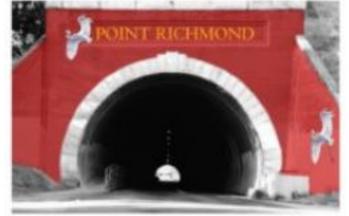




ON POINT *March 2018*



As you know, I recently joined the Richmond Homeless Task Force. The group has been working diligently and tirelessly to figure out action-oriented solutions to homelessness in Richmond that can be implemented now. We are set to have an offsite meeting to discuss the various policy recommendations we want to send to City Council for review and potential implementation.

As such, this month's Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting will be dedicated to learning more about how Richmond deals with homelessness through the lens of the Homeless Task Force Chair and Crime Prevention Manager Michelle Milam, Richmond Police Officer Vincent Martinez and Homeless Advocate Daniel Barth.

On the subject of parking kiosks, no, I didn't authorize their installation. Denee Evans from the City Manager's office who is the Project Manager for the parking kiosks will be at the Point Richmond Business Association luncheon on March 29 at Hotel Mac. Denee and her Supervisor Lori Reese Brown will attend a future special Collaborative Solutions Workshop, likely the second week of April dedicated to the issue of parking in Point Richmond.

At our April meeting we have a few matters of business we would like to address:

PRNC Officer Elections: Elections for the PRNC Executive Board will be held at the Annual Membership meeting on April 25. The Nominating Committee is pleased to say that we have talked to a number of people thus far who are interested in serving on the Board. The open positions are President and Secretary. Peter Thelin has expressed interest in taking over as President of PRNC. Hilary has agreed to stay on as Secretary for her final two year term in that position. The Nominating Committee supports the nomination of Peter Thelin as President and for Hilary to continue on as Secretary. As there is still time to throw your name in the hat, any PRNC member is welcome to run for any of the open positions.

PRNC Dues Increase: Membership dues have been \$10 per individual and \$15 per family for many years. The PRNC Board will submit to the General Membership for consideration and a vote to raise the annual membership dues to \$25 per family and \$20 per individual at the annual membership meeting on April 25.

The PRNC collects approximately \$1600 per year in membership dues to support our various costs. We use this money for a variety of purposes, postage and paper for newsletters for those members who do not have email, rent paid to the City or to local restaurants for special meetings (we are allowed one free meeting per month in the community center, which is used for our general meeting), and donations for various local events. Last year we donated money to support Picnic in the Point, the Summer Music Festival, the Classic Car Show, the Plunge gardens, and a local Point family who was temporarily left homeless after a tragic fire burned their apartment and all their belongings.

Currently our total fund balances appear to be high, however most of the funds are dedicated for specific purposes. Such as the Wig Wag fund and Benevolent fund which includes a gift from Stephen Schaeffer who bequeathed \$10,000 with the stipulation the money be used for beautification projects in the Point. As of February 2018, we had less than \$3,000 in the general fund. The board has considered spending some of the general fund money to formally incorporate the PRNC into a 501(c)(3) organization which would put the PRNC in a better position to fundraise for local projects. Making this change would have some administrative costs. We are considering increasing the cost of membership to allow the PRNC to take a more active role in supporting local events and projects.

See you all around the Point!

David Schoenthal

David Schoenthal, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

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, March 28, 2018, 7:30pm
Point Richmond Community Center
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

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| 7:30 | <i>Call to order and approval of minutes from the February 28, 2018 PRNC meeting</i> | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | <i>Police Report, Richmond Police Department - Ben Mendler</i> | 5 minutes |
| 7:37 | <i>President's Report, David Schoenthal</i> | 2 minutes |
| 7:39 | <i>Nominations for President and Secretary 2018 - 2020,
Peter Thelin and Hilary Brown</i> | 2 minutes |
| 7:41 | <i>Michelle Milam, Crime Prevention Manager - Richmond's Homeless Task Force</i> | 15 minutes |
| 7:56 | <i>Treasurer's Report, Buzz Bayliss</i> | 2 minutes |
| 7:58 | <i>Report on Membership, June Hight</i> | 2 minutes |
| 8:00 | <i>Officer Vincent Martinez - Working with Homeless Encampments
Richmond Police Department</i> | 15 minutes |
| 8:15 | <i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081</i>• <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510) 232-2559</i>• <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan http://richmondneighbors.org/</i>• <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934</i>• <i>Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org</i>• <i>Point Richmond Business Association, David Schoenthal- www.pointrichmondbusiness.com</i>• <i>TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail</i>• <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045</i>• <i>Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org</i>• <i>Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334</i>• <i>Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org</i>• <i>Plunge West Garden update, Maryn Hurlbut 510-596-8880, www.rta-ca.org/plungewest.</i>• <i>Point Molate Community Advisory Committee, Pam Stello, (510) 210-4175</i>• <i>Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott</i> | 18 minutes |
| 8:35 | <i>Daniel Barth - Homeless Community Advocate</i> | 15 minutes |
| 8:50 | <i>Land Use/Design Review Committee (no submissions)</i> <p><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 rdساتre@live.com. (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></i></p> | 0 minutes |
| 8:50 | <i>Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers (2 minutes each).</i> <p><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 dbschoen@hotmail.com prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.</i></p> | 12 minutes |
| 9:02 | <i>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</i> | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

- 1. Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on January 31, 2018 were amended to correct the spelling of Kathe Kiehn and Bonnie Jo Cullison's names. After amendments, minutes from the January 31, 2018 meeting were approved. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Buzz Bayliss, Charmain Tyler, Garry Hurlbut and Hilary Brown.
- 2. Police Report, Richmond PD, Officer Ben Mender:** In general police have not been too busy in Point (including Point Richmond and the port), however there have been an unusual number of auto thefts and dumping of stolen vehicles, likely because the point is more secluded and receives less vehicle traffic than other Richmond neighborhoods. There were about 6 or 7 stolen vehicle reports and an equal number of vehicle recoveries. There were some residential burglaries in Brickyard Landing which residents reported to police. There was an armed robbery in Miller Knox; this robbery was not included in police statistics because EBRP police responded to the call and not Richmond police. That individual later attempted another burglary somewhere else in Richmond, they were chased by a police dog and are now in custody.
- 3. President's report, Dave Schoenthal:** (1) There is a City of Richmond app for your smartphone or tablet. Use it to report non-emergency issues such as abandoned vehicles, blighted property, damaged sidewalks, graffiti, overgrowth, park maintenance, potholes, etc. (2) Recently the city hosted a preliminary meeting in which Electric Vehicle (EV) parking was discussed. An entity called "EVGo" gave a presentation about an opportunity to install level 2 vehicle charging stations, which are fast charging. EVGo claimed their charging stations bring in 42% more business from the spaces they occupy. If the EV spaces housed ride share cars, those cars would rent out a space at \$100 per month per space. They are also looking at two additional locations in Richmond: one near Target and one near City Hall. The Point was also brought up as a possible location. EVGo receives grants to install charging stations in areas that are not serviced by other electric providers and are near centers of low income areas. Another potential benefit: if there are ride share cars available near City Hall, then the city might not have to own and maintain a fleet of cars, which could be an opportunity to reduce costs for the city. Additionally, people who want to use a ride share car to be a Lyft or Uber driver can do so through a partner company called Maven, which might create economic opportunity for people who do not own a car. This project would have to go through all the same permitting and review as any other applicant. There was no time frame in place for when the EVGo program would be rolled out. (3) The city hosted homeless encampment cleanup training. The training explained the code enforcement, abatement, and services needed to manage and move homeless encampments. (4) Dave is hosting an "opposing views" get together on Saturday, March 10th from 10:30-12:30 at Hotel Mac. The idea is to get people with opposing views together to talk about common problems and possible solutions to those problems. There will be a professional facilitator to assist with the conversation.
- 4. Richmond Little League, president Mark Torres:** The Judge George D Carroll Park (the park next to the Washington School) is a mixed use park. The primary park purpose is a ballpark, but many residents use it as a dog park. These competing uses have created some tension: little kids get scared if they are chased by off leash dogs, and dogs occasionally run after balls and disrupt active ball games. We want the best for our dogs and children; We ask dog users to please refrain from having any off-leash dogs use the park while it is being used for practice or games. The ball practice and game schedules will be posted at the entrance of the park. One long term idea that came up to resolve park use conflicts was to install either a permanent or a temporary fence to delineate an area that could be used as a dog park and distinguish it from the ballpark area. A side benefit of this would be to keep the dog poop in the dog run area and out of the playing field.

5. **Treasurer's Report, Buzz Bayliss:** PRNC collected \$500 in dues since mid-December including \$125 in new memberships in December. Current fund balances: Benevolent Fund, \$10,938.77; Wig Wag Fund, \$2,970.94; General Fund, \$3,862.00; total, \$17,771.71.
6. **Membership Report, June Hight:** Currently we have 159 memberships, 105 are household memberships. If anyone has difficulty getting emails from PRNC, please let June know.
7. **SIMS Metal, Jill Rodby:** First of all, SIMS apologizes for the accidental fire in January. This was the first fire they have had in 30 years. Fire investigation is not yet completed, and SIMS is conducting its own internal investigation. The fire broke out in the tin pile, which includes household items such as fridges, water heaters, washers and dryers. Tin does not burn, but many of our household items contain flammable rubber and plastics. They are still evaluating what exactly was burning during the fire. When items enter their facility, they are searched and sorted; batteries or hazardous materials are not accepted. It is possible something was mixed into the stream that was not supposed to be brought in, and it is possible unacceptable items went undetected when being received and sorted. SIMS' responsibility for community warning is to call 911 when a fire is started. The call is then sent to Richmond Fire Department. It is the county's responsibility to send out community warnings, and the county has to determine what the notification is and who should be notified. In this case there was about a four-minute lag time between when a plume of black smoke was identified by a SIMS worker on site and the response time (contacting Richmond Fire Department). SIMS is looking at improving the 4-minute time gap. There is no onsite/staff fire department and all SIMS employees who stayed behind to fight the fire were volunteers. SIMS has thermal cameras and offsite monitoring to track for potential fires. The community warning system is another area that is being reviewed for improvements. The fire department and the county are working to have better and faster communication between first responders (whose primary job is fighting the fire and determining scope of resources needed) and office responders who authorize warning messages to go out to residents. Currently the first responder communicates to the county sheriff who then communicates with the county office worker on the warning system. There is a risk of issuing too many warnings or a risk of issuing too few warnings – and this is something the Fire Department and the County are discussing. The sirens that go off once per month are city wide, and the Richmond Fire Chief decided not to sound those sirens because initially there was no wind and the plume was going straight up in the air, and later when the wind shifted the fire chief decided not to sound the sirens in part because the fire was more controlled, the threat was diminishing, and the county phone warnings had already been issued. They are reviewing if that was the correct decision.
8. **Community briefs:**
 - **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding:** Movie night is now the 3rd Friday of the month; next show is March 16th: Wild Tales, an academy award nominated comedy about 6 tales of people acting out their fantasies of revenge. Since we cannot get blinds to cover the upper windows, as the season goes on we will need to move our movie nights later and later.
 - **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:** DIMO talked about illegal dumping in the city. Marcus Walton from the school district gave an overview of awards for "Soaring to Excellence." Tim Gray from the Police Department reviewed trends of robberies city wide, indicated they had been on the decline but recently are now on the uptick again. Alex Knox from the Mayor's Office discussed a business round table to be held at The Mechanics Bank. Brian Hubinger from Chevron gave an update about the wharf project. ECIA grant process was explained. Hector Lopez from planning department gave an update on projects including Quarry Project. Next meeting is March 12th (always the 2nd Monday); 6:30 refreshments, 7pm meeting starts in Council Chambers.
 - **Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett:** The 3rd Wednesday each month is movie night at Red Oak! Next movie at 7pm on March 15th, "Everything is Illuminated," a movie about how war affects people. Pancake breakfasts start in April.
 - **Richmond Tennis Association, Garry Hurlbut:** Come out on Saturday morning at 9:30 to see children's tennis on the courts behind The Plunge. We are collaborating with the Community Service Department to do school outreach to get kids to tennis courts for their PE classes.
 - **Point Richmond History Association:** The new kiosk is looking great! Please take a look at at the displays there since they change frequently.
 - **Masquers, Kathe Kiehn:** Crab feed last weekend was a success! The new managing director is showing "The Last Romance" now playing at Pinole Community Players on Saturday and Sunday. The second weekend in March it is playing in Castro Valley, on March 17th at the Methodist Church and on March 25th at R&B Cellars.
 - **Plunge West Project, Maryn Hurlbut:** Etched pavers have been installed and foundation and framing for the new shed has been built. Concrete walkways will be completed in next few weeks. Decomposed granite walkways and bocce ball court will be sealed once we have 48 hours of no rain. Hoping to install plantings later in the spring for butterfly garden and teaching area.

- **Spring Fling on March 25th** 11:30am – 2:00 pm. Please support PRNC with a fun family activity!

9. Point Richmond Community Emergency Response Program, Edie Sellers & Shaun Partlow:

- The PRCERT (Point Richmond Community Emergency Response Team) is the local level for government emergency responses. Shaun has a background in emergency response and Edie has a background in news and reporting. PRCERT is government sponsored; the idea is to make the community its own first responders. CERT offers standardized training and in Richmond there are two nights per week for 2 weeks and one Saturday class. Volunteers activated through CERT are not liable for injuries when responding during emergencies.
- Note: Brickyard Cove has its own CERT team that covers that side of town; PRCERT covers the old town / downtown side of the Point.
- What do we do if there is a disaster? Our job is to know how to help ourselves. CERT is a way to help us organize and coordinate and effectively help people in the community. First responders may have limited resources or might not be able to access all parts of the community. Neighbors participating in CERT can help identify challenges and issues for first responders by being on location first.
- What to plan for? We need a command system & command post (a central place to meet and get together), we need to set up communications, get handheld walky-talkies and possibly ham radio to communicate to official emergency services. We need to have plans for search parties, neighborhood maps including knowing who in the neighborhood will need help because of mobility issues, and ideally we would have maps of individual residences. We need to know who needs specialized medical equipment needed to run on electricity and we need to know what resources neighbors are willing to share (such as a generator or water purifier or ham radio)
- How can you help? Right now, we need people to join the team! We need community participation to make this work. There is commitment to being a team member, but if you don't have time but would like to help, please consider participating. Please see PRCert.org, follow us on Facebook, and sign up for our email list. We send out monthly information about emergency preparedness. Meetings are on First Thursday of every month at 6:30.
- A motion was made to have the PRNC work with PRCERT to share the PRNC mailing list information to inform PRNC members. Motion passed with unanimous approval

10. Open Forum

- **Cordell Hindler:** Contra Costa Civic Center now showing "The Secret in the Wings." Last Crime Prevention meeting included Lieutenant Schlemmer with traffic and parking. Next crime prevention meeting is March 21 from 6:30-8:30 at the Rec Center. Meeting will include command staff. Due date for ECIA grant applications is March 16th at 5pm at City Manager's office.
- **Drew Ruble:** Lives on Nichol and has some concerns about parking and parking permits. His family has no off-street parking and has a single car, but there is limited parking on his street and some people reserve on-street parking with cones, garbage cans and other items. He is looking for information about how to improve street parking.
- **Kate Spaulding:** Suggested that the minutes be distributed earlier than the regular newsletter so that announcements about upcoming events can get out to people sooner. Asked board to consider getting minutes issued within 5 days of the meeting instead of waiting for the agenda.

11. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn: Cordell's nephew Christopher Torres had a birthday on Feb 4th who turned 10. Dave Bleckenger's daughter Amelia birthday turned 3 today!

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

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



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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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Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 7:30 p.m.***

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- * Crime Prevention Manager discusses Richmond's Homeless Task Force
- * Richmond PD Officer discusses Working with Homeless Encampments

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