



ON POINT *May 2017*



Spring has Sprung ... Allergies!

I was recently told by a KPIX5 reporter at luncheon that we received 30 inches of rain. If you owned 1 acre of land over 1.4 million gallons of water fell on your acre of land. Hence, making this the worst allergy season on record!

At last month's Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting I made comments in my State of the Point address that the PRNC would be moving away from a membership based organization. Per a discussion with our esteemed board we are going to stay a membership based organization. No one will be turned away who may not be able to pay the annual membership fee and all who live in Point Richmond are welcome to attend and vote. We are considering becoming a 501(c)(3) or working with a fiscal sponsor who is a designated 501(c)(3) so that we may accept tax deductible donations in the future.

Mark your calendars for the Summer Community Plunge Gardens dinner and movie night fundraiser on July 15. Details to follow.

Jordan DeStaebler has volunteered on the board of the PRNC these past three years, and I have been honored to work with him since I joined the board last year. Unfortunately, due to external commitments Jordan will step down as Treasurer at the end of July. Jordan has helped immensely with so much of the behind-the-scenes work that goes into our many projects, and it has been an honor and a privilege to work with him. He always arrives with a smile and a cheerful attitude. I extend my gratitude for all the work he has done for the community and I wish him the best on his future endeavors.

The Nominating Committee is being reconvened so we can fill the Treasurer's position on the board. We are also looking to fill our second At-Large-Member position on the board. We are looking for interested community members to participate on the nominating committee and on the board. If you are interested or if you know someone who is interested in joining the Board in any position, please send me an email! Volunteering on the board is a great way to meet your neighbors, contribute to the neighborhood, and have a lot of fun.

Also, we have formed a new ad-hoc committee to focus on Parking and Traffic in Downtown Point Richmond there are three members thus far. They will be scheduling a meeting in the near term. Please let me know if you are interested so that we can include you in upcoming meetings.

See you all around the Point!

David Schoenthal

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

PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES—are still one of the best deals in town! Dues are \$10/individual, \$15/household. Membership payments for 2017 are being accepted now! Pay with cash or check at the next meeting. If you want to vote at our General Membership meetings each month, be part of the solution become a member today!



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Point Richmond Community Center
Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 7:30 PM

- 7:30 *Call to order and approval of Minutes from the April 26 PRNC meeting* 2 minutes
- 7:32 *Police Report, Richmond Police Department* 5 minutes
- 7:37 *Point Richmond Parking Program*
(Discussion of redoing stalls on Park Place and Washington Ave as well as make Park Place and Washington Ave one way streets)
Denee Evans – Transportation Department – City Manager’s Office 20 minutes
- 7:57 *Treasurer’s Report, Garry Hurlbut & Jordan DeStaebler* 2 minutes
- 7:59 *Report on Membership, June Hight* 2 minutes
- 8:01 *Community Briefs (2 minutes each)* 10 minutes
- *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-1045*
 - *Women’s Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081*
 - *Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan <http://richmondneighbors.org/>*
 - *Point Richmond Business Association, Daniel Butt - - www.pointrichmondbusiness.com*
 - *Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934*
- 8:11 *Land Use/Design Review Committee - *Note the location change* 35 minutes
- *7 Nicholl Avenue – Paul J. Nyulassie (15 minutes)*
 - *Bottoms Quarry Project – New West Communities, Submitting revised plans (20 minutes)*
- Items to be considered at the May 31 LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. Contact Rod at rdساتre@live.com, (510) 232-5059.*
The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting at 6:00pm at the Point Richmond Community Center 139 Washington Ave. Please plan to attend the LUDRC meeting at 6:00pm and General Membership meeting at 7:30pm if your project is being considered.
- 8:46 *Community Briefs (2 minutes each)* 14 minutes
- *Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org*
 - *Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org*
 - *TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail*
 - *Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott*
 - *Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334*
 - *Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org*
 - *Magik Lantern, Kate Spaulding*
- 9:00 *Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers (2 minutes each).* 10 minutes
- 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 prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.*
- 9:10 *In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn*



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

1. **Called to Order** at 7:08 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on March 22, 2017 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Jordan Destabler, Charmain Tyler, Garry Hurlbut, and Hilary Brown.
2. **President's Report and State of the Point address, Dave Schoenthal:** Looking back on the last year, there has been a lot of community involvement by the PRNC and our members. PRNC hosted a debate for measure N, assisted with the downtown holiday lights, we hosted a soils day workshop and launched the new Sustainability Web Page. Thank you to all the people who have helped volunteer throughout the community. Looking forward, the PRNC is assisting with the planning for Picnic in the Point, scheduled for September 9th. We continue to explore the odor issues at Republic Services, we are continuing to communicate with developers for the Quarry Project and we look forward to working with the city to develop traffic and parking solutions. Our PRNC forum is important because it allows us to meet up face to face, share ideas, and get to know each other. Our vision for the next year is to continue to break down the walls that separate us. We will take steps to make the PRNC a 501(c)(3) organization. I would like to take steps to make membership more inclusive and extend our inclusivity to everyone throughout the city. I would also like to recruit more community members to be members of the board, and to participate in special projects. Together we can build a more inclusive community.
3. **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut:** We received \$120 in new member dues. We paid out \$100 for the special meeting. Our current balances are: \$2,213.96 - Benevolent Fund, \$2,970.94 - Wig Wag Fund, \$3,249.05 General Fund.
4. **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler:** My term serving as VP of membership is coming to a close. I enjoyed getting to know people, and I look forward to continue working with the PRNC for special projects. Currently we have 124 paid members. May 1st is the beginning of the fiscal year and membership dues are due April 30th for the next year. Dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for family, \$500 for lifetime membership.
5. **Elections for Treasurer, First Vice President, and Second Vice President:**
 - Position of Treasurer: The board nominated Jordan DeStabler for the position of Treasurer.
 - First Vice President: The board nominated Garry Hurlbut to take over the position of First VP for the last year of the two year term.
 - Both nominations were approved with unanimous support.
 - Position of Second Vice President of Membership: The board nominated June Hight for this position. She has lived in the Point since 2005, she became a mom to an adorable baby girl in January, and she and her husband enjoy walking their dogs around the Point. Nomination was approved with unanimous support.
 - Dave appointed Charmain to be the member-at-large in charge of special committees
6. **Aaron Winer from Veolia:** Gave a short history of odor issues from the wastewater treatment plant and addressed concerns about the monitoring H₂S (Hydrogen Sulphide) stations. During 2010 and 2011 there were plant operational issues, maintenance issues, and some major odor issues. In 2011 the city installed 5 monitors and in late 2011 Veolia settled with the DA and installed the 6th monitor. H₂S is everywhere in sewers and wastewater. It is commonly called sewer gas or swamp gas. The monitors that were installed detect these gasses around the plant and send alerts to operators when detected levels exceed 22 ppb. Plant operators will respond when levels reach 30 ppb (permit requires a response at 60 ppb). There should be 6 monitors, but currently two are pulled down for rehabilitation. Typically there is a spike in odor at the start of the rainy season when sewers get flushed out and in spring the detection levels fall back down. There are multiple improvements at the plant that are almost complete including: headworks and bar screen area in the wet well. This pulls debris like sticks and rags out of waste stream. The wet well then uses duct works to move dirty gasses through a bio scrubber, which is 50ft by 150ft pad with wood chips. The monitoring system we installed was a pilot system, and although it worked it was becoming less reliable over time. The original vendor did not provide support for the equipment, so there is a new subcontractor fixing the system. They are exploring other providers to do installation and maintenance and are working to get the meters back online as soon as possible.
7. **Land Use Design Review Committee:** 2 projects. Change of location. There are two applicants. LUDRC voted to approve the applications.
 - 44 Montana Street: LUDRC approved with conditions that new work complements historic sections of house, window look matches other similar homes, basement has adequate ventilation. Motion to approve project passed with unanimous support.

- 50 Nicholl: LUDRC approved with conditions that drainage at lower elevations are addressed, work complements historic sections and windows of house, water permeable landscaping used, and to return within 5 years to provide information about the garage door. Motion to approve project was passed with unanimous approval.

8. Parking Committee: There have been ongoing discussions about how to improve parking in the business district and how to implement the new parking permit program. We would like to start a new parking committee; if interested please send an email to Dave.

9. Committee Reports and Announcements from Point Richmond Nonprofits

- Red Oak Victory: Mother's Day Breakfast on May 14th. Osprey cameras are active.
- Women's West Side Improvement Club, Linda Newton: Next meeting is Tuesday, May 2nd in the Community Center. A fun celebration for club; all are welcome.
- Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council: next meeting is Monday May 8th, 7pm in City Council chambers
- Point Richmond Business Association: Monthly luncheon at Hotel Mac, 11:30 - 1pm. "State of the year" presentation followed by discussion on how to serve community.
- Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey: group is in 9th year and has 75 members. Please consider joining us! We are writers, artists and art enthusiasts.
- Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan: We thank you for reading our newsletter! The annual meeting is scheduled for May 21, all are welcome. There will be an election of officers and a talk about history of downtown and interesting characters. Meeting starts at 2:00 at Community Center.
- Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn: Rebuilding the Board and preparing for the annual garage sale fundraiser. Elephant Man playing at Altarena Theater to benefit Masquers.
- Richmond Smart lighting Coalition: We have taken a hiatus, but we hope to continue working with the city on solutions to remove unwanted street lights and work on a comprehensive Model Lighting Ordinance. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Hilary Brown or stay tuned right here for updates!
- Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut: This program grew into a city-wide program that started from a vision to fix the tennis courts at the Plunge. Program includes tot's tennis at 9am on Saturday for 2-8 year olds. We also support youth programs throughout the City, we encourage healthy snacks, teamwork, and more.
- TRAC: Atlas Road Bridge, Dotson Family Marsh and new park entrance were completed allowing bikes to travel from the Point to Point Pinole.

10. Open Forum

- **Gary Hurlbut:** Thank you to all the Weekly Weeders, those people who pull weeds and pick up garbage when they see it. A special thank you to Helen Evans who has done so much Weekly Weeding. Plunge Garden West movie night and barbeque to be held on July 15th. Land survey has been completed and project continues.
- **Junktique 2016** will be held on the first Saturday in May. Donations can be made at Methodist Church. See what is for sale and stay for the chili and pies.
- **Cordell Hindler** - Richmond Promise scholars' celebration scheduled for May 25 from 5-8pm. Crime prevention meeting discussed human trafficking; last month's discussion was about narcotics. Block Captain Training at Richmond Recreation Complex on May 17 at 7pm; please get involved. Commission on Aging has 7 slots open.
- **Maureen Decombe** - first week of May is international compost awareness week. Composting demonstrations, worm bins and lawn conversion demonstrations to be held at **Richmond Public library** on May 13th. Please come and support master gardeners in West County.
- **Dave** - Washington School PTA hosting an International Fair on May 12. This is a fundraiser for the PTA and the gardening program. Features cultural exhibits and food.
- **Magic Lantern:** The city has agreed to allow the Magic Lantern to show movies in the Community Center. More details will be announced, stay tuned!

11. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn: Mr. John Knox, a member of the State Assembly passed away. Misses Mary Peace Head, one of the original Rosie the Riveters passed away. She was a remarkable person and was a huge influence on Richmond.

12. Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by Hilary Brown; "hilarybrownie (at) hotmail.com" (510) 326-5946



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.**

New

Individual

Renewal

Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting:

Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.

Point Richmond Community Center

Mark your Calendars for July 15th! There will be a Plunge Garden celebration, fundraiser and movie night at the Plunge.

Plunge Garden improvements, in partnership with PRNC, PRBA, PRMusic 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>.

Checks can be mailed to PRNC, with attn: RTA - Plunge Garden Improvement

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