



# ON POINT *June 2016*



**Summer has arrived to Point Richmond**, the kids are out of school, the heat has set in and the barbeque is fired up. Our family travelled to Omaha and Orlando where we had a great time seeing family and enjoying Universal Studios with the new Harry Potter Islands of Adventure and Disney's Epcot a place that was truly ahead of its time. The only downside was it was very hot in both places. Speaking of Orlando, our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families in yet another terrible mass shooting. Be sure to count your blessings and express your gratitude to the ones you love for it can be gone in an instant.

**New businesses in Point Richmond**, El Tunel Mexican restaurant is open at the former Beijing restaurant. Also, the new Quinceanera Girl dress location in the front office space of the Hotel Mac cottages on Railroad Avenue. Remember to shop local as much as you can.

**Celebrate July 4 on July 3rd** the 8th Annual Oakland Symphony Independence Eve Celebration For the past seven years, the Oakland Symphony has joined forces with the City of Richmond to present a free Independence Eve Celebration at the Craneway Pavilion, located inside the historic Ford Point Building on the waterfront in Richmond. This free event is fun for the whole family, with live music, food, an instrument petting zoo and spectacular fireworks over the bay!

**Summer Concert Series** had a great opening event. They will follow up with their second event on July 8 with MJ's Brass Boppers Brass Band (New Orleans) 5:30pm to 6:30pm then Zydeco Flames (Zydeco) 6:45pm to 7:45pm

**Save the Date** for Picnic in the Point Saturday September 24, 12pm to 5pm

**PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES** — are still one of the best deals in town! Dues are \$10/individual, \$15/household. Dues for 2016-2017 are due now! If you want to vote and be part of the solution become a member today!

## **David Schoenthal**

**David Schoenthal, President  
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**



# AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
Wednesday, June 29, 2016  
Point Richmond Community Center

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- 7:30 **Call to order and approval of Minutes from May 25, 2016** 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Officer Hector Esparza** 10 minutes
- 7:42 **President's Report, David Schoenthal (510) 710-4621** 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 July meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by July 6 . Contact Rod at [rdsatre@live.com](mailto: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.*
- **Submission for LUDRC review: 714 Western Drive**
  - **Discussion of Terminal 1 EIR**
- 8:04 **Presentation by Billy Zeier on the benefits of Solar from new local business Unisun** 11 minutes
- 8:15 **Presentation by local author of "Free Your Child From Screen Time" Nancy Sungyun** 10 minutes
- 8:25 **Presentation by David Cole, President of the Masquers Playhouse** 10 minutes
- 8:35 **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups**  
*2 minutes each-up to 15 minutes*
- **Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal, [dbschoen@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.masquers.org)**
  - **TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, [www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail](http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail)**
  - **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559, [magicklantern.org](http://magicklantern.org)**
  - **Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott**
  - **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510)-697-2742, [Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org](http://Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org)**
  - **USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-2532**
- 9:01 **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 Dave Schoenthal at [dbschoen@hotmail.com](mailto:dbschoen@hotmail.com), or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting – 7/4/2015.*
- 9:11 **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn**



## Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 25, 2016

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1. **Called to Order** at 7:37 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on April 27, 2016 were amended to change committee reports for Knit and Such to read "the next meeting is from 1:00 to 3:00." Minutes were approved after amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Charmain Tyler, Jordan DeStabler, Garry Hurlbut, and Hilary Brown.
2. **Police Report** - Officer Hector Esparza was present. He reviewed the crime statistics for May which indicate crime is generally down in the area. On May 3, three suspects were arrested after being observed stealing mail on Tewksbury. Police ask residents to report all suspicious activity directly to the police by calling the non-emergency line or call 911 if there is an emergency or a crime in progress.
3. **President's Report, Dave Schoenthal:** Introduced himself and thanked the other members of the board. Asked members to consider volunteering for a committee and encouraged everyone to contribute to make Richmond even more amazing. The city is going to have an agenda item about parking on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and Point Richmond is being considered for a pilot program for parking permits.
4. **Report on Membership, Charmain Taylor:** Currently in April we have 75 paid members for the 2016-2017 year membership. Membership dues were due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please renew your membership today, because only paid members can vote. PRNC dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a household, lifetime membership is \$500.
5. **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut:** Total dues received last month were \$250. Two meetings ago we voted to donate \$500 to the tool lending library. The Benevolent fund is still looking for local causes to support. Current balances: \$2,013.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,827.00, General Fund.
6. **Land Use/Design Review Committee:** nothing to report
7. **Measures N and O - informational meeting**
  - **Yes on N, Leisa Johnson:** Voting yes on N will bring revenue to the city on a one time and on an annual basis through property taxes. The developer has committed to gifting one acre of land for housing for teachers which will be located behind the townhomes. The project will bring much needed jobs. The land-use designation for the property is high intensity mixed use. Within that designation is residential development, and this project meets that designation. A full EIR has already been completed for 269 units, and this project will have less impact than that plan. The project is still subject to CEQA and planning review. We are here because of many problems with planning department.
  - **No on N, Daniel Butt:** Voting No on N boils down to two key issues: Process and Vision. The city has a process for new development that includes extensive community discussion and CEQA review. This ballot initiative bypasses all of those processes, including CEQA review. The vision for shoreline development was set by the General Plan which was created with significant public input. This project does not fit with the general plan for this location. The land donated for teacher housing is not part of the ballot measure and is contingent on things that might not happen. Not all tax revenue will go to the city. The previous EIR was written, but not reviewed by the public.
8. **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown and Jordan DeStabler:** Reviewed impacts of blue light at night and demonstrated lights with 2700 degrees kelvin which is considered a "warm color light" and 5000 degrees kelvin, considered "blue rich" white light. There is an opportunity get cobra head replacement light fixtures with 2700 degrees kelvin and we are currently working with the city's vendor to explore replacement options on residential streets. In addition, we are looking at options to replace street lights in downtown Point Richmond in the commercial area. A round decorative street light was displayed at the meeting, and this fixture is

available in various colors. An informational vote was taken to see if there is interest in asking the city for a demonstration of the lights; unanimous vote support of a demonstration.

9. **Chevron Richmond Refinery - new project for Long Wharf:** Various maintenance and upgrades are going to be made to the Long Wharf to comply with modern Federal and State regulations. This project will go through CEQA and other regulatory review including California State Lands Commission. Upgrades include: improvements to lighting, replacing fender systems to fit modern ships, include seismic retrofitting and fire suppression on the loading platform to meet modern standards. Other changes will include improving egress and ingress for workers on vessels which is a safety issue. The changes to the view from the shore will be small. Colors to be used will be matt grey and they will avoid using shiny aluminum. Lighting will be improved, but most lights visible from shore are from ships, and they cannot control the lighting design on the ships. Pile driving work will take place between 8am and 3pm. Generally pile driving will take about 20 minutes, but some of the larger piles may take up to 2 hours.
10. **Free Soils Day and Plunge Garden Opening - Maryn Hurlbut and Maureen Decombe:** There will be a soils workshop on June 11<sup>th</sup> in morning at the community center. Workshop will cover how to safely grow food in industrial areas where you might have lead or other soil contaminants. After the workshop, there will be a sheet mulch demonstration and pollinator stations in Kenny Park from 1-3:00. Following the workshop, Richmond Tennis is hosting a celebration to open the plunge garden. There will be activities for children, a ribbon cutting, prizes and food. The ribbon cutting is at noon and the party is from noon to 3:00.
11. Committee Reports and Announcements from Point Richmond Non-Profits
  - **Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal:** Luncheon presentation by executive director of xxxx who was able to smuggle pictures out of North Korea.
  - **Knit & Such, Altha Humphrey:** Meeting at the community center June 1, from 1 to 3pm
  - **Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey:** "Artful Conversation," a gathering to discuss art; June 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30. In addition, Open Studios on June 4 and 5 from 11am to 6pm at Artifact, 109 W. Richmond.
  - **Women's West Side Improvement Club, Linda Newton:** Last meeting before summer break is on Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, traditional celebration with a hat day. Please volunteer on Saturday June 18 from 10-12 to maintain the Map and Rose Gardens.
  - **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut:** June 11<sup>th</sup> - Tot Tennis and Youth Tennis for 3-12 year olds at the Plunge courts. Adult tennis: out of 5 teams total, 4 are in position for playoffs.
  - **Masquers, Kathe Kiehn:** Garage sale is happening on Memorial Day
12. **Open Forum**
  - **Cordell Hindler:** Richmond Promise scholars celebration on June 2 from 5-7pm at Richmond Memorial Auditorium. West County Youth Summit on June 4 from 10-2pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Day on Sunday June 5 from 10-3pm at Marina Park. American Idiot playing at Contra Costa Civic Theater.
  - **Billy Zeier, Mr. Sunshine:** New business at 124 Park in Suite G; educating people about the use of solar, which is good for environment and is also affordable for homeowners.
  - **Linda Newton:** PRBA spearheaded getting trash cans in the business district, but sometimes the trash does not get picked up. If you notice garbage cans have not been emptied, please contact Republic Services to remind them to empty them
13. **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** In memory of Sharon Barry, a neighbor from Brickyard who was a wonderful individual and involved in the community. She had a little white poodle dog and she will be missed. Leslie Thayer O'Hara, a character and great neighbor who enjoyed the opera, theater and exploring California history; a 20 year Point Richmond resident. Birth: Cordell's niece Audrey Miranda turned 2 last week.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Hilary Brown, PRNC Secretary  
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**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND PAY YOUR DUES!** 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 PRNC address in front of mailer – delivery will be delayed.**

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***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
June Meeting:***

***Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m.  
Point Richmond Community Center***

Meeting Highlights:

- ***New Business: Unisun; Benefits of Solar Power***
  - ***“Free Your Child From Screen Time”***
  - ***Masquers Playhouse***
- ***Save the Date: Picnic in the Point, September 24***



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