



ON POINT *January 2017*



Happy New Year! Just saying that makes my head spin. I can't believe it is 2017. Time flies when you are living life. Our world is undergoing a great shift. The dust may not settle for quite some time. So it is key that we all remain focused on the things we actually have control over like our own feelings and emotions. They are so very powerful. Having just seen the movie Rogue One, Gareth Edwards had a pretty good handle on the balance of the universe. I ask myself often what is one small thing I can do to make our world a better place. I know I don't have control over the President of the United States and what they are going to say. But I do know I have control over how I feel and act. With that said, I choose love over hate, positivity over negativity, hope over despair.

Now about this rain, we did a great job of praying for the rain, now can we turn our sights on praying for peace in our world? Nice to have actual weather even if it is torrential downpour. Makes me appreciate sunshine.

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, January 25, 2017 at 7:30PM

- 7:30 **Call to order and approval of Minutes from December meeting** 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** 2 minutes
- 7:44 **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267** 2 minutes
- 7:46 **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111** 2 minutes
- 7:48 **Land Use/Design Review Committee** 10 minutes
Items to be considered at the January meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by January 4. Items to be considered at the February 22 PRNC meeting must be submitted by February 1. Contact Rod at rdsatre@live.com, (510) 232-5059. Starting in February, the LUDRC Committee meets monthly one week prior to the PRNC Meeting at 6 p.m. at Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place. Please attend if your project is being considered.
- 233 Arizona Ave. (small cottage) - Priscilla Minn
(City of Richmond Design Review Committee has already reviewed this project and approved)
- 7:58 **Renaissance Center - Richmond** 15 minutes
Bret Alexander Sweet - Program Manager
- 8:13 **Plunge Garden Projects - Maryn Hurlbut** 5 minutes
- 8:18 **Discussion of Malodorous Events** 30 minutes
*Republic Services - Composting Operations
Chevron - Flaring Events
Health Services Department - Contra Costa County*
- 8:48 **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups**
2 minutes each-up to 15 minutes
- Point Richmond Business Association, Daniel Butt, www.pointrichmondbusiness.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
- 8:58 **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, submit issues to Dave Schoenthal at dbschoen@hotmail.com, or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.
- 9:08 **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

1. **Called to Order** at 7:15 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on October 26, 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: November crime was fairly low. There was a restraining order violation on Tewksbury, several commercial and residential burglaries, six credit card fraud reports, one grand theft, two identity thefts, five vandalism reports. There was an unexplained death in Brickyard and a stolen vehicle was recovered on Western. Smash and grab and package thefts are common this time of year and we are advised to not leave packages or bags visible in our cars and to use audible alarms when possible.
3. **President's Report**, Dave Schoenthal: Point Richmond will be first neighborhood for the parking pilot program. The EIR for the UC campus is being considered. Richmond is a sanctuary city and the City Council passed a resolution to let residents know we are an inclusive city. Holiday lights are now installed in the triangle area; the lights were a collaborative effort with PRBA, PRAM, and PRNC.
4. **Report on Membership**, Charmain Tyler: Membership in the PRNC goes until April 30th and dues can be renewed at any time. PRNC dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family and lifetime membership is \$500. Currently we have 108 members.
5. **Treasurer's Report**, Garry Hurlbut: Membership contributions were \$50 last month. The funds in the benevolent fund are almost depleted but we are still looking for local causes to support. Current balances: \$713.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,810.50, General Fund.
6. **Land Use/Design Review Committee**
 - 514 Lounge LLC, Mary Dugbartey: Planning to open a social learning and entertainment lounge at Brickyard Cove Marina at 1160 Brickyard Cove Marina. Instructor lead classes will be offered for a fee and self-paced drawing, painting, and other artistic endeavors will be available. Beer and wine will be available. Business will close around 9 or 10pm. LUDRC approved the business hours and activities, but are still considering signage.
7. **Ferry Service from Richmond to San Francisco**, Ernest Sanchez, marketing officer for San Francisco Bay Ferry (SFBF): Ferry service prior to 2008 mainly operated between Alameda, South San Francisco, Vallejo and San Francisco and South San Francisco. Since 2008, ferry service was expanded to Alameda, Oakland and South San Francisco. Next year, they plan to expand to Richmond, then Treasure Island and then Berkeley. Service in Point Richmond will start in 2018 and will go from the Ford building to the SF ferry building. Initially service will be Monday to Friday with 3 morning departures and 4 return departures but there will be no weekend or mid-day service. Later after ridership is built there will be expanded service options. The ferry will have 400 passenger capacity and can hold 50 bicycles. It will take 30 minutes to get from Ferry Point to SF. There will be normal amenities including food and beverages: Parking for 360 cars will be striped. Currently there are discussions with the city regarding a shuttle service to the ferry, but that will require additional funding and is not yet guaranteed.
8. **Republic Services Composting Unit Odor Issues**: Republic Services (RS) was asked to attend tonight's meeting to discuss the ongoing odor issues, but they were unable to attend. Tonight we have a panel of representatives from BAAQMD, County Health Department, and City Code Enforcement: Odor issues from the composting operation were caused by several factors: an imbalance of carbon and nitrogen, variances in feedstock, improper aeration and compaction of mulch piles, and substantially more waste than the facility operators can process. All of this led to compost getting too hot and going to anaerobic decomposition. Odors were reported as far as 6 miles including El Sobrante and Hercules. Permit at RS was for 32,000 cubic yards for curing compost. Compost piles started catching fire in late July, and at that point the facility had almost

360,000 cubic yards. In response to the fires, RS started moving compost offsite, but breaking open the piles released odors. By law, RS must divert green waste from a landfill, but due to improper processing they have diverted green waste into a landfill and cover it with garbage in order to suppress odors. It is unknown if there is a health impact to residents from the odors; county health has measured nuisance levels of odors but nuisance levels can result in coughing and throat irritation. Currently Republic Services is facing fines and has received multiple cease and desist orders. If there is enough public outcry, the county could revoke their permit to operate. The city awarded RS a 25 year contract to collect waste in Richmond. Over 400 complaints were filed with BAAQMD since late September. To report odor complaints, call 1-800-334-ODOR, available 24-7. After hours there is an answering service to take complaints.

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

- **Point Richmond Business Association**, Dave Schoenthal: Cuts first class.com Barber shop located on Santa Fe. Mainly men's haircuts but there is one barber for women.
- **Knit & Such**, Altha Humphrey: Knitting group has met for 25 years, but Altha is now ready to retire. The library will have knitting every Tuesday from 2:30 - 5
- **Arts of Point Richmond**, Altha Humphrey: New exhibits are coming to Kaleidoscope, El Sole and the Post Office.
- **Women's West Side Improvement Club**, Linda Newton: Holiday luncheon was held yesterday. Next meeting will be held on February 7th. We have been working on gardening in some of the public areas including the Map and Rose gardens.
- **Richmond Tennis**, Garry Hurlbut: Two \$10,000 grants were received; one to complete courts on Nicholl, and one for PE programs for kids' tennis. Two mens' teams are going to the playoffs. Tots tennis has started back up at Plunge from 9-10am for 3-8 year olds. Organization was formed to rejuvenate Tennis in Richmond, and help people have fun.
- **Point Richmond History Association**, Mid Dornan: The museum will be open 3 days per week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. A wheelchair ramp has been installed. On Saturday, 12/17 the Methodist Church will have the annual bake sale from 9-3. On Sunday 12/18, Masquers and Methodist Church are putting on Christmas program.
- **Masquers**, Mary Lee Cole: Architecture study has been completed and the next step is to raise the \$500-\$700,000 needed for renovations.
- **TRAC**: Thirty two miles have been built and there are 10 more miles to go. Six active projects under way and 6 miles will be complete in by 2018. The biggest is between the Point and the bridge. A 1.1 mile hiking and biking path to go up to Point Molate.
- **Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development**: no update.
- **Richmond Smart Lighting**: no update
- **Red Oak Victory**, Graham Perrot: Ship is open for tours on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The last of the classic movie Thursdays is playing in December.
- **Magic Lantern**, Kate Spaulding: no update

10. Open Forum

- Cordell Hindler: Santa Fe neighborhood council is hosting a holiday dinner at Hotel Mac starting at 6pm-9pm to raise donations and teddy-bears. Bears will be given to police and fire departments so they can give them children experiencing a traumatic event. Crime prevention meeting last month discussed forensics; next crime prevention meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in February. Gateway Grant Celebration at Mechanics Bank tomorrow night from 5:30-7:30
- Joe Puleo: Looking into getting a community bulletin board to be installed on the side of the Santa Fe Market or perhaps another building easily visible to pedestrians. Working on making a scale model, and location and would like assistance from the PRNC.

11. **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn**: Steven Schaeffer passed away on October 13. He was a longtime resident, he donated money for the memorial plaque for Bob Yeung at the Map garden. He owned the Santa Fe Market and he volunteered for many projects to improve the village. He was a very nice man and he will be missed. In addition, we close in memory of the 36 victims of the Oakland Ghost Ship fire over the past weekend. We celebrate two nephews of Cordell's: Carlos aka Beluga born November 10th and Ray born November 23rd

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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- ***Chevron and Richmond Sanitary to talk about odor events***
- ***Plunge Garden improvements, in partnership with PRNC and other local organizations: Please consider making a tax deductible donation to improve the Plunge Gardens by donating through the Richmond Tennis Association: <http://rta-ca.org/drupal-7.0/?q=node/26>***

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