



The Elections are Over! Now is the time for us to come together to build a safe, healthy, and economically stable Richmond. The Point Richmond Neighborhood Council can play an important role in this process. Through our Land Use Design Review Committee we can have input on building projects being considered within our boundaries. We encourage members to bring their concerns to the meetings for discussion. When we need more information we invite staff and policy makers from city hall, as well as community experts to provide information. We take collective action when it is appropriate. We learn about cultural events and volunteer opportunities. We get to know our neighbors. All the experts agree, the best way to prevent crime is for neighbors to know and take care of one another.

You are reading this newsletter because you are a PRNC member. Please take the time to encourage your neighbors to join us for a better Point Richmond. They can go to www.pointrichmond.org to become a PRNC member.

At Its Meeting on November 13 the Planning Commission approved the Shea Project with the General Plan amendment that would allow “planned areas” throughout the city to ignore the 35’ height limit currently in the General Plan. The PRNC had voted in October 2013 that the 35’ limit be respected. Many community members spoke against the height of the buildings and requested that the developers and the city staff consider alternatives that would maintain the 35’ height limit while keeping the number of units at 60, the current number. A major concern was that if this amendment is passed by the City Council, the community would have less power to influence the height of buildings at Terminal One. Those in attendance were disappointed that the Planning Department staff did not permit the commissioners to consider and vote on alternatives. At this point the Council will be considering this project on Tuesday, December 2. Please attend the meeting.

Change of Meeting Date: By the time you receive this newsletter (hopefully before) you will know that, because of the timing of the holidays, the PRNC will be having one November/December meeting on Wednesday, December 3. **The following meeting will be Wednesday, January 28.**

Highlights of Our Next Meeting, Wednesday, December 3:

- Follow-up discussion of LED Street Lights. Report on some research and follow-up conversations with City Staff.
- Report on a community effort to reopen the Magick Lantern.
- Follow-up on Shea Homes project.
- Refreshments and good cheer to end our year together!



**BRING UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR THE
RICHMOND/ELCERRITO FIRE AND POLICE
ANNUAL TOY DRIVE!**

Happy, Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!



Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, December 3, 2014
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 **Call to order**
Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2014 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report, Sgt. Armando Moreno, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com** 10 minutes
- 7:42 **President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673** 3 minutes
- 7:45 **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267** 1 minute
- 7:46 **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 237-6880** 2 minutes
- 7:48 **Announcement of Gateway Foundation Grants (Jeff Lee)** 1 minute
- Land Use/Design Review Committee – No projects scheduled for review.**
Items to be considered at the Committee's January meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by January 6, 2015. Contact Rod at rdsatre@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.
- 7:49 **Report on Community Effort to Bring Back the Magick Lantern (Kate Spaulding)** 12 minutes
- 8:01 **Follow Up Discussion LED Street Lighting** 12 minutes
- 8:13 **Shea Homes Update (Kathryn Dienst)** 5 minutes
- 8:18 **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, (Summer break)**
 - **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**
- 8:33 **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 – 1/5/2015.
- 8:43 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**

BRING UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR THE RICHMOND/ELCERRITO FIRE AND POLICE TOY DRIVE AND JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY REFRESHMENTS AND CONVERSATION!!



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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm. The minutes from the August 27, 2014 meeting were approved. **Board Members Present:** Margaret Jordan, Kathryn Dienst, Charmain Tyler, Noelle Harmon; **Absent:** Jeff Lee, Garry Hurlbut, Megan Bleckinger.
2. **Police Report (Sergeant Armando Moreno amoreno@richmondpd.net (510-965-4916 – non-emergency number for police assistance is 510-233-1214) and PRNC Safety And Crime Prevention Report (Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com):** Lt. Pickett was present in place of Sgt. Moreno. As far as crime in Pt. Richmond from August through the present, there has been a cluster of stolen vehicles during this time. Residential burglaries include three during this time period. There was an armed robbery outside of the Up and Under Pub just past midnight a few weeks ago. One individual was armed with a rifle, and the other with a handgun. Because the business was closed, they robbed individuals outside of the Pub. There were several auto burglaries and some miscellaneous issues. Railroad Blvd. was heavily targeted during this time, which indicates that it was lucrative for the thieves. There are a number of plainclothes officers in the Point. Lt. Pickett encouraged members to reach out to the police when they notice anything unusual or suspicious. Plans for police enforcement include the installation of license plate readers and cameras in Pt. Richmond. Lt. Pickett also reported that catalytic converters are being stolen to sell for salvage.
3. **President's Report (Margaret Jordan 510-412-3673):** Margaret reported that she attended a business luncheon in the Santa Fe neighborhood, and we might think about relating with that neighborhood council more. She also reported that, due to the holidays, the next and last meeting of the year will be December 3rd.
4. **Membership Report (Charmain Tyler 510-334-7267):** We have 191 paid members.
5. **Treasurer's Report (Garry Hurlbut 510-547-8111):** \$354.24 spent on projector. \$200 donated to Picnic in the Point. Dues received \$75 this month. **General Fund Balance: \$9,414.67; Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94. Total funds: \$13,096.67.**
6. **Report from Land Use Design Review Committee:**
 - a. **LED Light Program:** Adam Lenz reported that the City of Richmond engaged PG&E to upgrade all of the streetlights. The existing lights have been upgraded with LED lights. In addition, some citizens were concerned about not enough lighting, so therefore, LED lights have been installed on empty poles. Since some of the new lights have been installed there have been concerns voiced by some of the residents. Yader Bermudez reported that if lights are not wanted, citizens can ask to have them removed.

- b. **Remodel at 715 Golden Gate (Brent Federer, Designer):** The Land Use Design Review Committee approved this remodel unanimously. There were no objections to the proposed remodel. There was a motion and second to approve the recommendation of LUDRC. The vote to approve was 18-1.
 - c. **The Point Development:** This was approved 4-2 with the condition that the gate not be locked during daylight hours. The pedestrian and parking gate will be secured during nighttime hours. Todd Whitlock, of West Builders, and David Trachtenberg, Trachtenberg Architects, were present. The new plan includes 27 1-2 bedroom townhouses behind Mechanics Bank. A view corridor and open space has been added to the plan. Ground floor one bedroom units have been added due to comments from PRNC in August. The upper two-bedroom units have patio/balconies. A motion and second was made to accept the recommendation of the LUDRC to approve this project as presented. The vote was 21-1 in favor of this project.
7. **Emergency Preparedness:** Rocky Saunders, Chairman of Brickyard Landing Emergency Preparedness Committee, gave a presentation on being prepared in the event of an emergency. This powerpoint presentation will be available on the PRNC website for all to view.
8. **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups**
(Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the monthly newsletter)
Point Richmond Business Association: No report.
Knit and Such: (Terri Phillips 510-237-6865) Meeting November 5th 1:00-3:00
Arts of Point Richmond: (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) Meeting November 13th from 7:00-8:30. Show will be December 6th 11:00 – 5:00.
Red Oak Victory Ship: (George Coles 510-234-1045) No report
Women’s Westside Improvement Club: Meeting November 4th 11:30 at the United Methodist Church.
Point Richmond History Association: Newsletter coming out this week. They will soon have a Facebook page.
Richmond Tennis: (Garry Hurlbut glh@tai.org, 510-547-8111) No report.
Masquers Playhouse: *My Three Angels* plays November 14 - December 7.
TRAC: (Bruce Beyaert): Richmond has more than 32 miles of Bay Trail built, with 10 miles to go. Next week the City will give the notice to proceed on several sections of new trail. There is a possibility of having a Bay Trail bike lane (both ways) on the top deck of the San Rafael Bridge. There are meetings with Caltrans to try to secure this.
9. **Public Forum**
- a. Linda Newton – Concerned about crude by rail and would like the board to consider a meeting on this as soon as possible.
 - b. Mike Parker – Wanted to point out that Chevron will be paying people to campaign next Tuesday, on Election Day. He asked that people who would like to volunteer to campaign for other candidates to notify him if interested.
10. **In Remembrance/Adjourn:** In memory of Sheila Fostiak, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	For More Information
Friday, Saturday, Sunday Until December 13	Masquers Playhouse My Three Angels	www.masquers.org
Thursday November 27 10 a.m.	Annual Turkey Shoot Meet in front of the Plunge (No turkeys will actually be shot.)	www.pointrichmond.com
Friday November 28 7:30 p.m.	Point Richmond Jazz Anthony Blea Afro-Cuban Quartet First United Methodist Church	www.pointrichmond.com
Saturday November 29 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Point Richmond Annual Tree Lighting Indian Statue Park	www.pointrichmond.com
Wednesday December 3 7:30 p.m.	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting Pt. R. Community Center	Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673
Saturday December 6 11:00-4:30 p.m.	Arts of Point Richmond Holiday Arts and Crafts Faire Pt. R. Community Center	www.pointrichmond.com
Saturday December 20 10:00 a.m.	Annual Holiday Crafts and Bake Sale First United Methodist Church	www.pointrichmond.com
Saturday-Sunday December 20-21 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	44th Annual KPFA Crafts Fair Craneway Pavilion Tickets: \$10, \$5, and free	www.craneway.com
Monday January 5	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Board Meeting	Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673

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.**

New

Individual

Renewal

Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____



*Please bring an unwrapped toy for the
Richmond and El Cerrito
Police and Fire Department
Annual Toy Drive*



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