



**Congratulations to the Bleckinger Family!** The exciting news this month is the arrival of Amelia Kathleen Bleckinger! Amelia was born on February 28, her due date, only 3 days after our February PRNC meeting. Congratulations again to parents, Dave and Megan, and big brother Henry.

**PRNC By-Laws Changes**— Our By-Laws require that we hold staggered elections—President, Secretary one year and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Treasure on the alternating year. This pattern is disrupted when an officer has to resign within the first year of their term. We are recommending changes to the By-Laws to remedy this situation. In addition we are recommending a small change to redistribute the duties of the Vice-Presidents. We will have copies of the proposed changes at our March meeting and will vote on them at our meeting in April. It requires a vote of 2/3 of the members present to amend the By-Laws. The proposed changes are available on our website [pointrichmond.org](http://pointrichmond.org).

**Elections of PRNC Officers**—Elections for PRNC Executive Board will be held at the Annual Membership meeting on April 29. The Nominating Committee has been meeting and we are pleased to say that we have talked to a number of people in the Point who are interested in serving on the Board. Several of these individuals are relatively new to Point Richmond and will add fresh eyes and a new perspective to the Board. We are still finalizing our list of recommendations and will present it at the Membership Meeting on March 25. Other individuals can be nominated at the April meeting as long as the person being nominated is willing to serve. Only paid members can vote: all Point Richmond residents, property owners, business owners and non-profits that are providing a benefit to the community.

**Odors in Point Richmond Air**—A small group met with Bielle Moore, Environmental Manager for Republic Services, to discuss odors from their composting operations. Issues that came up were distinguishing odors from this source (as opposed to Chevron, or the waste water treatment plant) and ways odors can be mitigated. We are arranging to have a group visit the facility and to have Ms. Moore attend a future PRNC Membership Meeting to report and answer questions.

**Crude-By-Rail**—While the economics of oil have stopped the transport of Baaken crude oil through Richmond, this is likely temporary. 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 [pointrichmond.org](http://pointrichmond.org).

**Bicycle Racks in Point Richmond**—Patrick Phelan from the city’s Engineering Department is working on getting more bike racks in Point Richmond. Patrick will be at our March meeting to describe alternatives and hear our thoughts on the best plan for placement of the bike racks. Patrick’s original proposal can be found at the PRNC website [pointrichmond.org](http://pointrichmond.org).

**News on Plunge Garden** – There is some exciting news about the new Plunge Garden. There was a very successful Plunge Garden Design Reception at the Richmond Art Center on Sunday. An enthusiastic crowd, which included Mayor Tom Butt, enjoyed great food, great music and an opportunity to view and discuss garden designs created by students at Merritt College. A culmination of the event was the unveiling of the final design created by Julie Lienert who incorporated the students’ ideas into her final design. When the garden is completed Richmond residents will have an opportunity to relax in a peaceful, meditative setting next to the tennis court behind the Plunge. Bird

houses will add some delightful features. Although people have been very generous, more money is needed to complete the garden. If you would like to help the garden become a reality Please click on [rta-ca.org](http://rta-ca.org), pick Plunge Garden, select the Donate Paypal button and thank you so much for your generosity.

**PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES--Still the best deal in town: \$10/individual, \$15/household. Waived for need. Dues for 2015-2016 can be paid now! We will be considering a number of crucial issues regarding development in the next year. You must be a member to vote on these issues. JOIN NOW!! Please pay your annual dues to Charmain or Garry at the next meeting, Wednesday, March 25.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Margaret Jordan, President  
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



# AGENDA

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

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- 7:30**      *Call to order and approval of Minutes from February 25, 2015*      **2 minutes**
- 7:32**      *Police Report, 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*      **3 minutes**
- 7:45**      *Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267*      **2 minutes**
- 7:47**      *Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111*      **1 minute**
- 7:48**      *Land Use/Design Review Committee*      **15 minutes**  
*Items to be considered at the April meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by April 6. Contact Rod at [rdsatre@live.com](mailto: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.*
- *400 Marine Street (Stephen Parker, Owner)*
  - *411 Washington Avenue, modify rear (Sam Peterson, Owner)*
- 8:03**      *Bike Racks in Point Richmond, Patrick Phelan, City of Richmond*      **12 minutes**
- 8:15**      *Report from Nominating Committee*      **5 minutes**
- 8:20**      *Crude-by-Rail, Andres Soto*      **30 minutes**
- 8:50**      *Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups*  
*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*
  - *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](http://www.masquers.org)*
  - *TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, [www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail](http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail)*
  - *Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559*
  - *Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510)-697-2742*
- 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](mailto:mjordan00@gmail.com) or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting – 4/1/2015.*
- 9:15**      *In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn*



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

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**1.** The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. **Board Members Present:** Margaret Jordan, Kathryn Dienst, Charmain Tyler, Megan Bleckinger, Garry Hurlbut, and Mary Lee Cole. The minutes from the January 28, 2015 meeting were approved with one correction (Knit and Such meeting February 4, 1-3 pm)

**2. Point Richmond Business Association, Crime and Safety Committee, Dave Schoenthal, [dbschoen@hotmail.com](mailto:dbschoen@hotmail.com)** The community is invited to lobby for a police substation in Point Richmond at the Community Center. PRBA is fundraising \$8,500 to have 3 months of unarmed security, 5 days a week. PRBA wants to start a Neighborhood Watch for the business district, with Neighborhood watch signs throughout town and stickers with police's phone numbers on business windows. The City has agreed to place a camera at West Richmond and Railroad, and PRBA is putting together an incentive program for businesses to add security cameras and/or alarms. New businesses in the Point: Ritzy Reuben on Railroad Ave.: Maison de Boehme with household furnishings and jewelry. The Todd Hotel has new owners.

**Safety and Crime Prevention Report (Jon Sutinen, [jsutinen@yahoo.com](mailto:jsutinen@yahoo.com))** The RPD is making a special effort to educate the community about human trafficking for sex and labor. If you see anything or anyone suspicious, call the non-emergency local RPD number, 510-447-0821, or the national number, 211, which accesses the national data base.

**Police Report (Sergeant Jose Villalobos, #1318, [jvillalobos@richmondpd.net](mailto:jvillalobos@richmondpd.net), (non-emergency number for police assistance is 510-233-1214)** There have been 14 property crimes since January 1, 2015. Coffee with a Cop will be held on a quarterly basis. The Southern District Commander is Captain Manjit Sappal.

**3. President's Report (Margaret Jordan 510-412-3673):** PRNC officer elections are in April; the open positions are 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Secretary. Garry has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. The Nominating Committee includes Margaret Jordan and Mary Lee Cole from the Board, and Jordan deStaebler, Andrew Butt, and Maureen Decombe as community members. Any member is welcome to run for one of these positions. Patrick Phalen from the City is getting bike racks for the Point and there is a map of suggested locations on our website, [PointRichmond.org](http://PointRichmond.org). Please check it out and give your responses. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is reviewing and revising the emissions standards. Please consider attending their meeting on March 17, 5:30 pm in the meeting room next to the Main Library.

**4. Membership Report (Charmain Tyler 510-334-7267):** We have 213 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: \$4,880.00; Benevolent Fund Balance: \$5,197.71; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94. Total funds: \$13,468.65.** The Bishop Alley Fund, \$711.06, has been folded into the Benevolent Fund. A donation of \$1,000.00 from the Benevolent Fund was given to the Magick Lantern. The Wig Wag fund is to eventually repair the Wig Wag, which is the only pair of upper/lower quadrant Wig Wags in the US—it is an historically important feature of Point Richmond.

**6. Land Use/Design Review Committee:** The people representing the new home proposed near Marine and Golden Gate did not appear. Paul Menzies, Chief Executive Officer of Laconia, presented a Terminal One Study Session with updated plans, which are not ready for a PRNC vote. The project's EIR process has started—there is notice of preparation on the City website—and the draft EIR will be posted sometime late March. Basic features of the draft proposal: There are 5 buildings with flats (condos), each 55 feet high, next to the road. There are 326 units (total of condos, townhomes, and single family houses) with the same total square footage as the SeaCliff development. Buildings are California Green Standard. The 55 foot buildings' condos range 900-1400 square feet. The town homes range 1400-1500 square feet. The single family houses are 2400 square feet. Laconia is working with the fire department on first responder needs and plans to upgrade the sewage system. The project will be built in phases, market response determining how much gets built. After plans are close to final, Laconia will develop elevation studies and show views from different Brickyard Landing locations. Laconia agreed to place a pole to designate height of planned buildings. Laconia is giving \$7 million to the City for low income housing since this development is not designed for low income families.

## **7. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups**

- **Point Richmond Business Association**, Dave Schoenthal, [dbschoen@hotmail.com](mailto:dbschoen@hotmail.com): Reported earlier in the meeting.
  - **Knit and Such**, Altha Humphrey for Terri Phillips, (510) 237-6865) Meeting March 4, 1-3 pm at Community Center.
  - **Arts of Point Richmond**, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934: New exhibit at Post Office; Artful Conversation, March 12, 7-8:30 pm
  - **Red Oak Victory**; No report, but come and enjoy the ship.
  - **Women's Westside Improvement Club**, Norma Wallace; Meeting March 3, 11:30 am at Methodist Church featuring Lynne Tingle from Milo Foundation. Feb. 3 meeting focused on donating a portion of WWIC funds to: Arts of Point Richmond, Magick Lantern, Masquers Playhouse (outreach to Washington Elementary School). Linda Newton invited people to help prepare the garden at the new town sign for drought tolerant plants on March 14, 10 am to 3 pm. RSVP to Maureen Decombe at 778-1715 or [MaureenDecombe.com](http://MaureenDecombe.com) if you can help.
  - **Richmond Tennis**, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111; Courts are now re-surfaced. On March 15, 1-3 pm, the plans for the Plunge Garden, designed by Merritt College Landscape Designers, will be unveiled at the Richmond Art Center. Please have a look and give us feedback.
  - **Point Richmond History Association**, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334: Come and enjoy. March 14, 6:30 pm, at the San Pablo Yacht Club, Kathe Kiehn and Heinz Lankford are being honored at this year's Annual Sweetheart Dinner, hosted by the First United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$50.00.
  - **TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail**, Bruce Beyaert, [www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail](http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail)
  - **Magick Lantern**, Gail Eirweiss for Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559, the Pre-Oscar Preview Party Fund Raiser was a big success with 80 tickets sold. Attendees checked out the new velvet plush chairs for the theater. Thank you for the PRNC donation of \$1,000.00.
- Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition**, Jordan deStaebler. RSLC requested the City conduct a demonstration project on two streets in Point Richmond for a month, so people could observe and discuss the options. One would power grade lights at 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%. The second would set lights at 25%. However, the City does not want to do the 25% option. RSLC has sent a letter to the City Attorney requesting clarification. The City told Jordan that the current lights are on at 90% power.

## **8. Public Forum**

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-5 pm, is George Cole's memorial service at Rigger's Loft.

**9. In Remembrance/Adjourn:** In honor of Kathryn Dienst's mother in law, Seena Elfant, and Joan Richardson, Charmain Tyler's friend and colleague, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**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.**

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Individual

Renewal

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
March Meeting:***

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

Meeting Highlights:

- ***Crude-by-Rail Presentation and Discussion***
- ***Nominating Committee Report***
  - ***Bike Racks for the Point***



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