



ON POINT *Nov/Dec 2016*



Remember to breathe, the election is over and we are all still here, we all still have things to do, jobs to complete, families to care for and people in need. I have learned that when I am down about something it helps me to reach out to help someone else in need. This gets me out of thinking only about myself and caring for someone else. We have things in the US and in Richmond that people from around the world are envious of all the abundance around us. Let's not take it for granted by being angry, hateful or caught up in our own trials and tribulations for we may miss the very person right in front of us we can help. Sometimes the smallest interactions can be the most transformative for someone. You will never know unless you try.

A BIG Shout Out to the Women's Westside Improvement Club for arranging the gardening day recently. The weather was incredible and we took some fun pictures.

Also there are new holiday lights up at the tree and on Mechanics bank thanks to PRNC, PRBA and PRAM. PRAM received a Gateway grant to do the lighting and decorating at Mechanics Bank and around town.

Please bring an **unwrapped toy and or **gently used jackets** of any size to the next PRNC meeting on December 7 and I will deliver them to local families in need this holiday season.**

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 at our General Membership meetings each month and be part of the solution become a member today!

David Schoenthal

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



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Point Richmond Community Center
Wednesday, December 7, 2016

- 7:00 **Call to order and approval of Minutes from October meeting** 2 minutes
- 7:05 **Police Report, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Officer Hector Esparza** 10 minutes
- 7:15 **President's Report, David Schoenthal (510) 710-4621** 5 minutes
- 7:20 **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267** 2 minutes
- 7:22 **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111** 2 minutes
- 7:24 **Land Use/Design Review Committee** 15 minutes
Items to be considered at the November-December meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by November 9. Items to be considered for the January 25 meeting must be submitted by January 4. 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.
- **The 514 Lounge, LLC - Mary Dugbartey**
- 7:39 **Ferry Service from Richmond to San Francisco** 15 minutes
Ernest Sanchez Manager, Public Information & Marketing - SFBF
- 7:54 **Discussion of Odors from Republic Services Composting Unit** 20 minutes
*Eva Mann, Code Enforcement Supervisor, City of Richmond
Wayne Kino, Compliance and Enforcement, Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Joe Doser, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, Contra Costa Environmental Health*
- 8:14 **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups**
2 minutes each-up to 15 minutes
- **Point Richmond Business Association, Daniel Butt, daniel@buttlaw.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 www.rta-ca.org**
- **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**
- **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559, magicklantern.org**
- **Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott**
- **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org**
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-2532**
- 8:29 **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, or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.
- 9:04 **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 26, 2016

1. **Called to Order** at 7:35 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on August 31, 2016 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Charmain Tyler Garry Hurlbut, Jordan Destabler, Maureen Decombe and Hilary Brown.
2. **Police Report** - Officer Hector Esparza: In October there were a few smash and grabs, one of which was in front of the Mechanic's Bank. Valuables such as a briefcase and laptop had been left in cars and were visible from the windows of cars. The run down hotel on Cutting was the scene of a large special enforcement project including a SWAT team. The hotel had been taken over by criminals. The police raid found guns, stolen mail, and equipment to create stolen credit cards. The raid resulted in many arrests. Recently an argument at the Point Richmond Market escalated with a woman shooting a pellet gun at a window. There were no injuries. The suspect was arrested for vandalism and shooting at a building.
3. **President's Report, Dave Schoenthal:**
 - Parking studies and related info and discussion meetings are ongoing. One idea is to restripe parking spots, another is to consider merchant parking and neighborhood parking.
 - Gateway Grants have been submitted and awards will be announced in first week of December. PRNC submitted grants to improve gardens by The Plunge, install a Bocce Ball court, and install a new path around the back of the building.
 - PRNC and PRBA joint city council forum was a success, thank you to participants and attendees.
 - Picnic in Point was a lot of fun and raised \$5,000 for local charities including Richmond Swims, the Washington PTA, and other charities. In addition, a donation was made on behalf of Nico Martinez and Javonte Prothro to Richmond Promise for scholarships and Milo because Nico liked going there. Both Nico and Javonte are young victims of gun violence and taken far too early from our community.
 - Halloween parade starting from Washington School will take place on October 31 around the triangle. There will be about 400 children plus adults in costume.
 - Turkey Shoot is planned for Thanksgiving Day: Commemorative shot glasses will be available for purchase and parade starts at the plunge.
4. **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler:** Please remember to renew your dues. Currently we have 104 members. PRNC dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family and lifetime membership is \$500.
5. **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut:** We contributed \$120 to Picnic in Point to help pay for the permit and insurance. The Benevolent fund is still looking for local causes to support. Current balances: \$713.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,705.50, General Fund.
6. **Land Use/Design Review Committee -**
 - Parklet outside of Kaleidoscope: Idea is being considered to get a tiny park outside of the restaurant which will take up one or two parking spaces on the street. LUDRC had a Motion to integrate the parking study with the planning for this project to get an idea of how many parking spaces will be impacted. Additional discussion will be ongoing.
7. **Measure L Discussion:**
 - **Theresa Karr, Coalition for Richmond Fair Housing Theresa Karr and Luke Blacklodge, a local land lord:** We believe housing prices are a supply and demand issue and rent control will not resolve the problem of increasing rents. The Just Cause provisions force landlords to prove bad behavior which requires additional time and costs to remove problem tenants such as drug dealers or abusive and disruptive tenants. In addition, there are concerns that the rent control board will be able to reach into the general fund to take money out with little restriction or control by the city council.

- **Mike Parker, community activist:** Rent Control is designed to protect current residents and will stabilize communities. Stable communities improve schools by reducing student turnover and helps teachers maintain classrooms. The mayor and council will nominate Rent Board members and the budget will be based on a fee paid by landlords. Just Cause provisions prevent landlords from arbitrarily evicting tenants. This legislation is the best option we have to keep Richmond the diverse city we want.
8. **Measure T, Proposition 55 and 58:** Demetrio Gonzalez, president of United Teachers of Richmond. Measure T is a local measure that extends a property tax that goes directly to class size reduction, librarians, and counselors. This measure is unrelated to construction bonds. Prop 55 is a State proposition that funds science, sports, music and arts. Prop 58 supports bilingual education within the district.
9. **Committee Reports and Announcements from Point Richmond Non-Profits**
- **Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal:** Holiday lights are going up around the triangle. Bricks by Indian Statute are being repaired. Baltic is reopening as Rizzo's at the Baltic.
 - **Knit & Such, Altha Humphrey:** Group meets monthly for knitting and crafts. Next meeting is Wednesday November 2nd from 1-3pm in the Community center.
 - **Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey:** A new exhibits are on display at the Post Office, Kaleidoscope and El Sol. Meetings are scheduled about 6 weeks apart.
 - **Women's West Side Improvement Club, Linda Newton:** Next meeting is November 1st at 11:30 at the Methodist Church including a presentation by Urban Tilth about a new farm on Brookside and Fred Jackson way. Map Garden cleanup on Saturday November 12 from 10-12.
 - **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut:** Children's tennis (6-8 year old) is from 9-10 on Saturdays by the Plunge. Richmond Tennis has gone international; a board member is from Ghana and on a recent trip home he brought some RTA shirts, rackets and balls.
 - **Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan:** Newsletter is coming out next month. Museum will now be open on Tuesdays in addition to Thursday. December 16th is the annual Christmas bakesale benefitting our favorite local charities.
 - **Masquers, Mary Lee Cole:** no update
 - **TRAC:** no update
 - **Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development:** no update.
 - **Richmond Smart Lighting, Sally Tobin:** Chevron requested comments for Long Wharf renovation and RSLC sent a letter regarding the AMA study which indicates LED lighting should be below 3000 kelvin and should be shielded. Our feedback was accepted and will be incorporated in plans.
 - **Red Oak Victory, Graham Perrot:** Open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturday and Sunday. There are a few movie nights remaining this year on the third Thursday of the month. Red Oak Victory is open to hosting special events and parties in the ammunition hold. Cost is \$500 for the night plus \$5 per person.
 - **Magic Lantern, Kate Spaulding:** We believed we could form a non-profit to continue showing movies once or twice per month and have the movies pay for themselves. The license fee per movie is between \$250 and \$450 per film. We penciled out the costs, but there have been challenges finding a venue. The Rec Department wanted a \$1 million insurance policy to use community center, there were various problems with using local churches and restaurants. We recently approached the Richmond Arts Center, and they asked us to come back to them in January. We have money in the bank and no money has been spent, and we are still working out where to go. We hope to have an update in January with progress on finding a new venue.
10. **Open Forum**
- **Mid Dornan** - Saturday October 29th at 11:00 and at 1:30 is "Mad Hatter Tea" at Methodist Church.
 - **Cordell Hindler** - animal control attended the last Crime Prevention meeting. Our annual award ceremony was a week and a half ago, and Up and Under got an award for business of the year. Next month's meeting will feature a talk about forensics by the police department.
11. **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** In celebration of Joan Gatten, an artist and poet who was involved in the Point community. Ed Schoen a long time resident of Brickyard, he was an early doctor at Kaiser and a good neighbor. They will be missed. Cordel's niece Chelsea just turned 5.

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
Meeting:***

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Point Richmond Community Center



- Please bring an **unwrapped toy** and or **gently used jacket** of any size. These will be donated to local non-profits who assist families in need.
- Arts of Point Richmond, Holiday Crafts Fair, Saturday December 3, 11 am - 4:30 pm
- Red Oak Victory Film Festival: "Miracle of the White Stallions" (1963) playing on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the cargo hold
- Methodist Church Christmas Bake and Craft Sale, Saturday December 17, 9am - 3pm

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