



Red Oak Victory Ship—At the City Council meeting on July 10, a motion was made to consider charging the Red Oak Victory Ship back rent for the last ten years as well as future rent. After vigorous debate, the council, recognizing the contribution of the Red Oak Victory to the city and the likelihood of this motion resulting in the closing or selling of the ship, defeated the motion. The council also passed Tom Butt's motion providing free berth space for the ship.

The following is an excerpt from a statement by the board sent to all council members: "... *Rosie the Riveter National Park and the Red Oak Victory Ship bring people to Richmond. This is what we need and want. We understand that the city is under great financial pressure and that essential services can be compromised by these pressures, but we do not believe that the solution to such crises is to gut the cultural gems of a city with decisions that don't really solve the problems, but only further tear it down. We believe that it is important to maintain and support our cultural heritage as best as possible, so that, once the current economic crisis has abated, we will still have a culturally relevant city with amenities that continue to attract others to the city and make our citizens proud. Reducing our city to a cultural wasteland will not accomplish this goal.*

We are proud of Richmond and we want the best for all the people of Richmond. We believe that our leaders should take a long term view of what is in the best interest of the city and not threaten the precarious financial viability of the Red Oak Victory Ship.

Volunteer Opportunities!

- After several years of generously donating her time to provide the PRNC meetings with coffee and refreshments, Altha Humphrey is looking for a replacement. Please contact Altha or any board member if you are willing to take this on.
- As we've mentioned several times, the cost of the mural on the south side of the tunnel has risen considerably. We need a volunteer to take leadership on fundraising (and possibly finding pro bono workers) to be able to complete this project.
- Finally, the PRNC has a booth at the Farmers' Market one Wednesday per month from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. It would be great if you could help with any of these PRNC functions.

The PRNC General Meeting on July 25 is packed with interesting items for discussion.

- Last month we discussed the city plan to condemn the stairway access to the historic path on the southeast corner of Vacca and Tewksbury. A straw poll at the meeting indicated that a majority of those present favored preservation if possible. Warren Williams, City of Richmond Street Superintendent, will update us on the issue.
- **IMPORTANT ITEM**—Shea Homes has been working on development for housing on the Bottom's Property, west of Seacliff. In an attempt to get community input, representatives have been meeting with the Seacliff and Brickyard HOA's. They will be meeting with the PRNC Land Use Design Review Committee and then coming to the meeting to present the current plans. Please come to ask question and make comments on this project. We will be voting on approval of the project unless membership consensus tells us that more time is needed, in which case we will postpone the vote until August, giving all parties a chance to reach a mutually agreeable plan.
- WriterCoach Connection, a very well regarded non-profit, is recruiting 150 volunteers to work with students at Richmond High School. Shelli Fried will present the project to the membership. We are hoping that members will be able to participate. Go to writercoachconnection.org for information and the training schedule.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

PRNC President



AGENDA

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Wednesday, July 25, 2012
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 **Call to Order**
- Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2012** 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report** (Officer Andretich) 10 minutes
- 7:42 **President's Report** Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 5 minutes
- 7:47 **Report on Richmond Ferry** (Megan Bleckinger) 2 minutes
- 7:49 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 2 minutes
- 7:51 **Treasurer's Report** Louise Fender (510) 260-0309 2 minutes
- 7:53 **Report from City on Tewksbury Steps** (City Planning Dept) 10 minutes
- 8:03 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**
2 minutes each (up to 15 minutes)
Point Richmond Business Association, Margi Cellucci
Farmers Market, Margi Cellucci
Westside Women's Club, Norma Jean Wallace (510) 439-8360
Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934
Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey
Red Oak Victory, George Coles
PRNC Safety Committee, Tom Brichta (510) 620-6538
Friends of Richmond Tennis Committee, Garry Hurlbut (glh@tai.org)
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan (510) 234-5334
- 8:18 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee**
- **Shea Homes** (Intro-2 min; Shea Presentation-10 min; LUDRC Recommendation-3 min; Q&A-15 min)
 - **Deck Replacement**, 616 Western Dr. (5 minutes)
- **Items to be considered at the Committee's **August 29** meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by **August 6**. Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com.*
- 8:53 **WriterCoach Connection** (Shelli Fried 10 min; Q&A 5 min)
- 9:08 **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, the issue should be presented to Council for consideration by July 3, 2012 to Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>
- 9:18 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 27, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm
2. Minutes of May 30, 2012 meeting were approved following corrections.
3. **Police Report (Stephen Andretich-sandretich@richmondpd.net)** (Non-emergency number for police assistance--510-233-1214). Officer Andretich reported that there has been an uptick in the crime rate in June. He reviewed recent reports and indicated that there was a sexual assault, DUI, stolen vehicle and indecent exposure listed as some of the reported crimes. He also indicated that the majority of the perpetrators have been apprehended.
4. **President's Report (Margaret Jordan, President 510-412-3673)** Mural update - Cost of mural has been requested at approximately \$12,000 which is significantly higher than the original quote from several years ago. About \$3,000 of that cost is for sandblasting, which was a service donated when the city side of the tunnel was completed. Hope is that someone would be willing to donate sandblasting and Margaret is checking to see if costs associated with this would be tax deductible. It was also proposed that maybe there is someone willing to spearhead fundraising efforts to get this project financed.

Shaw Homes-Seacliff Project - Meetings have been held regarding this project and the next step in moving forward is for them to contact the Planning Commission.

Tennis Project - Court at Nichol Park is completed and project behind the Plunge is continuing.

Family Festival is July 7th at Nichol Park.

Candidates' Night - Plans are being put together for an opportunity to meet and hear local candidates for various positions here in Richmond. Nothing is set yet, but updates to follow.

Thank you to Altha - After several years of managing the refreshments for the Neighborhood Council meetings, Altha has asked for someone to take over for her. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Margaret if you are able to take this on.
5. **Report on Membership (Sue Rosenof 510-599-1197)** Sue continues to work on moving people off of the snail mail list onto the email list. Snail mail is down to 64 people while 272 are now on the email list! Good job Sue! She indicated that the reduction in mailed newsletters is a savings of \$80 each month!
6. **Treasurer's Report (Louise Fender-510-260-0309)** Balance Forward: \$6,257.98; Expenses: \$ 166; Dues collected: \$160, Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$6,220; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94; General Fund: \$6,251.98 **Total Balance: \$16,153.98.**

7. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups

Point Richmond Business Association (Margi Cellucci 510-237-0101) Margi was not available. Marsha Tomassi reported that they continue to update their new website, are growing membership, and now have a brochure.

Point Richmond Farmer's Market (Margi Cellucci) Margi was not available. Marsha Tomassi reported that Point Richmond Farmer's Market will be open each Wednesday from 4 pm to 7 pm through September, with the exception of July 4th when the market will be held from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be a parade starting at the Plunge at 10 am ending at The Last Spot. Marsha handed out tickets to each attendee and a Farmer's Market bag of goodies was given to the lucky holder of the winning ticket. Winner was Dorian Spangler who runs the Youth Program at the Community Center.

Westside Women's Improvement Club (Margaret Morkowski) On recess.

Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) No July meeting. Meet the first Wednesday each month.

Arts of Point Richmond (Altha Humphrey) There are ongoing exhibits in the Post Office and El Sol. APR is a participant of the Art Walk, 3rd Thursday of the month. APR meets three times/year.

Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles) No Pancake Breakfast in July. There will be a BBQ on July 3rd. Next Pancake Breakfast will be August 12th.

Point Richmond Safety Committee (Tom Brichta 510-620-6538) No report.

Friends of Richmond Tennis (Garry Hurlbut (glh@tai.org) New tennis court at Nichol Park complete. July 7th will be "Family Play Day" at Nichol Park from 1pm - 4pm. Project continuing "adopt a park" along the back of the Plunge tennis courts. Looking into adult tennis... stay tuned for updates. Please email Garry for further information.

Point Richmond History Association (Mid Dornan 510-234-5334). Mid was not available. Pat mentioned that work continues on the plaque. Also, it was mentioned that the Point Richmond History Museum will be open during the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays from 4:30 pm to 7 pm.

- 8. Update on Formula Restaurant Ban (Marsha Tomassi)** Concern in our community has been to maintain the historic integrity of Point Richmond and the feeling is that Formula Restaurants were not in the spirit and vision of the residents of Point Richmond. A committee had been created by our last president, Peter Minkwitz, to address this concern. The committee has put together a proposal to change the wording on the zoning ordinance. They are asking that the definition they have crafted be accepted as the definition of what formula restaurants means. The committee has not made a lot of headway, due to two meetings being cancelled recently to address this, but the committee is continuing to follow up and will keep the PRNC informed.
- 9. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee (Rod Satre)** No report. PLEASE NOTE Items to be considered at the Committee's July 25th meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by July 3. Contact Rod at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@live.
- 10. Rosie the Riveter Overview (Marsha Mather-Thrift)** The Visitor Center is open! Marsha presented the PRNC group with a slide presentation of all of the things that are going on with the Rosie Riveter Trust. She encouraged residents to visit the center and look online as there are lots of things happening! Check out www.RosietheRiveter.org and see all that they have to offer!
- 11. Proposed Online Site (Joan Garrett)** Joan presented information about a community-wide neighborhood website www.Nextdoor.com It is a site where neighbors several purposes including: reporting incidents/crime in specific neighborhoods; listing activities, services and exchange of services; announcements; local non-profits; neighborhood watch information; contact information that neighbors wish to share; etc. We are encouraged to check it out and see if this is something we might want to consider trying to get started. Please let Margaret know if this is something that is of interest to you.
- 12. Historic Path (Rod Satre)** Rod was not available, so Margaret Jordan presented. There is a path along Tewksbury between Vacca and Eddy Streets that has been closed off by the city for what appears to be safety reasons. A straw poll taken showed that the majority of members present favored keeping stairs and path intact if possible. It was determined that the first thing that needs to be done is that Margaret will contact Rod and they will check with the city to ask why the path has been closed and what needs to be done if it were to be reopened. Once those questions are asked, further discussion can ensue.

13. Public Forum

- Greg Feltor talked about Veolia having a project on Santa Fe near Pacific and Piedmont. Work will last about 3 weeks from 7 am to 3:30 pm. Road will be restored for use at end of each day.
- Garry Hurlbut inquired about information from Veolia about recent odor issues.
- Dru, a resident living in the Scenic and Tunnel area reports that he has had several break-ins.
- Garry Wigan, new resident, requested information on finding a babysitter.

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14. In Remembrance/Adjourn

Remembered are Bill Vallivero, Casey Johnson, Dody Perry and Amira.

Meeting adjourned.

Becky Garcia, PRNC Secretary (510-237-1752, bgonthego@gmail.com)

Calendar

Sunday, July 22	Film— <i>Jason Becker—Not Dead Yet</i> Jason, a Richmond resident, was on his way to becoming a nationally known guitarist in 1991 when he was diagnosed with ALS. Acclaimed documentary on his extraordinary life and music. 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, East Bay Center for Performing Arts. Tickets available at: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/25833
Wednesday, July 25	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting 7:30–9:00 pm Community Center
Monday, July 30	Next meeting of the PRNC Board of Directors. Call Margaret Jordan for time and place. (510-412-3673)
Tuesday, August 7	Submissions for projects to Land Use/Design Review Committee (LUDRC) to be considered at meeting on Aug. 29 are due. Contact info can be found in Agenda.
Wednesday, August 8	Point Richmond Business Association 12 Noon, Salut�e Speaker: Claudia Pingatore, Contra Costa Green Business Program For reservation contact Andrew Butt (andrew.butt@intres.com)
Friday, August 10	Point Richmond Music Festival 5:30–8:00 pm Featuring Blind Willies, Americana and La Misa Negra, Cumbria
Thursday, August 30	San Francisco Mime Troupe— <i>The Last Election</i> Nicholl Park, 7:00-9:00 pm
Farmers' Market	4:00–7:00 pm (every Wednesday)
Point Richmond Art Walk	6:00–9:00 pm (every third Thursday)

No City Council Meetings in August

Dues for everyone are due the same time every year – May 1st.

This year's dues covers May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. If you have paid dues in the last few months, you're up to date. 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.

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Bring dues to next meeting or mail check and application to: PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807



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