



SUMMER has come to Point Richmond! The weather may be on the chilly side, but, the fun is just beginning! I think it's important that we recognize the many volunteers that make Point Richmond the wonderful place that it is. The first **Music Festival** concert was its usual great success. Four more to go! Thanks to those who work so hard every year to make it happen.

While we will miss the Farmers' Market, the first "**Point to Point Richmond**" on May 10 (a pop-up event created by a few folks from Point Richmond) was a wonderful community event, which included open studios, music, art exhibits displaying works of some of our familiar Point Richmond artists as well as others who came for the event. The volunteer organizers' goal to have "visitors drawn in with a sense of curiosity and adventure" was met. The excitement and joy was palpable. If you missed the event on May 10, you're in luck - Point to Point Richmond will be a monthly event during the summer from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. on June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20. Come and follow the dots for a lot of fun. If you would like to be an active participant sign up at <http://www.Facebook.com/Pt2PtRichmond>.

The **Richmond Crop Swap** is back. Bring extra garden products to swap. You don't need to bring a lot to attend, and you can also bring seedlings, tools or anything related to gardening. Come and trade gardening tips and recipes and have fun! Every Wednesday, by the Main Library from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Updates:

- Check out the newly designed PRNC website, www.pointrichmond.org. Our goal was to make the website more user friendly. The procedures for bringing a project to the LUDRC as well as the times and places of our meetings are more readily available. I particularly like the link on the first page "We're All About Building Community" which a community member posted on <http://www.Nextdoor.com>. Sometimes the simple ideas are the wisest. Suggestions for improvement are welcome. Thanks a lot to David Moore for his website design skills!
- At its meeting on June 3 the City Council voted to approve the design for the house at 70 Belvedere without an easement for the Bishop Alley Path.
- The Shea-Bottoms development will not come before the Planning Commission until November, and will likely not be considered by the City Council until December.

Important Items at the Next Meeting, June 25, 7:30 at the Community Center:

- Aaron Winer will give us a report on developments at the Veolia facility.
- A representative from the Richmond Environmental Justice Coalition will discuss environmental issues related to the Chevron Modernization Project.

Our goal is to schedule meetings that meet your needs. Go to www.pointrichmond.org and let us know about issues that you would like to learn about and/or discuss at meetings. Hope to see you on June 25 at 7:30PM.



Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 28, 2014

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and the minutes of the April 28, 2014 meeting were approved with one change – Cordell Hindler’s last name was misspelled and will be corrected**
- 2. Margaret Jordan noted that due to a communication error, the presentation on Veolia Waste Management is rescheduled for the June 25 meeting and is removed from this agenda.**
- 3. 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):** Sgt. Moreno reported a fairly tame month for crime. There were just two burglaries. He mentioned that the City of Richmond is facing a \$20 million budget deficit this fiscal year and that layoffs are imminent. He added that although Public Safety positions are not at risk, some of the support positions that assist Public Safety are. He reported that soon, officers will be getting body cameras that will be affixed to labels, lenses, etc. and that video on the camera starts 15 seconds prior to activation. Sgt. Moreno commended citizens for quick reports of a suspicious vehicle. Upon inspection, it was indeed stolen and inside the car was a bag of stolen mail as well. Jon Sutinen reported that he toured the 9-1-1 dispatch facility. He encouraged citizens to make sure to get a case number or other identifying number when placing a call to 9-1-1 so that if there’s an issue and the situation isn’t resolved, there is tracking information.
- 4. President's Report (Margaret Jordan, President 510-412-3673):** Margaret welcomed Noelle Harmon as the new secretary to the board. She reported that the website was recently updated (www.pointrichmond.org) and extended gratitude to David Moore for his assistance in the project. If a member notices anything that needs changing, she asked that changes be emailed to her at mjordan00@gmail.com. Margaret also reported that PRNC has been doing well on membership recruitment but there is still a flyer that is going to be mailed out to continue the recruitment effort. Margaret was asked by artist Steve Hurst to mention a studio tour at Bridge Art Studio June 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. She also reported a book event at the Pt. Richmond Library Monday June 2nd from 6:00-7:00 pm with mystery writer Cara Black.
- 5. Membership Report (Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267):** Membership renewal is \$10 per individual and \$15 per household. Charmain reminded members to keep their email addresses updated with the board as she is the member that sends out the newsletter. In the month of May \$710 in membership dues was received a donations of \$155 received.
- 6. Treasurer's Report (Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111):** General Fund \$10,542.31, Bishop Alley Fund \$711.06, and WigWag Fund \$2,970.94. **Total Balance: \$14,224.31**
- 7. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee**

Jane reported that Kaleidoscope Coffee came before the committee and was unanimously approved. Cassie Cushing, Proprietor, gave a presentation on her new business. She began working in a coffee shop as an undergrad in Arizona, leading to an interest in coffee roasting. Her mission is to provide a good quality product with a smile, and she pays particular attention to detail to give the best product possible. Cassie and her husband relocated to the Bay area over a year ago and chose Point Richmond as the place to open a coffee shop. In addition to coffee, there will be ice cream, baked goods, storytelling, and community involvement. Kaleidoscope is “Coffee that tells a story”. It is expected that the shop will open in September. The PRNC Membership unanimously approved the LUDRC recommendation.

***Items to be considered at the Committee's June 25, 2014 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by June 3, 2014. Contact Rod at rdsatre@live.com or (510)232-5059. The LUDRC 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. Report on Garden by the Plunge: Maryn Hurlbut reported that progress is being made on the Garden by the Plunge project located next to the tennis courts. This is a project completed 100% by volunteers. An Indiegogo campaign site has been set up to accept donations for items needed. Work completed to date includes clearing of the site, establishing the water supply, and installation and painting of the new perimeter fence. Remaining items to complete include: completion of electrical, installing drinking fountains, trees and a living fence. Phase II projects are: ADA walkway, benches, and tables. Funds needed are presently estimated at \$40,000. The Indiegogo site is set at \$20,000.

9. Introduction of new Point Richmond Business “Thrive”: Kim Ahonen spoke about her new business. Located next to Aky’s Café Kim reported that she provides services such as haircare, facials (using products that she creates); art consignment, healthy drinks, Yoga by donation, and all natural beauty products. She moved to the area two years ago and keeps hours by appointment only at Thrive. Kim can be reached at 203-893-5759 for an appointment.

10. Report on Chevron Modernization Project: Brian Hubinger was present to update the membership on the project. This is a \$1 billion project that is presently in process of permitting through the City of Richmond. The purpose is to upgrade and/or replace older equipment with newer more efficient equipment in compliance with the CEQA act. Part of the project includes replacing the hydrogen plant, which will make it 20% more efficient. Increased sulfur removal and purer gas are results of these improvements. Pending approval by the Planning Commission, the project could commence at the end of June, 2014 and would take approximately two years for construction. Questions of the audience were answered by Mr. Hubinger. More information can be obtained online at www.richmondproud.com a website sponsored by Chevron.

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) Dave thanked the membership for approving the new business, Kaleidoscope. He reported that PRBA has 58 members in several areas: Pt. Richmond, Pinole, Hercules, and Albany). He noted that the Picnic in the Park has been scheduled for October 18th. He also mentioned another new business that he encouraged members to frequent, called “A Place for Cool Things” at 39 Washington Street. Dave also noted that there are a couple of other new businesses in the pipeline.

-**Knit and Such:** (Terri Phillips (510) 237-6865) Meeting June 4 from 1-3 p.m., in Community Center.

-**Arts of Point Richmond:** (Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934) Meeting June 12th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

-**Red Oak Victory Ship:**(George Coles(510) 234-1045) Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.-1p.m.

-**Women’s Westside Improvement Club:** Recognized by the Historic Preservation Committee for the new map. The last meeting for this year will be Tuesday, June 3, 11:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. It will be Hat Day. The group will start up again in September.

-**Friends of Richmond Tennis:** (Garry Hurlbut, glh@tai.org, (510) 547-8111) The group is thriving with 100 people playing. There are two womens teams. Cost for tennis is \$25/month for 2 lessons/week.

-**TRAC**(Bruce Beyaert)Richmond Bay Trail was recognized in opening of Rosie the Riveter Museum.

-**Masquers Playhouse:** (Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org) No report.

12. Public Forum

a. Linda Newton reported that she had been in contact with Hector Rojas about the Beijing Restaurant sign. He reported that a plan is being worked out with the owners.

b. Raquel Donoso reported that she is running for school board. She and her husband have two sons and have lived in the area for the last 10 years. More information is located on www.raqueldonoso.com

c. Mike Parker reported that he is running for Mayor of Richmond. He expressed his appreciation for the leadership of PRNC.

PLEASE NOTE - 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 before the next PRNC board meeting to Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>

13. In Remembrance/Adjourn: Celebrating the birth of Tucker James Cook and Mercy Glynth; Remembering Jonathan Hurlbut. 9:00 pm. Meeting Adjourned

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CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	For More Information
Saturday June 21 2 – 6 p.m.	Point to Point Central Point Richmond	Facebook.com/Pt2PtRichmond
Sunday June 22 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.	Marina Bay ½ Marathon, 5K, 10K “The Riveter” Craneway Pavilion	Marinabayhalfmarathon.com
Wednesday June 25 7:30 p.m.	Pt. Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting Point Richmond Community Center	Margaret Jordan, (510) 412-367
Thursday June 26 7:30 p.m.	Magick Lantern Mystery Classics Pitfall (1948) Free Admission	www.themagicklantern.com
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays	Masquers Playhouse Dead Man’s Cell Phone Until June 28	www.masquers.org
Monday June 30	Pt. Richmond Neighborhood Council Board Meeting	Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673
Thursday July 3 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Independence Day Celebration Symphony and Fireworks Craneway Pavilion	www.craneway.com/ Events/Upcoming/
Thursday July 3 7:30 p.m.	Magick Lantern Mystery Classics Detour (1945) Free Admission	www.themagicklantern.com
Friday July 11 5:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m	Point Richmond Music Larry Vann and Steep Ravine Central Point Richmond	www.pointrichmondmusic.com

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Knit and Such: 1st Wednesday, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Center.
- Point Richmond Business Association: 4th Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Hotel Mac. Go to www.prba.us/ to view the program and make reservation.
- Women’s Westside 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, Richmond.

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

PAY DUES NOW AND YOU'RE COVERED UNTIL MAY 2015! 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 PRNCC address in front of mailer – delivery will be delayed.**

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Happy Summer in Point Richmond



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