



ON POINT *May 2018*

When Dave Schoenthal asked if I really wanted to take over as President of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council I knew it would be a challenge to live up to Dave's legacy. Dave's professionalism, the efficient way in which he runs the meeting, and his understanding of the mechanisms of city politics has been inspiring. I can only hope to live up to his examples.

Dave has been very generous with his time trying to get me up to speed. His introductions are invaluable. I've also been impressed with the dedication and efficiency of my fellow PRNC members. Hilary Brown, June Hight, Buzz Baylis, David Bleckinger as well as Charmain Tyler, Garry Hurlbut are treasures to this community.

I would also like to thank my wife, Sue Rosenof for the beautiful new Point Richmond Neighborhood Council logo. As some of you know, Sue served as Vice President on the PRNC a few years back. I was proud of her work then, and I hope I can make her proud of me now.

I've been observing and have learned a lot about how our Point Richmond community works and the PRNC function as a forum to educate our population on topics of local interest.

I believe the Neighborhood Council system is a valuable resource, one that other communities around the country would be wise to emulate.

This Month the new single-family home projects on Belvedere are still under consideration by the Land Use Design Review Committee (starting at 6:00pm in the Point Richmond Community Center). It's been interesting to observe.

Also, Point Richmond Music announced the first date of outdoor concerts in Point Richmond will be June 8 in downtown Point Richmond on Park Place 5:30pm to 8:00pm..

Wish me luck!

Peter Thelin

President

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
 Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 7:30pm
 Point Richmond Community Center
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

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| 7:30 | Call to order and approval of minutes from the May 30, 2018 PRNC meeting | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | Police Report, Richmond Police Department - Ben Mendler | 5 minutes |
| 7:37 | President's Report, Peter Thelin | 2 minutes |
| 7:39 | Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis | 2 minutes |
| 7:41 | Membership Report, June Hight | 2 minutes |
| 7:43 | Community Briefs (2 minutes each) | 12 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510) 232-2559 • Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan http://richmondneighbors.org/ • Arts of Point Richmond • PRCert, Edie Sellers and Shaun Partlow https://www.prcert.org/ https://www.facebook.com/prcert • Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org • Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081 | |
| 7:55 | Point Richmond Music Summer Concert Series, Andrew Butt | 5 minutes |
| 8:00 | Land Use/Design Review Committee - 15 minutes each
Brad Gunkel, Greg Jerum - 527 Santa Fe
Anthony Cassel - 50 Nicholl
Sonia Rivas - 19 Cottage Ave
Aaron Smart and Roger Kurath - 70/80 Belevadre
<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 rdsatre@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 at 139 Washington Ave. Please plan to attend the LUDRC meeting at 6:00pm an General Membership meeting at 7:30pm if your project is being considered.</i> | 60 minutes |
| 9:00 | Community Briefs (2 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point Richmond Business Association, David Schoenthal- www.pointrichmondbusiness.com • TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail • USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045 • 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 | 12 minutes |
| 9:12 | 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 Peter Thelin at pthelin1@yahoo.com prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.</i> | 12 minutes |
| 9:24 | In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 30, 2018
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1. **Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Minutes from the meeting on March 28, 2018 were amended to indicate the minutes were for: the minutes indicate they are for February and not March. After amendments, minutes were approved. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Buzz Baylis, Garry Hurlbut, Charmain Tyler and Hilary Brown.
2. **Police Report, Richmond PD, Officer Ben Mendler:** Taft Bradley is a new officer starting work on the weekend swing shift. Crime trends: we have had an increase in residential burglaries throughout the Point and prowling activities at Brickyard Landing. There were 4 or 5 auto burglaries in the Point and 2-3 in Brickyard; some involved glass window breaks, some convertible tops were slit, some vehicles were unlocked. There was a residential burglary on Tewksbury. On a positive note: on Monday we arrested someone with a vehicle stolen from San Rafael; he had been arrested on April 17, was released on Monday and arrested later that day with another stolen vehicle. A woman named Jasmine may have been detained at Brickyard Landing, but it is not clear if this is the same person who is suspected of property crimes closer to the downtown area of the Point.
3. **President's Report, Dave Schoenthal:** This is my last meeting as president, and the last two years have gone by really fast! We had fun with gardening projects and the Spring Fling, we supported Point Richmond Music, we supported a local family impacted by a fire. We hosted many speakers ranging from biking to how to keep our community safe to working with homelessness. It has been a privilege to work with so many wonderful people over the last two years; thank you to the current board as well as former board members Maureen Decombe and Jordan DeStabler and everyone who has been so helpful these past two years!
4. **Vote on Raising Membership Dues:** Currently our dues are \$10 per individual and \$15 per family. The Board has proposed to raise dues to \$20 per individual and \$25 per family. Currently our total bank account balance is \$18,415.73. Of this total, \$10,939 in the Benevolent Fund and almost \$10,000 of that was bequeathed to the PRNC by Mr. Schaefer who stipulated in his will the money be used for beautification projects around the Point in memory of Bob Yeung. The Wig Wag fund has \$2,970.94; this money was donated in years past by PRNC members specifically for the Wig Wag. The General Fund has \$3,862.00 and this is our total available discretionary spending money. Throughout the year we are approached by various groups to help sponsor events like Picnic in the Point, the PR Music for the summer music festival, funding for Holiday Lights, and other projects. These projects are ongoing and come up throughout the year. Please note anyone in the community who is unable to pay for a membership will have their membership dues waived with no questions asked. No one will be turned away because of lack of funds. Motion was made to increase the membership dues to \$20 per individual and \$25 per family; motion was passed with unanimous approval.
5. **Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, 2018-2020; Treasurer 2018-2019:**
 - Peter Thelin was nominated for the position of President
 - Hilary Brown was nominated for the position of Secretary for a final two-year term.
 - Dave Bleckinger was nominated for the position of First Vice President.
 - Buzz Baylis was nominated to complete the remainder of a one-year term as Treasurer.
 - Motions were made to approve each position; all motions were approved with unanimous consent.
 - Following the elections, Charmain presented Dave with a thank you gift of ice cream and beer for all of his service and hard work over the last two years. Dave is appreciated!

6. Land Use Design Review Committee

- 275 Western Drive: this project is for various small changes including a paint change. Owner brought the project before the LUDRC as a courtesy to neighbors. LUDRC recommends approval of project, however the scope of the work is so minor it does not technically require PRNC approval. PRNC appreciates the courtesy notice to neighbors.

7. **Chevron, Brian Hubinger public affairs and Winnie Kuo, process engineer:** Under normal conditions, the refinery produces and uses steam to keep equipment warm and to drive some equipment such as the steam turbine which produces 15 megawatts of energy. The steam turbine was replaced in 2005 to make the refinery more efficient. On March 29th there was a malfunction resulting in the steam equipment going under too much pressure. The safety pressure release valve operated as intended by opening to release steam to keep the equipment within the safe pressure range. The steam was released through a very small hole which is what caused all the noise. The steam that was released is pure water and is very clean. Flaring events are related to hydrocarbon materials, but the noisy steam event experienced in March was just clean water. The night of the noisy steam event, there was only one person operating the phone line; they are looking at ways to improve information sharing at events like this. Chevron's 24 hour phone number is (510) 242-2127. If you smell something, call the general public affairs line at (510) 242-2400.

8. Community briefs:

- **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding:** The Point's biggest little cinema, right here at the community center! Movies are always 3rd Friday of the month; next show is May 18th "The Insult," a 2008 academy award nominated film about a legal case involving Palestinian men who have insulted each other and the insult cannot be spoken in public. \$8 admission fee.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:** City department heads are always at these meetings and are a great way for residents to understand how city gets things done. Meetings are 2nd Monday of the month; next meeting is May 14th at 7pm. At the April meeting, Cesar Zepeda discussed supporting Contra Costa College Foundation.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton:** The next meeting is Tuesday, May 1st and the meeting after that is the first Tuesday in June. If interested in attending please call Linda Newton to reserve your spot. After the June meeting the group will be off for the summer.
- **PRBA:** issued a flyer advertising a free breakfast tomorrow 4/26 at 8:00am with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Butt and Superintendent Matthew Duffy will talk about benefits of living and working in Richmond. PRBA's monthly luncheon is also tomorrow from 11:30 – 1:00 featuring a presentation with Nate Trivers, Raymond's Pizza and a presentation about Bitcoin. Cinco De Mayo celebration starts at 10am at Civic Center with a parade to 23rd street.
- **TRAC, Bruce Beyaert:** Richmond has 34 miles of completed bay trail, but we are working to complete 8 miles of gaps. Almost all unfinished sections of the Bay Trail are in or adjacent to Point Richmond. The Point Molate Bay Trail section between Castro St and Stenmark Drive will open in June; and the San Rafael Bridge trail will open in Spring 2019 with a 4-year pilot project. Richmond ferry is going to start running in September; TRAC has prepared a grant application for a "ferry to bridge complete streets plan" to convert substandard bike lanes between the ferry and bridge to protected bikeways or multi-use Class I trails. Stay tuned for workshops and community input to determine best ways to get safe bike routes for the community. Info at Pointrichmond.com; click on Bay Trail for more info.
- **Red Oak Victory, Graham Perrett:** Ship is almost ready to go to the Marine Academy to turn on generators. Movie night is on the 3rd Thursday of the month; next movie is Memoirs of a Geisha showing on May 17th and Das Boot will show on May 31st. May 13th Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast starts at 9am and there is a Memorial Day Swing Dance on May 26th.
- **Richmond Tennis Association, Garry Hurlbut:** Cleaned up needles and garbage from local tennis courts and installed permanent nets. After MLK Park cleanup, every week in April we hosted 230 youth (4th through 7th graders) at MLK Park plus 60 youth (Kinder through 6th grade) at the tennis courts behind JFK High School. Program to help school kids get on courts was a collaboration between RTA and the Rec Department. RTA's women's team recently made their league playoffs and finished in second place after losing the East Bay League Championship to the team from the Claremont Resort and Spa!
- **Plunge West:** Bocce ball court is almost completed. Hardscaping and fencing is almost completed, and the next step is to plan the plants and flowers to attract butterflies.

9. **Open Forum**

- **Cordell Hindler:** Contra Costa Civic Theater showing Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike from April 13 to May 6. April Crime Prevention Meeting included a discussion about home alarms; Detective Shanks spoke about false alarms. Next Crime Prevention Committee meeting is May 16th at 7pm at Rec Center to discuss block captain training and starting a neighborhood watch. Jim Becker to talk about improving the housing stock and fixing burned-out houses around Richmond. Suggestion for guest speakers: have Alonso Saravia to speak about cyber bullying.
- **Anaviv Catering, Chef Arnon Oren:** Catering business is located on Hoffman near Sims Metal. They are trying to open a small 10-person restaurant at their building, but Sims is appealing the Planning Commission decision to allow them to grow or serve food at their business site. We are here to ask your support when this goes before the City Council. Sims argues that the area is industrial and a restaurant is a conflict of use and concerns about parking issues; however Burger King shares a fence with them. A motion was made to have the PRNC write a letter in support of the restaurant for the city council. Motion was passed with unanimous approval.
- **Kate Spaulding** asked whether Dave was going to write a letter to the city regarding not putting all chairs away after each meeting – Dave to look into this at the next Board Meeting.
- **Dave Schoenthal:** Candidate Office Hours at Kaleidoscope for the month of May are 5:45pm to 7:00pm.; come to discuss any issues since he is running for office.

10. **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** Garry's friend's son Devon Augustus was born last month weighing 5.5lbs.

11. **Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm**

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.

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

Point Richmond Community Center

- * Community updates - what is happening around town?
- * LUDRC projects
- * Point Richmond Music kicks off summer concert series on June 8 at 5:30pm

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