



ON POINT *January 2015*



Best wishes for a wonderful 2015!

Thanks to everyone who donated a toy for the Fire and Police Toy Drive. The toys were much appreciated as was the money donated by the PRNC for 5 bikes and helmets.

Shea-Bottoms Property: The PRNC membership reviewed the Shea/Bottoms project in October 2013 and agreed that the project was attractive and well-designed. But, we had a few conditions of approval, the most important of which was that the project stay within the 35' height limit as described in the General Plan 2030. On December 16, 2014, in order to clear the way for the project which exceeds the 35' height limit, the City Council approved a General Plan amendment which removed height limits from Planned Areas in areas zoned Medium Density and approved the Shea/Bottoms project with a height limit of 44 feet. The issue was finalized on January 6, 2015, when the Council approved the rezoning required for the project to move on. This was a disappointing outcome for many members of our community.

Terminal One: Next up is the proposed Terminal One Project. Laconia Development will be giving a presentation on the proposed project at the PRNC membership meeting on January 28 and will ask 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. Given the process described above many of us have trepidations about the approval process, but it is still very important that you attend the meeting to make your views known.

PRNC Elections: Noelle Harmon resigned her position as secretary of the PRNC effective immediately. Noelle's husband was transferred to Colorado. We thank Noelle for her work for the PRNC and send her and her husband our best wishes in their new adventure. Mary Lee Cole stepped up and volunteered to fill in as secretary until the PRNC annual elections, which will be held in April. The Board approved Mary Lee as interim secretary. Elections for PRNC officers will be held at our annual meeting in April. We will be electing a Secretary, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer for 2 year terms. The responsibilities of each position are described in the PRNC By-laws that are online at our website (www.prnc.org). Please consider putting your name forward to the nominating committee, or names of others in the community.

Magick Lantern Theater: All of you who enjoyed films at the Magick Lantern Theater know what a loss its closing was to our community. Fortunately a non-profit is being organized to bring the theater back! What they need most at this time is money (lots of it)! Contributions can be sent to magicklantern.org. Call Kate or Fred at (510) 232-2559 for more information.

Kinder Morgan Crude-By-Rail in Richmond: Andres Soto, Richmond organizer for Communities for a Better Environment, will give a presentation outlining concerns about the Kinder Morgan "Crude by Rail" program in Richmond, as well as the procedures by which the program was initiated without the knowledge or approval of the Richmond community or city officials. We will be asked to consider the attached resolution that has already been endorsed unanimously by the WCCUSD School Board and the majority of the Richmond City Council asking that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District rescind the permission given to Kinder Morgan to bring Baaken Crude Oil into Richmond by rail, and open the question to full CEQA review.

The PRNC is dedicated to serving the needs of the community. Please let us know if there are topics or issues that you would like to discuss at a monthly membership meeting. Send ideas to mjordan00@gmail.com or to prnc@pointrichmond.org. Hope to see you at the membership meeting, January 28, 7:30 PM.

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

Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
 Wednesday, January 28, 2015
 Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 **Call to order**
Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2014 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report, Sgt. Armando Moreno, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep,** 10 minutes
 Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com
- 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) 547-8111** 1 minute
- 7:47 **Land Use/Design Review Committee**
 Items to be considered at the Committee's February meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by February 8, 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.
- **875 Ocean Ave. (Don Miller)** 3 minutes
 - **Terminal One – Presentation and discussion** 10/20 minutes
- 8:20 **"The Risks of Kinder Morgan's Crude by Rail Program," and Resolution Vote (Andres Soto, CBE)** 15/15 minutes
- 8:50 **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, dbshoen@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 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**
- 9:05 **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 – 2/2/2015.
- 9:15 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. The minutes from the October 29, 2014, meeting were approved. **Board Members Present:** Margaret Jordan, Kathryn Dienst, Charmain Tyler, Noelle Harmon, Megan Bleckinger, Jeff Lee, Garry Hurlbut.
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):** Jon Sutinen reported that the RPD gave tips to be aware of during the holidays. One tip was when shopping and taking packages to your car, move your car so that thieves are not watching your packages placed in the car with the car in the same location. Another tip was to wrap your credit cards in tin foil or purchase a coated sleeve to protect the data from being stolen. The final tip was to protect your home from fire particularly with live trees drying out and becoming fire hazards. Keep the trees watered and if a fire does occur, get out quickly and call 9-1-1.
3. **President's Report (Margaret Jordan 510-412-3673):** Secretary Noelle Harmon will be leaving the area in January. The board needs to appoint another Secretary to fill the un-expired term until April 2016. Please let Margaret know if you are interested in the position. The duties are to take minutes at the Board and General Meetings. The board took an action on a request from the president of the Hilltop neighborhood district. The request was for the President of PRNC to sign a letter, that City Manager Lindsay prepared, to request that CEQA not approve a permit to bring in Bakken Crude by rail, as the permit wasn't put through the proper process before being granted. The vote of the board was 4-3. The next meeting of PRNC is January 28. The PRNC will donate money to the El Cerrito/Richmond Police and Fire toy drive to purchase 5 bicycles and helmets at a cost of \$47 per bicycle/helmet.
4. **Membership Report (Charmain Tyler 510-334-7267):** We have 198 paid members, with 5 members pending (as of tonight's meeting).
5. **Treasurer's Report (Garry Hurlbut 510-547-8111): General Fund Balance: \$9,671.65; Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94 Total funds: \$13,353.65.** Garry has been diligently working on some issues related to the legal status of the PRNC. We finally have reached a successful conclusion and are now a legal, non-profit organization.
6. **Announcement of Gateway Foundation Grants:** 13 organizations received grants totaling \$16,000 including: PRAM; The tennis courts and Plunge Garden next to the tennis courts; Arts of Point Richmond; Point Richmond History Association; Edible garden at Washington School; PRBA; Women's Westside Improvement Group; Masquers Playhouse; Our Lady of Mercy Church; David Moore who has worked for many years in the community building and maintaining PointRichmond.com; Richmond Arts Council; Richmond Swim Club.
7. **Report from Land Use Design Review Committee:** No projects scheduled for review.
8. **Report on Community Effort to Bring Back the Magick Lantern:** Kate Spaulding reported that a fundraising effort is underway to supply start-up costs and be able to reopen the theater as a non-profit organization. She presented a power point that included the mission statement that was prepared to file the documents for the organization. This is intended to be membership driven and members will be able to assist with film selection. Future plans include creating a film festival, however this group is still in the beginning stages of how to set up the organization for success. Members are welcome. Donations are needed and are tax deductible. Initial start-up costs are listed at approximately \$24,000. There are memberships available. For the first six months the plan is to have no paid staff members, but after that point the organization should be fully functional. There will be an open house from 1-4 pm this Saturday, December 6, at the location of the former theater.

9. **Follow up Discussion on LED Street Lighting:** Several residents have been talking with the city about the LED street lighting concerns. A new group was formed called Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (RSLC). The group is supportive of LED lights, but they are concerned because of the brightness of the newly installed lights and some poles have not been turned on yet. They feel that more lights may not be a good thing. The group would like the citizens to determine if new lights are needed. The group is looking at all options to fine-tune the new lights. The current request of the city is to do a demonstration project on one of the streets in Point Richmond to illuminate them at different levels in order to determine the best level. With enough citizen support, a demonstration is more likely to be scheduled. If and when that happens, information will be provided on Next Door Point Richmond.com.
10. **Shea Homes Update:** Kathryn Dienst reported that the Terminal One project has been filed and information can be found on the city planning website. Shea project went through the Planning Commission hearing. 8 speakers were in support of the project. There were 38 speakers total. The remaining 30 that opposed the project were mainly homeowners in the area. They were also concerned about the General Plan Amendment not being in favor of the residents, but rather favored the developer. The final vote of the Planning Commission was 3-2 in favor of the project. The City Council hearing was postponed to December 16.
11. **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups**
(Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the monthly newsletter)
- Point Richmond Business Association: Dave Schoenthal reported that the PRBA has a new website: pointrichmondbusiness.com. He appreciated all the support of the business community in Pt. Richmond.
- Knit and Such: (Terri Phillips 510-237-6865) There is no meeting in December, but the first meeting of 2015 is January 7th 1:00-3:00 pm.
- Arts of Point Richmond: (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) Arts of Point Richmond has a holiday arts and craft fair this Saturday, December 6th from 11:00-4:30 pm.
- Red Oak Victory Ship: (George Coles 510-234-1045) No report
- Women's Westside Improvement Club: Women of any age are invited on the First Tuesday of the month beginning in February 2015. New members are always welcome.
- Point Richmond History Association: Received \$1,000 donation from the Gateway Foundation that will provide the funds for a new roof.
- Richmond Tennis: (Garry Hurlbut glh@tai.org, 510-547-8111) Asphalt will be completed for the second court by next week. There is a toddler tennis program (age 3-5 years) starting in January.
- Masquers Playhouse: My Three Angels plays until December 7. A subscription drive for 2015 Season Tickets is in process. All five shows for \$90, plus two additional shows.
- TRAC: (Bruce Beyaert): No report.
- Point Richmond Music: There are two shows at the Methodist Church in December. December 12 will feature Kit Eakle. In January, band screening for the summer concert series will begin.

12. Public Forum

- a. Megan Bleckinger announced that she will be having an open house at Cerda Art Studio on West Richmond this Sunday at 5:00 pm with a raffle included. This will benefit PRAM.
 - b. Mid Dornan announced a bake sale on December 20th at the Methodist Church.
 - c. Linda Newton reported a craft fair at the Craneway on Dec. 20th to support KPFA.
 - d. Steve Birnbaum reported a note on the Next Door Website about the chemical odor in the air. He encouraged members to gather together to take up this cause and work toward better air quality.
 - e. Jesse West reported concerns about speeding in the Point. She and a neighbor will try to get money to put signs on posts to encourage people to watch their speed through the neighborhoods. Jesse encourages members who would like to help to send her a message on Next Door Point Richmond.
13. **In Remembrance/Adjourn:** In honor of the birth of Emilia Joy, who was born December 3rd, to the niece of Charmain Tyler, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

CALENDAR

| DATE | EVENT | For More Information |
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| Friday January 23 7:30 p.m. | Pt. Richmond Jazz Sylvia Harold Ensemble First United Methodist Church | pointrichmondmethodist.org |
| Friday, Saturday, Sunday Jan. 23 – Feb. 21 | Masquers Playhouse There Goes the Bride | www.masquers.org |
| Wednesday January 28 7:30 p.m. | Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting Point Richmond Community Center | Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 |
| Saturday January 31 4 p.m. | Red Oak Victory Ship Annual Crab Feed Buy tickets in advance | richmondmuseum.org |
| Monday February 2 9 - Noon | Bay Trail Birding With EBRPD Naturalist Miller/Knox, 1 st parking lot | pointrichmond.com (510) 544-2233 |
| Monday February 2 | 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.pointrichmondbusiness.com 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 2016. 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

Renewal

Individual

Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____



***PRNC January Meeting:
Wednesday, January 28, 7:30 p.m.
Point Richmond Community Center***

Meeting Highlights:

- ***Terminal One Presentation and Discussion***
 - ***Crude by Rail Presentation and vote***

***Please read the attached resolution regarding
crude by rail in Richmond.***

There will be a General Membership vote at the January meeting.



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