



ON POINT *July 2015*



Membership Meeting , Wednesday, July 29, 7:30pm—Unless you are notified of a last minute change, the July PRNC meeting will be in the Banquet Room at the Hotel Mac. Hopefully we'll be back in the newly improved Community Center in August.

The Summer Rush of weekend activities throughout Richmond is continuing at a great pace! Among the many activities of the weekend of the July 18 was the opening of the Santa Fe Union Park in our neighboring Santa Fe community. The park was a combined effort of the City, which supplied asphalt; the Pipefitters Union, who along with representatives from other unions spent hours building the park; and several financial contributors. The park has a wonderful playscape for younger children, basketball courts and a Fusbal Court as well. **National Night Out** will be on Tuesday, August 4. Santa Fe Neighborhood Council puts on a wonderful event focusing on community and safety. The event will be from 8P on at the new Santa Fe Union Park at Maine and S. 2nd. I encourage anyone who would like to get to know our neighbors to our immediate north to attend the event.

Thanks to Jon Sutinen for serving as our representative to the city's Crime and Safety Committee for the last two years and for keeping us up to date on the important information which helps keep us safer. Jon is unable to continue in this position. Fortunately **Chris Roderick**, a neighbor who lives on Ocean Avenue has agreed to assume this role and will be keeping us up to date on issues related to Crime and Safety. Thank you Chris.

Street lights in Point Richmond: The city's street light project in Fall 2014 resulted in significant changes to the number and appearance of street lights. The new lights obstruct views, and create light trespass into homes and wildlife habitat. Fortunately the level of light from the fixtures is adjustable. A survey conducted by the RSLC indicated community support for dimming the lights to the lowest illumination levels on residential streets, as is currently demonstrated on Idaho Street.* In response to results of the survey, the city attended our June meeting to propose a phased in pilot to sequentially dim the residential areas of Point Richmond to the lowest illumination level (40% of capacity). The first phase of the pilot would be to dim all of the residential street lights in Zone 1 to the lowest level (the residential streets between the bay shoreline and the top of the ridgeline, and between Dornan Drive and the Chevron property line). Several months after the dimming in Zone 1 we would evaluate the change. If approved, dimming would continue throughout Point Richmond. We will be voting on the city's proposal at our July meeting. *Please visit the "Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org" website to see a map of zone 1, get details about the survey, see answers to frequently asked questions about our street lights, and to see a picture of Idaho Street which is currently illuminated at the lowest possible setting."

Don't Forget Point Richmond Clean-Up! Saturday, August 29, 7am-11am. Our opportunity to get rid of unwanted items for free! See the leaflet below.

The Scoop on Poop - The Richmond Wastewater Treatment Plant and You: The wastewater treatment plant, on Canal Boulevard, is owned by the City of Richmond, and managed in a contractual partnership with Veolia Water, NA. The City Council is raising a \$124 Million Dollar Capital Improvement Bond, with associated fee increases. At-Large Board Member, Maureen Decombe, will take us on an informative (and odor free) tour of the plant and the City's plans to modernize important systems we rely on for many of our daily "activities". We will also discuss the possible biosolid processing changes, and how potential odor impacts can be managed and mitigated.

PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES--Still the best deal in town! Dues for 2015-2016 can be paid now! If you want to vote at the Membership meeting you can join at the door.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret Jordan".

**Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, July 29, 2015

- 7:30 *Call to order and approval of Minutes from June 25, 2015* 2 minutes
- 7:32 *Police Report, and Safety Report (Officer Villalobos, Chris Roderick)* 10 minutes
- 7:42 *President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673* 5 minutes
- 7:47 *Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111* 1 minute
- Land Use/Design Review Committee – no projects submitted*
Items to be considered at the July meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by August 10, 2015. 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.
- 7:48 *Adjusting Street Lighting In Point Richmond, Hilary Brown (Discussion and vote)* 15 minutes
- 8:03 *Update on Plunge Garden, Maryn Hurlbut* 10 minutes
- 8:13 *Update on Waste Water Treatment Plant, Maureen Decombe* 12 minutes
- 8:25 *Saving One Life at a Time, Wilma Miller, (510) 377-8556* 10 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, Linda Newton*
 - *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, magicklantern.org*
 - *Citizens for a Healthy Shoreline, Pete Bingham, (510) 778-8314*
 - *Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown, Jordan DeStaebler (510) 697-2742*
 - *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-1045*
- 8:45 *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 – 6/25/2015.
- 8:55 *In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn*



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 24, 2015

1. Called to Order at 7:39 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were corrected to include the update from Masquers in the committee reports: the Memorial Day garage sale was a success, the new play “Farragut North” opened to popular review and tours of the theater were available during Point to Point. After corrections, minutes from the May 27, 2015 meeting were approved. Board Members Present: Margaret Jordan, Jordan DeStaebler, Charmain Tyler, Garry Hurlbut and Hilary Brown.

2. Police Report Officer Villalobos gave a monthly crime report: our crime statistics are lower than average, and there is hardly any crime at all in Point Richmond. There has been an issue with a disgruntled person in the community slashing tires and posting fliers saying that people cannot park on certain streets. Stressed the importance of observing and notifying the police if you see suspicious activity. Advised against directly confronting disruptive individuals.

3. President’s Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673

Margaret reported the community center is supposed to be open by the end of July, but we cannot count on it being available for our July meeting. Chris Roderick volunteered to be the new Safety and Crime Committee liaison, and will attend monthly meetings to discuss safety issues with the city. There is an upcoming “Improving your Soil” workshop at the Plunge on July 11th from 9:30 – 11:00 am. The PRNC cleanup day is being planned for later this summer. This city sponsored event provides containers so neighbors can dump or recycle most waste. The PRNC is refining a contract with Richmond History Museum regarding repairs and maintenance of the Wig Wag. Maureen Decombe has been appointed a PRNC Board Member-At-Large.

4. Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267

We currently have 98 paid members. Questions about membership status - please refer to the newsletter.

5. Treasurer’s Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111

Membership dues collected last month totaled \$190. Current balances: \$3,697.71, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$5,870.47, General Fund. The PRNC contributed \$500 to Richmond Music from the Benevolent Fund.

6. Land Use/Design Review Committee - there were no projects to discuss.

7. Street Lighting in Point Richmond - Jordan Destaebler from the Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (RSLC) and Andy Yeung, an engineer from the city. In October 2014, the city replaced old street lights with new LEDs, and approximately doubled street lights on residential streets. After the new lights were installed, a concerned group of neighbors formed the RSLC in order to work with the city to improve the lights and mitigate some of the harmful impacts such as glare, light intrusion and loss of night time views. RSLC conducted a survey of residents and found overwhelming support for dimming residential street lights to the lowest setting. Based on this survey, the city is proposing a pilot to dim residential streets in Point Richmond to lower settings. The city proposes the PRNC view a pilot on Idaho Street where all the lights are dimmed to the lowest setting, and then vote at the July meeting whether to dim street lights on other streets. For more details, please click the “what’s next” tab at “Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org”

8. Formula Restaurant Ordinance – Linda Newton reviewed the history of the proposed Formula Restaurant Ordinance in Point Richmond and encouraged PRNC members interested in this ordinance to get involved. In the spring of 2010, someone wanted to open a Subway on Tewksbury. This project was denied by the LUDRC. After multiple appeals, the issue went to the city council. The city council put a moratorium on formula restaurants starting November 2010 through November 2011. During this moratorium, a committee for PRNC was tasked with writing an ordinance limiting formula restaurants. The PRNC committee was advised that a Point Richmond specific ordinance would never be approved by the city council, so they attempted to write an ordinance that included all C1 zones across the city. The city staff and city attorney insisted Point Richmond have its own formula restaurant ordinance and not include other zones. Now with a new City Council, it may be a good time to revive the effort to create an ordinance. Is there interest in continuing this process? If so, then please consider helping form a new committee.

9. Report on the 2015-2016 Richmond City Budget – Mike Parker provided information about the city budget that will be voted on at the next City Council meeting on June 30. Most of the discussion about the budget is focused on the general fund, a \$140 million budget. Sources for this fund come from various fees plus three main taxes: utility users tax, property tax, and sales tax. Creditors recently lowered the city’s bond rating and city staff are very concerned about the down grade. The new Budget must be structurally balanced, meaning expenditures must equal “regular” revenue (and not one time income such as sales of property or refunds). The city has to make up for \$7 million imbalance. At this time the city has balanced the budget by not filling some positions and allowing departments to be short handed. They are also considering not doing additional road work, which is significant since voters approved a tax increase which was sold by the city as a tax for road improvements and schools.

10. Committee Reports and Announcements from Point Richmond Non-Profits

- **Knit & Such**, Linda Newton - next meeting is Wednesday, July 1 from 1-3pm at 53 Crest Ave
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club**, Linda Newton is the new president and group is on summer hiatus. Announcements will be made at the August meeting and on Nextdoor regarding September activities.
- **Richmond Tennis**, Garry Hurlbut, the new tennis court is completed! It will be active in middle of July. We expect to have a Grand Opening of the new Plunge Tennis court in Sept or October in conjunction with Phase One completion of the Plunge Garden. The tennis courts will host the *Improving Your Soil* workshop on Saturday, July 11. Currently they have tennis for 3 year olds, three different teams going to league championships over next few weeks, and youth summer camp from 10-3, for children from 6 – 17 years old in the courts on Nicholl.
- **Weekly Weeders** – an informal group of neighbors “if you see a weed, pull it out!”
- **Point Richmond History Association**, Mid Dornan - The new publication of Point in Time has been issued. The annual meeting was on May 24, which featured a speaker from the Rosie the Riveter WW2 National Park talked about the role of women after the war. They have a committee planning a kiosk on the corner of Washington & West Richmond Ave. They have initial funding, but anticipate a need for more.
- **Masquers Playhouse**, Kathe Kiehn - Farragut North ends this weekend. Participation in Point to Point was really fun, especially the theater tour. They plan to do another theater tour at the September Point to Point. Next show is not until after the summer youth program.
- **TRAC**, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert - over 200 people came to celebrate completion of 4.4 mile Ferry Point loop. There is still a 1.5 mile loop to be completed on the city’s Terminal 1 property. EBRP and City of Richmond are partnering to work on the Bay Trail by Point Molate Beach past the bridge. On Sunday at 6:30 pm NBC Bay Area will feature the Bay Trail in Richmond.
- **People for a Healthy Shoreline** – there have been 69 changes to the renderings for the Terminal 1 development. A full Design Board study session is planned for late July or early August and this meeting is open to the public. Drawings will be posted online prior to that meeting. The highest building is down to four stories from five, townhouses are down to two stories from three. Total number of units is slightly down. Laconia previously committed to installing story poles, and they expect to put them up in the next four weeks once they have fixed the corners of the buildings. For updates or for more information, please e-mail PHShoreline@gmail.com
- **Red Oak Victory**, Mid Dornan – Red Oak will celebrate July 4th when the City of Richmond Celebrates, which is on Friday, July 3. There will be a BBQ on deck and then fireworks. Details on PointRichmond.com

11. Open Forum

- **Maureen Decombe** - attended the 6/24 public meeting regarding a proposed \$124 million bond to fund the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) developed for the City of Richmond Wastewater Treatment Plant on Canal Blvd. Moving or closing the plant is not an option, as determined by studies of alternative plans, including transferring processing or plant operations to EBMUD. The City Council will vote on the bond and associated fee increases on July 21, 2015.
- **Cordell** with Park Plaza Neighborhood – announced the Sound of Music, the most fabulous musical, playing June 12 through July 19 at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, tickets are \$15.

12. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn - In memory of Frank Smith, the victims of the Charleston Church Massacre, the Irish students in Berkeley, and Elinor Hurlbut

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**

New
 Renewal

Individual
 Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
July Meeting:***

AT THE HOTEL MAC MEETING ROOM

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Highlights:

- ***Street Lighting in Point Richmond***
- ***Update on The Richmond Plunge Garden***
 - ***Wastewater Fee Increases***
- ***Renew your membership for 2015-2016***



POINT RICHMOND
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
P.O. Box 70386
Pt. Richmond, CA 94807

CLEAN-UP DAY

PT. RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FREE DISPOSAL DROP OFF

Sponsored by
The City of Richmond / Richmond Sanitary Services
Pt. Richmond Neighborhood Council

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Begins at 7:00 a.m. & Ends at 11:00 a.m.

or when dumpsters are full.

This is NOT a curbside Collection

Dumpsters will be located on:

500 Block of Wine St., Pt. Richmond

Simply bring your disposable items, along with a current Photo I.D. with matching current utility bill. Only residents who live within the geographic boundaries of your neighborhood will be allowed to participate.

Seniors and disabled residents who need assistance or for additional information call Shanita Harris at (510) 621-1282 or Hugo Mendoza at (510) 231-3030 on August 26th, 2015 by noon

Bring your METAL items for recycling! The metal items will be redeemed for a refund to be applied to your Neighborhood Council

WILL ACCEPT

*Household Items *Glass *Wood *Clothing *Dishwashers
*Refrigerators *Ovens/Stoves *Metal *Chairs *Tables
*Couches *Broken Toys *Box Springs *Mattresses
*Small Appliances *Rugs/Padding *Washers & Dryers *Yard
Waste (please bag) *Electronics *Computer Monitors, CPU's,
Laptops & Peripherals *Microwaves *Televisions

WILL NOT ACCEPT

*Oil *Bug Spray *Tires *Batteries
*Paint *Oven Cleaner *Propane
Tanks *Fluorescent Lights *Concrete
*For hazardous Waste Materials call
West County Hazardous Waste at 1-888-
412-9277

For additional clean-ups through Richmond Sanitary Services, you are allowed two (2) free clean-ups per calendar year.

**No large or bulk items. The pick up is limited to fifteen (15) 30-35 gallon bags.
Please call Richmond Sanitary Services at (510) 262-1610 to schedule your pick-up.**

NO ILLEGAL DUMPING—VIOLATORS WILL BE CITED!

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(2) Free clean-ups per calendar year.
One free bulky items. The pick-up is limited to fifteen
(15) 30-35 gallon bags.

Items weighing in excess of 200 lbs. are not accepted
under the free program.

Please call Richmond Sanitary Services at (510) 262-7100
to schedule your once a year free bulky pick up.

Adicionalmente, usted tiene derecho a tirar su basura extra dos veces (2) al año
por medio de Richmond Sanitary Services.

Un artículo voluminoso gratis,
únicamente quince (15) bolsas de 30-35 galones.

Artículos que pesan más de 200 libras no son aceptados en el programa gratis.

Por favor de llamar a Richmond Sanitary Services para programar su día de limpieza al
(510) 262-7100.