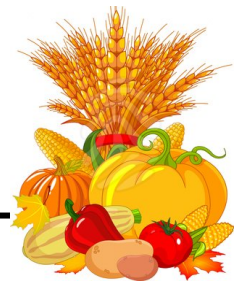




ON POINT *October 2015*



NOTE: PRNC General Meeting to Discuss Terminal One is Postponed to Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 in the Point Richmond Community Center

Terminal One—Because of a scheduling conflict the PRNC general meeting and discussion of Terminal One scheduled for October 28 has been postponed one week, to Wednesday, November 4, 7:30, in the Community Center. The development has been hotly debated at the last two Design Review Board study sessions and will be discussed again at the DRB on October 28. The height of the buildings has been the greatest point of contention. At DRB request, the developer will put up additional story poles to give us a better idea of how high the buildings will be and how they will impact views both from Brickyard Landing and houses near the Bay in Point Richmond. Paul Menzies, the CEO of Laconia Development, will present the project as currently proposed. Questions and discussion will follow. At this time it is not clear whether or not the membership will vote on the project. Only those members up-to-date on their dues can vote. You can pay dues before the meeting.

What's The Point? After a year's wait it seems that "The Point," a residential development proposed for the triangle adjacent to Mechanics Bank, is on track again. At a study session on 10/21 the Design Review Board was very enthusiastic about the proposal. The DRB will vote whether or not to approve the project at its next meeting, next Wednesday, October 28. When the developer first brought the proposal to the PRNC LUDRC and Membership, we were excited about the prospect of a well-designed infill project that would add significantly to rental opportunities in Point Richmond. We believe that this kind of development with its easy access to public transportation to BART is consistent with the City's commitment to bring housing closer to public transportation. The developer and architect made a number of changes in response to suggestions of the LUDRC and members. In addition to accepting a number of design ideas, they agreed that the gates to the development be closed from 8pm to 8am (not 24 hours/day, as originally planned) and to include ground floor one bedroom units suitable for elderly residents or those with mobility challenges. **We look forward to this addition to Point Richmond and encourage supporters to attend the Design Review Board, which will be held next Wednesday, October 28 at 6pm, in the Basement of the City Council Building (440 Civic Center Plaza).**

Picnic in the Point was a great success this year. At the PRNC table we highlighted non-profits that have added to the quality of life in Point Richmond. In addition to our own literature, we included materials from the Point Richmond History Association, Richmond Tennis, the Plunge Garden, the Richmond Museum Association, the Smart Lighting Coalition, TRAC, Women's Westside Improvement Club, and the budding Sustainability Committee of the PRNC. Thanks to the PRBA for bringing this annual event to the Point.

As we've done the last few years, we will combine our November/December meeting and meet on December 2. We will ask members to bring toys to contribute to the Richmond Police/Fire Toy Drive. We will also be voting on whether or not to spread the streetlight dimming to include all residential areas. We will be providing more information on this before the meeting.

PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES--Still the best deal in town—\$10/individual, \$15/household. We will be considering a number of crucial issues regarding development in the next year. You can pay your dues to Charmain or Garry at the door before the next meeting starts.

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

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



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 **Call to order and approval of Minutes from September 30, 2015** 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Officer Villalobos, Chris Roderick** 10 minutes
- 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 **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**
 - **People 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**
- 7:55 **Land Use/Design Review Committee**
Items to be considered at the December meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by November 9. Contact Rod at rdatre@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.
- **715 Ocean Ave (Remodel) Todd and Meg Wilson, owners**
 - **Terminal One, Paul Menzies, CEO, Laconia Development**
- 8:55 **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.
- 9:00 **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 30, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were corrected to show the correct spelling of Louise Genocisk's name. After amendments, minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Board Members: Margaret Jordan, Charmain Tyler, Jordan DeStaebler, Garry Hurlbut, Maureen Decombe, Hilary Brown.

2. Police Report - Officer Moreno: City-wide, crime has been increasing, but Point Richmond crime remains stable and relatively low. Most notable crime in Point Richmond was a rape in Miller-Knox Park involving a victim and two males, all of whom were students from a Richmond high school. For reasons still being investigated, police response took over 45 minutes. There was confusion about whether Richmond PD or EBRP Police Department was responding. Generally even if the EBRPPD has jurisdiction, RPD always assists. The chief of police has opened an investigation to the cause of the problem in this case to understand what happened and prevent a similar situation in the future.

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

- Picnic in the Point coming on October 17th – fundraiser for a number of local organizations including PRAM, Washington School PTA, and Point Richmond Business Association. There will be professional music, activities for children and adults. Admittance is free, but tickets are required for activities.
- PRNC Board formalized how we operate when there is a time sensitive issue and the PRNC main body does not have time to be consulted or take a position. In the event of a time sensitive issue, rather than wait for feedback from the full PRNC body, the board will take a position, let the body know about the position, and (if necessary) correct the position depending on subsequent input.
- Absentee ballots - the question of whether PRNC members can vote on issues when they cannot attend a meeting. After consideration, there will be no change to the current policy of not allowing absentee voting. However, if a member wants their thoughts shared but is unable to attend a meeting, then they can email their comments to someone on the board, and those comments will be read at the meeting.
- Board decided to donate \$500 to a project to memorialize George Coles related to helping The Richmond Museum curate and present his research from Brook's Island.
- Wigwag - the process to fund and repair the wig wag is progressing, and may be completed in the next 6 months.

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

- Most people received the newsletter but some people did not receive it, and some people received it twice! If you have not received the newsletter, please let Charmain know so corrections to email distribution can be made.
- Membership is currently at 124. Almost all members receive the newsletter through email, which is the preferred method. Membership costs \$10 per year for a single person; \$15 per household.

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

Benevolent fund paid out \$500 for Picnic in the Park, \$500 for George Coles' collection to the Richmond Museum, \$100 for a bench being installed at the Family Justice Center for Pam Wimberly. Bishop Alley Fund has been rolled into the General Fund. A few generous (anonymous) members donated \$480 in the past month. Current balances: \$2,597.71, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,586.91, General Fund.

6. Land Use/Design Review Committee - no projects were presented or discussed.

7. Richmond Wastewater Treatment Plant Update - Maureen Decombe and Aaron Weiner from Veolia. Odor problems occur during periods with low flow, which occurs in part when there is no rain and less water flowing through the system. Some current improvements may result in minimizing odor in the future, and the future capital improvement program will further minimize stinky events. More detailed presentation coming in spring, and a plant tour may also be scheduled, so stay tuned for updates.

8. East Bay Regional Park District - Miller Knox Park improvements: Current projects: replace drinking fountains, irrigation system, and increase bathroom capacity. Ferry Point: install fish cleaning station, new drinking fountain, outdoor shower, kayak cleaning rack. Future: remove rail tracks and chain link fence. Big outcry because of herbicide treatment; Parks District heard us. Use of herbicide was a one-time event. Herbicide used to replace 3 acres of Bermuda grass. Roots can go up to a foot beneath the soil, making burning ineffective, and the area was too large to sheet mulch. Integrative Pest Management (IPM) used by parks to protect and preserve wild spaces. Mainly they use mechanical weeding, but also burning, cutting, sheet mulch, graze goats and sheep. IPM also involves placing owl boxes strategically to encourage native owls to control gophers and squirrels. There are many volunteer opportunities to cut back Scotch Broom and other noxious weeds within the 120,000 acre park system.

9. Richmond Museum of History – Melinda McCrary, new director of Richmond Museum of History at Nevin. They are excited to procure and display George Coles’ research about Brooks Island, which is now part of EBRPD. The rocks and shells in George’s collection are a history of the bay and the Ohlone people. Currently museum is collecting oral histories of native people. The museum is also planning to include more recent history after 1945. A mural painted for the Richmond Post Office by Jose Moya del Pino, one of artists who contributed to Coit Tower murals, was recently discovered in storage. It is being restored and prepared for display.

10. Making Point Richmond a Butterfly Bonanza – Christine Volker Butterflies need our help! Habitat loss, absence of nectar sources, pesticides and herbicides all impact butterfly populations. Monarchs have been dying off over the past 20 years, along with many other butterflies. Butterflies are important since they pollinate flowers over a greater distance than bees. We can help by gardening without pesticides or herbicides, planting nectar sources and host plants for butterfly larvae. Please refer to the PRNC website for more information.

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

- **Business Association**, Margaret Jordan - picnic in park October 17; a new brewery coming on Canal.
- **Arts of Point Richmond**, Charmain Tyler - Next meeting is October 7, from 1-3 in the Community Center.
- **Womens West Side Improvement**, Linda Newton - Meeting October 6th, Lunch at 11:30, meeting at 12:05. November 7 will have final map garden meeting and hopefully more rain!
- **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut** - the new court is completed and the garden area hardscaping is progressing. Top two men's singles played off at the courts by the Natatorium. Tots’ Tennis on Saturday for 3-6 year olds.
- **History Association, Mid Dornan**- if you get This Point in Time, then you are a member and can submit items of interest to the newsletter. Working on the plan for the kiosk and putting together a committee.
- **Red Oak Victory, Mid Dornan** – Pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 11.
- **Masquers Playhouse**, Charlotte’s Web starts on October 3. Matinees and weekend from 2-4. All shows \$10.
- **TRAC**, Bruce Bayert – Currently 7 active projects, 5 miles of trail in the Point Pinole area. EBRP partnering with city to work on trail from Tewksbury to Stenmark Drive exit under the freeway up to the northern side.
- **People for a Healthy Shoreline**, Pete Bingham – Laconia is going to make changes to design based on input from the September 9th meeting. Concerns about project are about large size, height, and architecture and traffic impacts. Second study session at DRB scheduled for October 14th. A draft EIR is coming out in late November. A survey was conducted by PHShoreline. Seventy percent of respondents thought it should not be any bigger than the original 258 units proposed by Toll Brothers. Another 30% thought it should be smaller. Seventy five percent were concerned about canyon like effect of building height. About 60% do not like the architecture. PHShoreline@gmail.com for emails and visit “PHShoreline.net” for more information.
- **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition**, Jordan DeStaebler – city turned down street lights to 40% in zone 1. The next step is to vote on whether we want that to be permanent in zone 1, and if we can dim the lights in other zones.

12. Open Forum

- Cordell Hindler, city ambassador – Announced the Youth Leadership Committee. Kids need something to encourage them to be involved with their future. YLC will reach out to neighborhood councils for support.
- Mid Dornan – Methodist Church, Saturday October 10 starting at 11:00 and again at 1:00: Tea tasting event, including some people dressed in fancy tea wearing clothing including a Korean wedding gown.

13. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn - Steve Spencer passed away, he was very active with the LUDRC and PRNC. He was really interesting, and had a lot of presence and he will be missed. Judy Nangis, a school teacher, and a good friend who liked to play “Words with Friends” died of ALS. She was a sweetheart.

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

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Signature _____ Date _____

Important Note – change of date: November 4

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting:

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Main focus of meeting:

Terminal One/Laconia Presentation



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