



# ON POINT

February 2018



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We have already arrived at the end of February. I am still amazed at how fast time flies. Happy President's Day week. Kids are out for ski week or snow week or sit at home and play Minecraft week.

Have you checked out the wonderful new community kiosk across the street from the Santa Fe Market on the corner of Washington Ave and Richmond Ave designed by the Point Richmond History Association? The windows sponsored by the History Association and the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council look great. The window sponsored by the Point Richmond Business Association is in the works as we speak.

I went to the Richmond Homeless Taskforce meeting at the Richmond City Hall this week to hear what they are working on. They have been working diligently and tirelessly to figure out action-oriented solutions to homelessness in Richmond that can be implemented now. Having recently volunteered for the Homeless Point in Time Conducted by Contra Costa so that they can plan for the next year accordingly. I found that every homeless person I spoke with wanted to work and had an amazing sense that things were all going to work out. Such an amazing attitude.

We will have SIMS Metal speaking and listening to comments from the public regarding the recent fire at the facility in Point Richmond and the Point Richmond Certified Emergency Training team to give us some helpful tips how to care for ourselves, family and neighbors in an emergency.

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 2018 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!

# **PRNC SPRING FLING**

**Sunday, March 25, 2018  
11:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.**

**Hurlbut Tennis and Garden Park  
(next to the Richmond Plunge)**

Join your neighbors in a celebration of spring!  
Egg Hunt • Spring Bonnet Contest  
Food and Drinks • Games



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## AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 7:30pm  
Point Richmond Community Center  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

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7:30	<i>Call to order and approval of minutes from the January 31, 2018 PRNC meeting</i>	<b>2 minutes</b>
7:32	<i>Police Report, Richmond Police Department</i>	<b>5 minutes</b>
7:37	<i>President's Report, David Schoenthal</i>	<b>2 minutes</b>
7:39	<i>Richmond Little League, Mark Torres</i>	<b>5 minutes</b>
7:44	<i>Treasurer's Report, Buzz Bayliss</i>	<b>2 minutes</b>
7:46	<i>Report on Membership, June Hight</i>	<b>2 minutes</b>
7:48	<i>SIMS Metal - Jill Rodby, West Region, PR &amp; Government Affairs Manager</i> Office: (510) 412-5336 Cell: (510) 374-0329 <a href="mailto:Jill.Rodby@simsmm.com">Jill.Rodby@simsmm.com</a>	<b>30 minutes</b>
8:23	<i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081</i></li><li>● <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding <a href="mailto:magick-lantern@att.net">magick-lantern@att.net</a></i></li><li>● <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org/">http://richmondneighbors.org/</a></i></li><li>● <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934</i></li><li>● <i>Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, <a href="http://Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org">Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org</a></i></li><li>● <i>Point Richmond Business Association, David Schoenthal- <a href="http://www.pointrichmondbusiness.com">www.pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></i></li><li>● <i>TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, <a href="http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail">www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail</a></i></li><li>● <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045</i></li><li>● <i>Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 <a href="http://www.rta-ca.org">www.rta-ca.org</a></i></li><li>● <i>Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334</i></li><li>● <i>Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, <a href="http://www.masquers.org">www.masquers.org</a></i></li><li>● <i>Plunge West Garden update, Maryn Hurlbut 510-596-8880, <a href="http://www.rta-ca.org/plungewest">www.rta-ca.org/plungewest</a>.</i></li><li>● <i>Point Molate Community Advisory Committee, Pam Stello, (510) 210-4175</i></li><li>● <i>Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott</i></li></ul>	<b>18 minutes</b>
8:41	<i>Point Richmond Certified Emergency Training</i>	<b>20 minutes</b>
9:01	<i>Land Use/Design Review Committee (no submissions)</i> Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. Contact Rod at <a href="mailto:rdsatre@live.com">rdsatre@live.com</a> . (510) 232-5059. <u>The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting at 6:00pm at the Point Richmond Community Center at 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.</u>	<b>0 minutes</b>
9:01	<i>Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers (2 minutes each).</i> 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 <a href="mailto:dbschoen@hotmail.com">dbschoen@hotmail.com</a> prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.	<b>10 minutes</b>
9:11	<i>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</i>	



**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**  
**[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)**

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1. **Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on December 13, 2017 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Buzz Bayliss, Charmain Tyler, and Hilary Brown. Absent: Garry Hurlbut
2. **Police Report, Richmond PD Officer Ben Mendler:** Discussed traffic and parking issues in the Point. There were some auto burglaries; we are reminded to keep items out of our vehicles, keep cars locked, and report suspicious activities. Recently there have been problems with side-shows and drivers making doughnuts. This is a growing problem along the Bay Trail, in the Point and on parts of Dornan Drive. The usual mail theft and property crimes were reported around the holidays, but major crimes have been on the decline.
3. **President's report, Dave:** Celebrated the opening of Unity Park on Ohio with a march from the Bart Station with Kennedy High band and then an afternoon working with other volunteers to plant the gardens. It is a beautiful project, please check it out! Kennedy high school hosted a meeting to empower parents to improve performance and school climate at schools throughout WCCUSD. Finally, the recent fire at Sims Metal and the ensuing shelter-in-place reminded everyone about the importance of getting access to community alerts. One part of the confusion appears to be the community alert system is tied to Chevron, so if the problem is outside of Chevron the sirens we hear **every** month might not go off. One alternative is the Richmond Fire Department alerts, which anyone can access at <https://cwsalerts.com>
4. **Treasurer's Report, Buzz:** We brought in \$500 in dues over last 6 weeks. We brought in \$125 in new memberships in December. Benevolent Fund, \$12,213.96; Wig Wag Fund, \$2,970.94; General Fund, \$2,986.00; total, \$18,132.52.
5. **Membership Report, June:** Currently we have 156 memberships, 105 are household memberships.
6. **Diego Garcia, candidate for City Council:** This is an introduction to Diego Garcia, a 40-year resident of Richmond, and a member of the Citizen's Police Review Commission. Some of his concerns are with traffic issues including speeding and people cruising in their cars. Also: many councils that are intended to help the city with various tasks are dissolving or not functioning, in part because they cannot find people to participate. He would like to get young people to participate on these commissions. Diego believes getting youth to participate because they have great ideas and getting young people involved with various councils and boards can get them involved and engaged with the community.
7. **Land Use Design Review Committee:**
  - **725 Ocean:** This is a project to repair and rebuild a roof on a house that was built in 1975. The roof is currently falling off, and there is going to be a massive upgrade to the roof and other improvements within the house. The roofline will raise up 3 feet with an accent gable, and this will also allow for solar panel installation. View from the street and from the water does not result in any significant changes. The project was approved by LUDRC. General membership recommends using dark sky compliant lighting and yellow colored lights with 3000 degree kelvin color temperature or less. A motion was made to approve the plans as presented: motion was passed with unanimous approval
  - **Quarry Project:** This presentation is a courtesy to inform the community about changes that were made since it was approved. The next step for this project is to go before the Planning Commission tomorrow. The project is a total of 18 acres with 193 condo units. CEQA and EIR have been completed and they received unanimous approval from the DRB in December. Originally the project had 300 units, but due to community concerns they reduced the total number. The condos will be between 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms. The smallest units will be 651 square feet. There will be a 2700 square foot clubhouse, tot playground, and workout facility and pool. Marcia Vallier was hired as the landscape architect. The decision was made to have mixed income housing rather than paying an in-lieu of fee to only have market rate housing. Following presentation, there was a discussion about traffic issues on Seacliff Drive.

**8. Community Briefs:**

- **Red Oak Victory, Graham Perret:** Spring Movie Series started in January and will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Next movie is "The Cuckoo," at 6:30pm, Feb 15th. The March 15th movie is "Everything is Illuminated."
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Norma Jean Wallace:** Next meeting is Tuesday, February 6th; it will be a brown bag lunch starting at 11:30. The guest speaker is a naturopath leading a discussion about reducing stress. Please RSVP on Nextdoor or with Linda Newton.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:** At last meeting, Genevieve Pastor-Cohen talked about wildfires, safety and emergency preparedness. Sequoia Erasmus from Mayor's office talked about bike paths. Next RNCC meeting is on Feb 12 at 7pm in council chambers. Guest speakers will include Chevron and representatives of the new ferry service.
- **PRBA:** The last luncheon included a discussion about the impact of Federal Tax reform on small businesses.
- **PRNC Special Projects:** The kiosk planned and built by the PR History Association has been completed and the PRNC panel has now been set up! Please take a look at the kiosk display, and stay tuned for future updates.
- **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding:** The 14 foot movie screen has been erected in the community center. Movies will be shown on the second Friday of each month. If you would like to be on the email list, please send an email to Magick Lantern at [magick-lantern@att.net](mailto:magick-lantern@att.net) First movie was on January 12th, the next movie will be February 9th at 7:30pm and is "California Typewriter," a movie about artists and writers and their affection for the classic machine.
- **History Association, Kathe Kein:** The next addition of the History Association's newsletter is being assembled tonight and will go out to the post office tomorrow. Thank you to Bonnie Joe who put the kiosk together.
- **Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kein:** work on the building has not started yet, but the board is being reassembled with young and energetic people. The new managing director, Carl Smith brings a lot of enthusiasm. In late March there will be a play at three different venues: Methodist Church, Pinole Players, and theater in Castro Valley. There is a fundraiser Crab Feed on Feb 24th at Rigger's Loft.

**9. Open Forum**

- **Dave Schoenthal:** Dave is launching his campaign kickoff to run for city council on Thursday Feb 22nd from 6:30-8:30 at East Brother's Beer. Please come by and meet him, hear about his ideas to improve the city, and if you want to donate to his campaign that would be great!
- **Cordell Hindler:** Suggestions for two future agenda items: Bielle Moore to talk about garbage rates and Officer Lande & Alonso Saravia to discuss cyber bullying and the human rights commission. A reminder that the Crime Prevention Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Rec Center. Next meeting is Feb 21st. Contra Costa Community Center is showing a new show called "The Secret in the Wings" at Contra Costa Community Center.
- **Gayle:** Concerns about how community members were notified (or not notified) about the Sims fire. Some people received no notification, some people received 9 phone calls. The community siren did not go off and it was unclear whether the community needed to shelter in place. Request to ask someone from the city to talk to us about the community alarm system and notification systems. We have 56 hazardous locations throughout the city. Note: tomorrow night at 6:30pm in the Community Center there is a PRCERT meeting. Please get involved!
- **Dave:** On March 8th there will be a discussion about what kinds of businesses neighbors in the Point want: a bakery, or sushi shop or Indian restaurant or whatever. The idea is to share the community's ideas with prospective entrepreneurs.
- **Dave Bleckenger:** There will be two children's softball teams who will start using the Judge Carol Park (the park behind the Washington Elementary School). The field will be in use by the children on Saturdays from noon to 2:00pm, and then in March they will use the field on weeknights. We want to have a safe environment for the children to play ball and we would like to have no dogs in the park while the field is in use. A schedule will be posted so park users will be aware of when the field will be used. We are also working with the city to patch holes in the field. Everyone is invited to come out and see our practices and games!

**10. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** Cordell's niece Carmella Esparza turned 2 on MLK's birthday. Chloe Cameron Hutchens was born on Jan 25th.

**11. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm**



**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.**

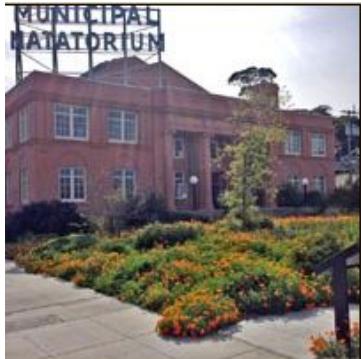
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**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting:  
Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 7:30 p.m.**

**Point Richmond Community Center**

\* **SIMS Metal** - discussion about fire and community safety

\* **Point Richmond Certified Emergency Training**

\* **PRNC Presents the Spring Fling!** Mark your calendars for our first annual fundraiser! Sunday, March 25 from 11:30-2:00 at the Hurlbut Tennis Courts and Gardens at the Plunge! Egg Hunt, Spring Bonnet Contest, food, drinks and games

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