development
- * 3 New proposals from Land Use/Design Review



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