



**Candidates Night 2014:** The PRNC Candidates Night was a great success with about 100 people in attendance. Thanks again to the Richmond Yacht Club which opened its doors for us. We certainly couldn't have had a more beautiful setting or more helpful and gracious hosts.

**Traffic Back-up on I-580 at Bridge:** There has been an increasing traffic back-up at the approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge in the mornings with noticeable back-ups on I-580. When we contacted Cal Trans we were told that there was an increase of 1000 cars in August 2014 over August 2013 and an increase of 2500 vehicles in September 2014 over the previous September. Cal Trans is exploring several options, such as ramp metering, that may help to alleviate the backups. We'll send out information as we get it.

**LED Lights in Point Richmond:** The city is installing LED street lights in Point Richmond. A number of residents have been concerned that the LED's create too much light, coming in to bedroom windows and obstructing views. Yader Bermudez, Director of Public Works, will be at our October meeting to describe the plan and get input from the community. Yader will describe procedures that neighborhoods may use to have the lights removed. Petitions will be available at the meeting.

**Important Planning Commission Date:** The Planning Commission will be meeting on November 13 for final recommendations on the Shea Bottoms Environmental Impact Report. Of particular concern to our community is the maximum height limit of the buildings and the General Plan 2030 amendment required to accommodate height changes. We encourage interested residents to attend.

### Highlights of our next PRNC General Meeting, Wednesday, October 29:

- LED Street Lights in Point Richmond.
- Discussion of a residential remodel at 715 Golden Gate (Brant Fetter-Designer)
- Presentation and discussion of "The Point", a proposed development behind Mechanics Bank.
- Rocky Saunders, a resident of Brickyard will give us the first of what we hope will be several presentations on Emergency Preparedness.

As you can see the agenda for the meeting is *very full!* We'll start promptly at 7:30.

### We Hope to See You All At the Meeting!



Margaret Jordan, President  
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

**NOTE: Because of the holiday schedule, there will be NO PRNC meeting in November. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3, followed by our first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.**



# AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
Wednesday, October 29, 2014  
Point Richmond Community Center

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- 7:30 **Call to order**  
**Approval of Minutes from July 30, 2014** 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report, Sgt. Armando Moreno, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Jon Sutinen, [jsutinen@yahoo.com](mailto:jsutinen@yahoo.com)** 10 minutes
- 7:42 **President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673** 2 minutes
- 7:44 **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267** 1 minute
- 7:45 **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 237-6880** 2 minutes
- 7:47 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee**
- **LED Lighting in Point Richmond (Yader Bermudez, Director Public works)** 10 minutes
  - **Remodel at 715 Golden Gate (Brent Federer, Designer)** 15 minutes
  - **"The Point" Condos/Townhouses (Todd Whitlock Developer)** 12/13 minutes

Items to be considered at the Committee's December meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by November 11, 2014. Contact Rod at [rdsatre@live.com](mailto: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.

- 8:37 **Emergency Preparedness (Rocky Saunders)** 12/13 minutes

- 9:02 **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](mailto: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](http://www.masquers.org)**
  - **TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, [www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail](http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail)**

- 9:17 **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](mailto:mjordan00@gmail.com) or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting – November 10, 2014.

- 9:27 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm. The minutes from the July 30, 2014 meeting were approved. **Board Members Present:** Margaret Jordan, Kathryn Dienst, Garry Hurlbut, Charmain Tyler, Megan Bleckinger, Noelle Harmon.
2. **Police Report (Sergeant Armando Moreno [amoreno@richmondpd.net](mailto: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](mailto:jsutinen@yahoo.com)):** Officer Moreno reported an increase in auto burglaries in July. There were five entries. Officer Moreno reminded the citizens to keep valuables out of sight, keep an eye on the neighbors, and call in any suspicious activity.
3. **President's Report (Margaret Jordan 510-412-3673):** Margaret announced that the September meeting will be a City Council candidate's night at the Richmond Yacht Club. It will be Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. She asked for volunteers to help organize this event. She also indicated that she attended the PRBA lunch today and was encouraged about the new swimming lesson program at the Plunge that is available for children and adults. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the group will hold a benefit swim at Keller Cove.
4. **Membership Report (Charmain Tyler 510-334-7267):** We have 129 members.
5. **Treasurer's Report (Garry Hurlbut 510-547-8111):** Dues received of \$820 this month. **General Fund Balance: \$9,845.72; Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94. Total funds: \$13,572.72.**
6. **Report from Land Use Design Review Committee:** The Point Townhouse project was approved as long as no variances are required (Todd Whitlock, Developer). The project includes 17 unit townhouses behind Mechanics Bank with a parking lot for 30 (28 are required) cars. The vision is to create a pedestrian-oriented pocket neighborhood. The desire is for these townhouses to become rental houses. Triple glazing and insulated walls are included in the plan to mitigate the noise from the train. A motion and second was made to table the discussion on this project. The majority (23 to 7) voted to table the discussion until the October meeting.
7. **Update on Shea Homes:** A revised draft EIR (RDEIR) has been published and comments are accepted until September 25<sup>th</sup>. Kathryn Dienst reported that alternatives have been added to the proposed development. The alternatives have been compared in terms of height, units, number of buildings, and whether a General Plan Amendment is required for the alternatives. She is encouraging the members to look at the General Plan and look at the RDEIR to determine how to submit comments and questions on the project. Rob Wainright spoke on behalf of Shea Homes. He also encourages a thorough read of the RDEIR to become familiar with the alternatives and make any comments necessary. A copy is available on [www.bottomsproperty.com](http://www.bottomsproperty.com). In regards to the alternatives, he stated that each alternative is analyzed for aesthetics, environmental issues, and feasibility. He reported that if an alternative wasn't feasible to build, then it was not further analyzed or recommended for approval.

8. **Amendment to Sign Ordinance:** Margaret reported that this issue is coming before the Planning Commission on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Margaret further reported that the issue is that the General Plan did not include enough information on signs and this sign will be located on the scenic highway. LED signs are not allowed on the scenic highway. In the proposed amendment there is language that reduces the segment of I-580 (historically designated a Scenic Route) from Central Avenue to the Richmond San Rafael Bridge to Central Avenue to Bayview Avenue. There is a request to install an LED sign promoting retail at the Hilltop mall to help bring in business, within this area that has traditionally been a Scenic Route. A consensus of the members present voiced support of Margaret to write a letter to the Planning Commissions in opposition to the changes regarding sign designation of the Scenic Route 580. A Hilltop community leader - Cesar Zepeda was present and reported that the mall presently does not have an owner and is facing serious financial difficulties. Many stores have shut down. The Planning Commission is considering that for the one (1) lighted sign they are requesting, they will remove 10 signs to compensate.
9. **Uche Uwahemu, Mayoral Candidate:** Uche expressed his excitement about running for Mayor of Richmond and thanked the members for inviting him to speak. Uche moved from Nigeria 28 years ago and grew up in Washington D.C. He moved to the Bay Area several years ago. Uche reported a lot of struggles and things in Richmond that are not working due to lack of leadership. He believes that residents want the city to go in a new direction and he feels that he can provide the community the best chance to move forward due to his qualifications in business management, business development and law. He handed out cards with his qualifications and platform listed.

#### 10. **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups**

*(Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the monthly newsletter)*

Point Richmond Business Association: Margaret reported that Dave Schoenthal is stepping down as president in October and the group is in need of a new president.

Knit and Such: (Terri Phillips 510-237-6865) Meeting September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-3:00

Arts of Point Richmond: (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) Meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30. Point to Point will be September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00 pm.

Red Oak Victory Ship: (George Coles 510-234-1045) No Report

Women's Westside Improvement Center: The group will resume September 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Methodist Church.

Richmond Tennis: (Garry Hurlbut [glh@tai.org](mailto:glh@tai.org), 510-547-8111) Still working on the courts. The City recreation department is running classes for all ages.

Masquers Playhouse: The current show until September 20<sup>th</sup> is called Berlin to Broadway. - Tickets are \$22 each. They are also participating in the Point to Point September 20<sup>th</sup> and attendees can get a tour of the theatre. Androcles and the Lion will be playing September 26-28. There will be a fundraiser show October 10-12 and October 17-19 of Sherlock Holmes and the Hounds of Baskerville (it will be a parody).

TRAC: (Bruce Beyaert) No Report

#### 11. **Public Forum**

- a. Victor Morales reported regarding Wig Wag and wanted an update on the status of PRNC obtaining non-profit status. Garry Hurlbut reported that it is still in process.
- b. AJ Benham requested that PRNC consider inviting School Board candidates to speak at a meeting before the election.
- c. Linda Newton reported an increasing amount of litter on her morning walks in Point Richmond. She is asking that after the sanitation department has emptied trash cans that businesses and residents sweep in front of their properties.

#### 12. **In Remembrance/Adjourn:** In honor of Cordell's niece Audrey. Adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

# CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	For More Information
Friday October 24 7:30 p.m.	Point Richmond Jazz Concert Jason Anick and Rhythm Future First United Methodist Church	<a href="http://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org/">www.pointrichmondmethodist.org/</a>
Sunday October 26 2-7 p.m.	Open Studio and Exhibit 6 Artists 5 Hours 38 Washington Ave.	<a href="http://www.pointrichmond.com">www.pointrichmond.com</a>
Wednesday October 29 7:30	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting Community Center	Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673
Friday October 31 Starting 6:30 a.m.	Annual Breakfast to Support Richmond/El Cerrito Police and Fire Holiday Toy Program Courtyard by Marriot, Hilltop	RSVP Rod (408) 313-8117
Monday November 3	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Board Meeting	Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673
Friday, Saturday, Sunday November 14- December 7 8 p.m.	Masquers Playhouse My Three Angels	<a href="http://www.masquers.org">www.masquers.org</a>
Wednesday December 3 7:30	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting Community Center	Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673

## Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Knit and Such: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Center.
- Point Richmond Business Association: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Hotel Mac. Go to [www.prba.us/](http://www.prba.us/) to view the program and make reservation.
- Women’s Westside Improvement Club: 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Richmond.

Be sure to visit [www.pointrichmond.com](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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***Come and hear about your neighborhood.***

***Participate in discussions on:***

- ***New LED Lighting***
- ***The Point Townhouses***
- ***Emergency Preparedness***



***PRNC October Meeting:***

***Wednesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.***

***Point Richmond Community Center***

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