



During Open Forum at our January meeting Joe Puleo alerted us to 100's of small plastic bumpers on the Bay Trail near the parking lots next to the port. A few days later a Seacliff resident reported seeing workers picking up the small pieces! We're not sure, but we're going to assume that a public announcement at our meeting was the impetus to take care of this problem, which had existed for at least several weeks! Thanks Joe!

We have just heard from the Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association (PCFMA) that they are not going to sponsor a Farmers' Market in Point Richmond this year. PCFMA's mission is to support small local farmers. Attendance at our Market wasn't large enough to support this mission. Jessica Millender from PCFMA emphasized that the attendance from Point Richmond (about 18%) is high, but that they don't seem to be able to draw customers from surrounding areas. While we are disappointed, we are exploring another option—a mobile produce truck that could come weekly with locally grown organic fruits and vegetables. We will discuss this option at the February 26 meeting.

Our next membership meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Point Richmond Community Center.

- As described in the December *On Point*, Planning Director Richard Mitchell has ruled that when multiple buildings are being built, the unambiguous 35 feet height limit for buildings in medium residential areas is “an average of 35 feet.” At the General Membership meeting in October we approved the proposed Shea project at the Bottom's Property with the condition that NO individual building exceed the 35 feet height limit. Since then we have been told that we can't appeal Mr. Mitchell's interpretation except by going to the City Council. The LUDRC will be discussing this issue and bringing it to the General Membership meeting where we will consider next steps to resolve our concern.
- In addition to this item, we will hear from the Commodore of the Richmond Yacht Club, and a representative from Chevron will report on a commercial building that is proposed to be built on Castro.

PS: *The Laramie Project* at the Masquers Playhouse ends its run on February 23. It is a fantastic production of a very interesting play! Go this weekend if you can. Also Magick Lantern is showing the highly rated Chilean film *Gloria*.

Join or renew your membership at our monthly meeting or by mail at PRNC, P.O. Box 70386, Pt. Richmond, 94807 (\$10/individual, \$15/family; waived for need).

Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 **Call to order**
Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2013 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report, Sgt. Armando Moreno, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com** 12 minutes
- 7:44 **President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673** 5 minutes
- 7:49 **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267** 2 minutes
- 7:51 **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111** 2 minutes
- 7:53 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** 10 minutes
- 150 Bishop Alley (remodel), Pam Hyland, Owner
 - Castro Street, New commercial buildings, Chevron
 - Interpretation of height limits in medium density residential areas as designated in the General Plan
 - Point Market: Consider request to remove or modify condition of alcoholic beverage license
- Items to be considered at the Committee's meeting for March 26, 2014, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair by March 4, 2014. Contact Rod at rdatre@live.com or (510) 232-5059. The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC Meeting at 6 p.m. at Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place. Please attend if your project is being considered.*
- 8:03 **What's Up at the Richmond Yacht Harbor? Commodore Sue Hubbard** 10 minutes
- 8:13 **Update on Farmers' Market, Gail Eierweiss** 10 minutes
- 8:23 **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups**
Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the Calendar. (2 minutes each-up to 15 minutes)
- Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal, dbschoen@hotmail.com
 - Knit and Such, Terri Phillips, (510) 237-6865
 - Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934
 - Red Oak Victory, George Coles, (510) 234-1045
 - Women's Westside Improvement Club, Norma Jean Wallace, (510) 439-8360
 - Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111
 - Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334
 - Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org
 - TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail
- 8:38 **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, submit issues to Margaret Jordan at 510-412-3673, mjordan00@gmail.com or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm> prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting - scheduled for March 3, 2014.
- 8:48 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 29, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. and the minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting were approved.

2. Police Report (Sergeant Armando Moreno amoreno@richmondpd.net, (510) 965-4916) (Non-emergency number for police assistance 510-233-1214) and PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Report (Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com): Sergeant Moreno introduced the Bravo Unit for our area made up of Officers Peixoto (mitchp@richmondpd.net or 510-621-1212 ext. 1716) and Therriault (btherriault@richmondpd.net or 510-965-5577). These officers will be doing foot and bike patrols and offer extra assistance to the beat officers. They recommend that we call or email with concerns. There were 6 vehicle thefts on Ocean Avenue in December and one robbery. Sergeant Moreno reminded us to call with any suspicious behavior. A list of all Beat 1 officers will be posted on our website. Jon Sutinen reported that there was no crime prevention meeting this month, but he did attend a Disaster Preparedness meeting and found it very informative. He will speak to the PRNC about maybe getting this presentation available to the community.

3. President's Report (Margaret Jordan, President 510-412-3673) Margaret reviewed the activities of the PRNC during 2013 and some ideas for 2014. She highlighted the completion of the mural honoring Peter Minkwitz, completed with a \$2000 grant from the Gateway Foundation. In addition she noted, among many successful activities, the excellent functioning of the LUDRC, the excellent speakers and discussions at General Membership meetings, and progress toward a prohibition of formula restaurants in our C-1 District. Looking ahead she identified organizing volunteers for the Farmers' Market, working with the PRBA and Convention Bureau to work on vitalization of our downtown area, and growing PRNC membership, as tasks for 2014.

4. Membership Report (Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267): Membership is at 176.

5. Treasurer's Report (Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111): General Fund \$9489.67, Bishop Alley Fund \$711.06, and WigWag Fund \$2,970.94. Total Balance: \$13,171.67.

6. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee

- Plans for a garden next to future tennis court, behind the Plunge were recommended with a vote of 7-0 at the LUDRC. The item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for more discussion.
- Coffee Kiosk, 227-249 Tewksbury, James Jacobs, owner. LUDRC approval with a vote of 6-0-1 abstaining. Vote from PRNC approved unanimously.
- 70 Belvedere, New Construction, Brett Fetter, Architect. LUDRC recommended 6-0-1 abstaining, with the 3 following conditions. Front porch redesign, build stairs to existing public access easement and to widen the road for 2 parking spaces. This item was pulled from Consent Calendar.

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7. Programming at Richmond Community Center (Sharolyn Babb, Center Supervisor)

Sharolyn is working with the city managers to develop programming for our community center. Looking at programs such as yoga for homeless, free haircuts for seniors, mature driving classes, etc. Members made other recommendations and offers to contribute.

8. Update on Farmers Market (Gail Eierweiss, Margaret Jordan) 8 people showed up for the Farmers' Market meeting and the message they left with was that they need lots of people to volunteer for a very small amount of time to make the market a success. A sign up notebook will be passed around at each of the PRNC meetings to gather support for the market this year. Please sign up to help out and also write down your ideas.

9. Update on Formula Restaurant Ordinance Nothing new to report. Sign up sheet passed to get names of people who want to be contacted about supporting this effort.

10. Update on Shea Homes Project (Kathryn Dienst) The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is in preparation and will be going for public comment in February. If people would like to comment on it, comments need to be made before April 7. All info on the project is on the city website and updates on it will be on nextdoor.com.

11. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups

(Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the monthly newsletter)

Point Richmond Business Association: (David Schoenthal, dbschoen@hotmail.com) PRBA meetings are the 2nd Wednesday each month. No report.

Women's Westside Improvement Club: (Norma Jean Wallace (510) 439-8360). Meetings are 11:30 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday each month at the Methodist Church. Holiday party was Dec. 3. Looking for ways to use the funds they have to help the community.

Knit and Such: (Terri Phillips (510) 237-6865) Meeting 1st Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. in the Community Center.

Arts of Point Richmond: (Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934) February 22 at 11 a.m. is the next meeting.

Red Oak Victory Ship: (George Coles (510) 234-1045) Volunteers are needed. Tours and activities continue to be held on the ship.

Friends of Richmond Tennis: (Garry Hurlbut, glh@tai.org, (510) 547-8111) All skill levels welcome!

Point Richmond History Association: (Mid Dornan (510) 234-5334) Newsletter coming! Please join!

TRAC (Bruce Beyaert) No report.

Masquers Playhouse: (Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org) New production, The Laramie Project.

Davd Bittinger reported that their sign project is underway, and they are accepting donations to help get more signs out in the community.

12. Public Forum

Joe Puleo brought to our attention that 100's of little plastic bumpers were found while walking on the Bay Trail, that seem to be coming from the car lots. It was recommended that he report this to the Port.

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13. Consent Calendar – After questions were fielded from PRNC members a vote on each of the following items was taken:

- Garden by the Plunge – The PRNC membership unanimously approved.
- 70 Belvedere with the 3 conditions presented by the LUDRC (Front porch redesign; owner to install stairs making a connection along the property line from Belvedere Ave. to the existing Bishop Alley path; and, widen the road for two, 8 ft. x 20 ft. parking spaces.) with a vote of 31 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstaining.

14. In Remembrance/Adjourn: 9:00 pm meeting adjourned in honor of Richmond native Al Frosini, and Julie Tyler, mother of Charmain Tyler, PRNC 2nd Vice President.

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

CALENDAR

Date	Event	For more information
Until February 22	Masquers Playhouse The Laramie Project	www.masquers.org for tickets and reservations
February 21–23 February 28-March 1	The Magick Lantern Film: Gloria	www.themagicklantern.com
Wednesday, February 26 7:30 p.m.	Pt. Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting Point Richmond Community Center	Margaret Jordan, (510) 412-3673
Thursday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.	The Magick Lantern Classic Film: Impact (1949) Free admission	www.themagicklantern.com
Friday, February 28	Point Richmond Jazz Jeremy Cohen First United Methodist Church	www.pointrichmond.com
Saturday, March 1 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Bay Trail Native Plant Restoration	www.pointrichmond.com
Saturday, March 1 10:30-2	Rosie the Riveter Women's History Month Tour	www.pointrichmond.com/ baytrail/calendar.htm
Monday, March 3	Pt. Richmond Neighborhood Council Board Meeting	Margaret Jordan, (510) 412-3673
Saturday, March 8 9-11:30	Richmond Tennis Association Adult Beginners Tennis Play Day Nicholl Park	glh@tai.org
March 14-15 10-5 p.m.	Craneway Pavilion Bay Area Alt Car Expo Free admission	www.craneway.com
Saturday March 22 9-11 a.m.	Richmond Tennis Association Tennis Family Play Day BT Anderson Park	glh@tai.org
March 22-23 10-4 p.m.	Craneway Pavilion EBHQ Voices in Cloth 2014 Extraordinary Quilts by the Bay	www.craneway.com

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- **Knit and Such:** 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Community Center.
- **Point Richmond Business Association:** 2nd Wednesday, 12 noon. Go to www.prba.us/ to view the program and make reservation.
- **Westside Women's Improvement Club:** 1st Tuesday, from September through June, Point Richmond Methodist Church Hall. Bring your lunch at 11:30 a.m. and we'll provide dessert and beverages.
- **City Council Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers.

Be sure to visit www.pointrichmond.com for the most up-to-date "goings-on" around the Point.

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New

Renewal

Individual

Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

*Come to our discussion
about the future of our*

Farmers' Market

at the next PRNC meeting:

*Wednesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.
Point Richmond Community Center*



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