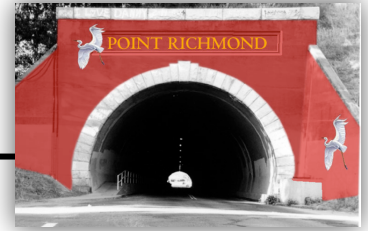




ON POINT *February 2015*



WE NEED YOU! Our Annual Elections are coming up in April. We will be electing a 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer for 2 year terms. In addition to attending the monthly general membership meeting, officers meet monthly for a Board Meeting. The specific responsibilities of each position are described in the PRNC By-laws that are online at our website (www.prnc.org) under "About Us." I think that most of us who have served throughout the years can testify that the time commitment is well worth the camaraderie and the pleasure of working for the betterment of Point Richmond. We also need volunteers to be on the **Nominating Committee**. The Committee will meet a few times during March to recruit volunteers for the open offices. If you have a glimmer of interest in joining the Board or being part of the Nominating Committee give me a call 510-412-3673 for more information.

The Best Laid Plans...At the last minute both discussions scheduled for the January meeting (a presentation on the proposed **Terminal One** project as well as a presentation and discussion of a resolution requesting the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to reconsider the permit to bring "**Crude By Rail**" into Richmond) were cancelled. Given their importance we are rescheduling both of these presentations. At our meeting on **February 25** Laconia Development will be giving a presentation on the proposed project for the Terminal One property and will be asking us for our input on the project as it currently is planned. It is likely that there will be ongoing discussion and revisions before the plans are complete. It is very important that you attend the meeting to make your views known. On March 25 we will hear a presentation on "Crude by Rail" and consider a resolution asking the Bay Area Air Quality District to reopen the permitting process and allow for public comment. The resolution is on the PRNC website.

Pre-Oscar Fundraiser for the Magick Lantern Theater: The Magick Lantern is one step closer to opening its doors so we can enjoy movies in Point Richmond. Last week the organizers received free seats for the theater—beautiful red velvet seats! This was a big boost, but more money is needed. A Pre-Oscar Fundraiser will take place at the theater (behind Starbucks) on Saturday, February 21 from 1-4PM. Come for food, wine, live, music, a silent auction. You will be able to predict who will win the Oscars. And the seats will be on display. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more info go to Magick Lantern on Facebook.

Thanks to the members of the **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition** we should soon be able to experience the new LED street lights that are being installed on all our telephone and PG&E poles at levels of intensity from 25% of maximum to 100%. All lights on Montana Street will be set at 25%, while the lights on Idaho will be set at intensities of 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%. The Coalition will notify us on Next Door Point Richmond when the lights are set so we can go by and see what we think would be the best for our specific blocks.

We are all sad to hear of the passing of George Coles. We loved him and appreciated all he did for our community. We will miss his enthusiastic contributions to the PRNC meetings as our liaison to the Red Oak Victory Ship. His enthusiasm was infectious and led many of us to enjoy the wonderful Red Oak Victory breakfasts where he kept us happy with his wonderful Mimosas. He preserved and kept alive the history of the Native Americans who called Richmond "home". We will miss him.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Jordan".

Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 Call to order**
Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2015 2 minutes
- 7:32 Point Richmond Business Association, Crime and Safety Committee, Dave Schoenthal, dbschoen@hotmail.com 10 minutes**
- 7:42 President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 5 minutes**
- 7:47 Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 1 minute**
- 7:48 Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111 5 minutes**
- 7:53 Land Use/Design Review Committee**
Items to be considered at the March meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by March 8. Contact Rod at rdsatre@live.com, (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.
- New Home, near Marine and Golden Gate (Bay side)
APN 558-242-012 of 3000SF Lot. (Parker applicant) 5 minutes**
 - Terminal One – Presentation and discussion 12/25 minutes**
- 8:35 Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups**
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**
 - Women's Westside Improvement Club, Norma Wallace**
 - 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**
 - Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559**
 - Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510)-697-2742**
- 8:50 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 – 3/4/2015.
- 9:00 In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order 7:35 pm. The minutes from December 3, 2014, meeting were approved with two corrections (Women's Westside Improvement Club and Gateway Foundation Grant to Washington School PTA for "Art classes conducted in partnership with the Richmond Art Council" for grades K-6.). Board Members Present: Margaret Jordan, Kathryn Dienst, Charmain Tyler, Megan Bleckinger, Jeff Lee, Garry Hurlbut.
2. **Police Report (Sergeant Armando Moreno amoreno@richmondpd.net and PRNC Safety And Crime Prevention Report (Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com)** Not present.
3. **President's Report (Margaret Jordan 510-412-3673):** Secretary Noelle Harmon has moved and Mary Lee Cole volunteered to serve as interim Secretary until April PRNC officer elections. Positions to be filled are: Treasurer, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary. The Board is always looking for new people to get involved in PRNC and invites members to consider running for office. The Nominating Committee will consist of President Margaret Jordan, Bruce Beyaert, a Board Member and two community PRNC members. There is a change in this evening's agenda because Laconia Development's presentation and the proposed, "Risks of Kinder Morgan's Crude by Rail Program" resolution have been postponed to the Feb. 25th meeting. Teacher Charmain Tyler will present information about California's new Common Core Standards.
4. **Membership Report (Charmain Tyler 510-334-7267):** We have 209 paid members. Membership dues are due April 30, 2015. Those who joined beginning January 2015 are paid members until April 30, 2016.
5. **Treasurer's Report (Garry Hurlbut 510-237-6880): General Fund Balance: \$10,786.65; Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94 Total funds: \$14,468.65.** Garry noted that the Board is discussing ways of donating some of these General Funds to activities that benefit the local Point Richmond community. Discussion set later on this evening's agenda.
6. **Land Use/Design Review Committee:** The committee recommended approval for small remodel at 875 Ocean Ave. with a suggestion to use pavers. Don Miller, the owner and an architect, showed plans for a carport expansion to include a studio. Plans were approved.
7. **Common Core Standards in Public Schools – How do they affect our children's education?** Charmain Tyler, Richmond teacher, presented a summary of the new Common Core Standards. The previous state standards were established in 1997 and needed to be updated. Charmain showed portions of a video that WCCUSD created to explain the new standards to parents and community members. Common Core Standards introduce multiple methods and require more complex teaching, learning, and assessment measures.
8. **Update on LED street light demos:** Jordan deStaebler presented Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition's update. RSLC supports LED lights but questions using so many street lights. RSLC requested the City conduct a demonstration project on two streets in Point Richmond. One with power graded lights at 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%; the other with lights set at 25%. These options could be discussed at PRNC. The City hasn't agreed to this project. President Margaret Jordan noted that the City is cooperating and willing to look at lighting on a street by street basis.

9. The PRNC: Community Projects/Issues of Interest. Treasurer Garry Hurlbut led a discussion on donating PRNC funds to local community organizations. Suggestions for donations included:

1. Install a community bulletin board at W. Richmond and Washington Ave. to match the Westside Women's Improvement Club's town map at W. Richmond and Park Place
2. Support the Magick Lantern
3. Expand PRNC's donations to include contributing to the charitable activities of the Santa Fe Neighborhood Council.
4. Develop grade level, hands-on learning projects for Washington School to help students learn to contribute to their community
5. Support the Garden Project at Washington School
6. Provide scholarships for the Kids Swim Team at the Plunge
7. Stripe the crosswalks and improve the signage to make the streets safer for walkers
8. Make the Wig/Wag operational

President Margaret Jordan encouraged people to go to the PRNC website to make suggestions. The PRNC Board can donate small amount, up to \$200, but requests for more than \$200 require membership approval.

9. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups

- **Point Richmond Business Association**, Dave Schoenthal, dbschoen@hotmail.com: Recent general membership meeting focused on ADT business and residential security systems. RPD will install cameras in the Point this March; beginning at the W. Richmond/Railroad Ave. entrance to town. PRBA discussed forming a business improvement district.

- **Knit and Such**, Terri Phillips, (510) 237-6865)

- **Arts of Point Richmond**, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934: New exhibit at Post Office; Artful Conversation, Feb. 12, 7-8:30 pm; Membership meeting Feb. 26, 7 pm, Community Center

Red Oak Victory, Pat Pearson for George Coles, (510) 234-1045; Come and enjoy the ship.

- **Women's Westside Improvement Club**, Norma Wallace; Meeting Feb. 3, 11:30 am at Methodist Church to vote on donations. March 3 meeting will feature Lynne Tingle from Milo Foundation.

- **Richmond Tennis**, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111; New court is being surfaced and Richmond Tennis has a new logo shirt.

- **Point Richmond History Association**, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334: Come and enjoy.

- **TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail**, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail

- **Magick Lantern**, Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559 presented the Pre-Oscar Preview Party Fund Raiser on Sat. Feb. 21, 1-4 pm, at 125 Park Place.

10. Suggestions for future meeting topics:

Cal Trans update on the San Rafael Bridge

Explanation of why Ferry Point Tunnel still leaks water

TRAC presentation

Presentation by new Congress person on federal regulations on local trains

11. Remembering Long term PRNC Leader and Member, George Coles: Community shared memories and stories about George Coles.

12. Public Forum: Richmond Adult Swim is \$15 a session

13. In Remembrance/Adjourn: In honor of George Coles the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Mary Lee Cole PRNC Interim Secretary,
(510) 334-6779, mlcole@yahoo.com

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Individual

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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
February Meeting:***

***Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.
Point Richmond Community Center***

Meeting Highlights:

- ***Terminal One Presentation and Discussion***
 - ***PRBA Crime and Safety Committee***

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