



# ON POINT *April 2016*



**Being the president of the PRNC for the last 4 years** has been a most enjoyable experience! It has given me the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful people in Point Richmond and around the city. I truly appreciate the Board, the Land Use Design Review Committee members, city employees and community leaders who have worked with me and provided their expertise, wisdom, historic knowledge, technical knowledge and support. We have worked well together on many issues of importance to our community and have provided a forum to hash out controversial issues. Some struggles we won, others we lost. But as a community we stayed together for the betterment of our community. But our work is not done. We are continuing to work toward making Terminal One a development that enhances our community. We will also work to make sure the new zoning ordinance is consistent with the General Plan and the welfare of our community. And the work to make our wig-wags operational for festive occasions continues!

At our Annual Membership Meeting on April 27 we will be electing a president and secretary to serve for the next two years. At the March meeting the Nominating Committee announced its recommendations of Dave Schoenthal and Hilary Brown to serve as president and secretary respectively. After these two have been formally nominated there will be an opportunity for further nominations and, finally the election.

**The PRNC website ([www.pointrichmond.org](http://www.pointrichmond.org))** now includes a **Sustainability Page**. The page, created by Maureen Decombe and Christine Volker provides a wealth of information to educate us on best practices to support our environment. While still a work in progress, the page already provides information on ways to encourage pollinators, support birds and other animals, as well as links to many other issues. More topics that will be on the finished page include best practices with regard to lighting, gardening, and water preservation. We hope that the information will help you use sustainable practices.

**The Santa Fe Neighborhood Council** will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast on Friday, May 20 from 7:30 AM- 10:30 AM at St. Luke's Missionary Baptist Church (165 S 7th St). The SFNC uses the funds raised by this event for its many worthwhile activities throughout the year. For only \$5 you will get an excellent breakfast and have the opportunity to talk informally with city officials and residents from around Richmond.

**For a delightful experience visit the "Map Garden"** If you haven't already, I recommend that you take a short walk through the Map Garden at the corner of West Richmond and Park. Under the guidance of Maureen Decombe, the Women's Westside Improvement Club and PRNC members have created a spectacularly beautiful sustainable garden. With the exception of water used to establish the plants, the garden has not required any water. Take a look at possibilities for sustainable gardening.

**PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES**—are still one of the best deals in town! Dues are \$10/individual, \$15/household. Dues for 2016-2017 are due now! If you want to vote at the annual membership meeting you can join at the door.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Jordan".

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



# AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
Wednesday, April 27, 2016  
Point Richmond Community Center

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- 7:30 *Call to order and approval of Minutes from March 30, 2016* 2 minutes
- 7:32 *Police Report, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Officer Hector Esparza* 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* 1 minute
- 7:49 *Land Use/Design Review Committee* 15 minutes  
*Items to be considered at the May meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by May 10. 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.*
- 0 Cliffside (Jennifer Madden and Jeffrey Reed, Owners)
  - 3 Houses on Tewksbury (APN's 558-330-039 & 558-330-040 & 558-330-041)
- 8:04 *Election of Officers 2016-2018 (President, Secretary)* 10 minutes
- 8:14 *Street Lighting—vote to support dimming to 40%, Jordan DeStaebler* 2 minutes
- 8:16 *Introduction to PRNC Website Sustainability Page, Christine Volker* 10 minutes
- 8:26 *Update on Interim Coding Ordinance, Kathryn Dienst* 10 minutes
- 8:36 *Presentation on Proposed Project at the Bottoms Quarry, Ojan Mobedshahi* 10 minutes
- 8:46 *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, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081
  - Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111, [www.rta-ca.org](http://www.rta-ca.org)
  - 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)
  - Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott
  - Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown, Jordan DeStaebler (510) 697-2742
  - USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-1045
- 9:01 *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 Dave Schoenthal at [dbschoen@hotmail.com](mailto:dbschoen@hotmail.com) or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.*
- 9:11 *In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn*



# Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

## General Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, March 30, 2016

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**1. Called to Order** at 7:35 pm. Minutes from the February 24, 2016 meeting were approved. Board Members present: Charmain Tyler, Jordan DeStabler, Garry Hurlbut, Maureen Decombe and Hilary Brown. Absent: Margaret Jordan. City council member Vinay Pimple attended the meeting and greeted the members.

**2. Police Report** - Officer Mitch Michoto was present. Crime in beat 1 is down in all categories. Auto burglaries: last year in this time period there were 16, this year 4. Commercial burglaries: last year 4, this year 0. Petty theft is half of what it was last year. Residential burglaries: last year 5, this year 0. Vehicle thefts: last year 21 last year 0. Crime citywide is down, and violent crime is down. Homicides in the city are up this year, and it appears to be gang related. Chief Brown has been appointed full time.

**3. President's Report:** David Moore and Christine Volker gave an update about the soft opening of the sustainability section of the PRNC website. There is a lot of useful and interesting content; please look at the pages and see what you can do in your own home and garden. There will be more updates in May.

**4. Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267** Now is the time to renew membership! Currently we have 169 paid members. If anyone has any issue with receiving the newsletter or if anyone has an update to their email address, please let Charmain know.

**5. Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111** The Benevolent fund is still looking for local causes to support. The Historic Association is sponsoring a kiosk, and PRNC paid \$869 from the Benevolent Fund for the PRNC panel. Suggestion to consider donation to Masquers, and a question about what became of the donation to Magic Lantern - these two items will be presented at future meetings. Current balances: \$2,513.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,362.40, General Fund.

**6. Nominations to PRNC Board: For Secretary: Hilary Brown**, the current secretary has asked to continue to serve. **For President: Dave Schoenthal** Dave was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he is attending a funeral, but he wrote an introduction and shared some thoughts. He formerly was president of the PRBA. He loves the PRNC and is looking forward to helping make a strong and vibrant neighborhood.

**7. Land Use/Design Review Committee – none to consider**

**8. Tool Lending Library - Lupe Morales:** While working on small gardens, it was discovered that many Richmond residents need access to tools to complete home projects. City of Richmond is starting a Tool Lending Library which is just like a library for books, except it is loan tools. If all residents have access to tools, it will remove one of the expensive and common obstacles residents have to making improvements to their properties, and the entire community benefits when the housing stock and gardens are well maintained. The project is looking for lightly used tools and money to purchase tools. The tools can be used for volunteer projects and personal projects. The goal is to raise \$12,598 for gardening tools. The tools will be kept at the Rec Center. There will be How-To videos available online. They are looking for volunteers to maintain the tools. Motion was made by PRNC membership to donate \$500 and become a Bronze Member. Motion passed with almost unanimous support. No votes in opposition.

**9. Update on Terminal One, Rod Satre** - The LUDRC and PRNC Board Members drafted a letter addressing what were considered inadequacies in the DEIR for Terminal One. The draft letter was reviewed, amended and agree upon the community concerns. A motion was passed to approve the PRNC DEIR letter draft and send it to the city as altered as follows: (1) Inadequate sewer system; unanimous member vote in favor. (2) roads and parking; unanimous member vote in favor. (3) School; unanimous member vote in favor. (4) birds/windows/lights; unanimous member vote in favor (5) Ferry at Terminal One; 33 votes in favor, 23 opposed. Alternate vote: Make the ferry an individual demand and do not include in PRNC letter for clarity. Unanimous support to exclude Ferry from PRNC letter. (6) Emergency services; unanimous member vote in favor. All those in favor as Amended Letter to city planning department – unanimous in support - 60 members present. None in opposition. Note: Deadline to submit comments is April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Comments must be submitted to [Lina.Velasco@ci.richmond.ca](mailto:Lina.Velasco@ci.richmond.ca). Oral statements must be submitted on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Zoning Ordinance - Katherine Dienst:** Richmond is starting process of revising the zoning code. When the 2012 general plan was adopted, there were some inconsistencies with zoning. The current zoning ordinance is intended to resolve those inconsistencies. The community should review the new proposals because this could impact businesses in the Point, building heights for future developments, and land use, among other things. Examples of changes: Port and

Coastline development used to be limited to 35 feet, new zoning proposal is to increase the limit to 100 feet, changes to the number of parking spots required for a type of building use, change yard setbacks, etc. These changes could impact your property or impact vacant lots by your house. Note, currently the Planning Commission hears and approves small projects that follow the code, but large projects can go to the City Council and get special exceptions allowing them to not conform. There was a suggestion to include a caveat in the code to eliminate the City Council's ability to approve non-conforming properties, or to limit the amount that a property be exempted. For example, if there is a 35 foot building height, not allow the City Council to allow an exemption more than 48 feet. Another example is with affordable housing. If a developer provides x% affordable housing then they can increase height of project. Questions should be submitted to Lena Velasco

**11. Point Molate Planning Meeting – Jordan DeStabler:** The city hired a company to weigh options for various development scenarios of Point Molate, an area about 300 square acres including an old Naval facility and Winehaven. Purpose of the planning meeting was to discuss assets and pros and cons for various types of development. Six options were discussed: Mixed use proposal, status quo (park land), conference / hotel center, commercial / industrial, housing, and all of the above. Panel broke up approach into short term, mid-term 2-5 years, and long term of 5 plus years. All 6 design approaches will focus on access, infrastructure, market conditions, politics, and the environment. The panel was in agreement the status quo is not a viable option since it costs a lot of money to maintain. Commercial/industrial was not considered feasible. Panel recommended the city consider retaining a non-profit entity to manage Point Molate. The parks plus option is easiest to achieve but does not generate enough money to sustain the area. Mixed use including housing was considered the only option that generates enough money to meet site improvements. There will be ongoing meetings to discuss, and in June there will be an update on city website about this discussion.

## **12. Committee Reports and Announcements from Point Richmond Non-Profits**

- **Point Richmond Business Association, Hastings Hart** - The regular meeting has been changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. John Goia will attend lunch meeting tomorrow at Hotel Mac. Luncheon is from 12-1. Register at [Richmond.business.com](http://Richmond.business.com).
- **Knit & Such, Altha Humphrey** - Next meeting at Community Center, Wednesday April 6 from 1-3pm
- **Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey** - New display at the Post Office and an opening exhibit at Kaleidoscope. "Artful Conversation" at Community Center on Saturday April 2 from 1-3.
- **Women's West Side Improvement, Linda Newton** - Next meeting is Tuesday at 11:20 at the Methodist Church. Brown bag lunch and officer elections. A fundraiser is planned for May. Last meeting for summer is in June. We have been working with PRNC to keep gardens around triangle weed free. Next weeding party is April 12 from 10-12, come help weed and mulch.
- **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut** – Tots tennis is starting up again in April. Working with Rec Department to move tennis outside center of town. Courts are being completed around town, and there will be more tennis where youth are located. Currently there are 5 teams and one of the mens' teams won districts, meaning they will compete for Northern California championship.
- **Masquers, Mary Lee Cole** - Playhouse was closed because of structural damage. Inspection by structural engineer lead to determination the masonry building needs an earthquake retrofit. Todd Jersey was engaged because of his work on the plunge. Currently determining the extent of the work and costs. Garage sale was cancelled because of lack of volunteers, but there is talk of partnering with PRBA to revive the tradition. Information is forthcoming about the fundraiser and about repairs to building.
- **History Association, Mid Dornan** – newsletter is coming out next week, Museum is open on Thursdays and Saturdays. Come and see the wonderful sights! The City of Richmond has a historic preservation committee, and our history association has been nominated for an award.
- **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition - Jordan DeStabler:** Vote on permanent dimming in areas 2 and 4 will take place next month. These areas were previously dimmed as part of a demonstration.

## **13. Open Forum**

- **Cordell** – previously presented the Youth Leadership Committee. Consider making a contribution to their cause. They are applying for the Richmond Community Grant, up to \$75,000.
- **Mid Dornan** – Annual Junktique sale is planned for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Donations accepted Wednesday and Saturday mornings
- **Gene Scott** - Brickyard Cove resident, and former PRNC board member. Would like to represent BCARD - Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development. Neighbors impacted by Laconia have hired an attorney to submit a letter to the city in response to the DEIR and address community concerns. Please attend the meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>. If interested in talking points, email [gene@scottca.com](mailto:gene@scottca.com)
- **Maureen Decombe** – Soils workshop will be held here in the Community Center. Workshop will discuss how to deal with potential soil toxicity if you want to grow food. Planning to have lunch after the workshop, and then have a workday at the Plunge. Currently scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**14. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn** - For Cordell's nephew who turned 8.

**PAY DUES NOW AND YOU'RE COVERED UNTIL MAY 2017.** 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

Individual

Renewal

Household

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting:***

***Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.  
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Here are some highlights of our next meeting:



- \* Election of President and Secretary
- \* Vote: Street Light Dimming
- \* Interim Zoning Ordinance Update
- \* Proposed Projects: Cliffside, Tewksbury, and Bottoms Quarry



***Don't forget: Your dues are due. Please pay at the door.***

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