



ON POINT *March 2016*



PRNC Annual Meeting/Elections—At our Annual Membership Meeting on April 27 we will be electing the PRNC President and Secretary. The Nominating Committee will announce its nominations for each office at the Membership Meeting on March 30. After the committee recommendations are made the floor will be open for further nominations for these two offices. You must be a paid member to vote in April.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Terminal One is posted on the city's website. The document focuses on the potential impact of the proposed development on the environment. We have until April 11 to submit comments/concerns. After reviewing all comments a Final EIR will be published that will either incorporate public comments or write a written response to comments. Members of the PRNC LUDRC and Board will meet on March 23 to discuss our concerns. We will bring recommendations to the membership on March 30 for discussion and vote to identify those issues that are of concern to the majority of members to submit to the city. This does not preclude individuals submitting their concerns to the city.

Interim Zoning Ordinance After almost 4 years of having a zoning ordinance that is inconsistent with the General Plan 2030, the City now wants to pass an "Interim Zoning Ordinance" by the end of next month. The final ordinance will be adopted at a later date. The ordinance creates zones that are consistent with the General Plan and prescribes in detail what is allowable in each zone. It includes guidelines regarding establishments in commercial areas. It also sets policy regarding Planned Areas (PA's), an issue of concern to us. We need to review the document carefully and submit comments to the planning department. Documents and zoning maps can be found at www.zonerichmond.com.

Working to Stop Violence in Richmond We are all saddened by the recent loss of lives of Richmond youth as a result of gun violence. Many organizations including (among others) Operation Ceasefire, Office of Neighborhood Safety, the RYSE Center as well as the police are trying to understand the cause of the recent upsurge of violence and bring it to an end. Hopefully they will be successful. The Office of the Mayor is starting an initiative with the goal of transforming "Richmond into a city where youth can thrive and feel safe in the places where they live, work, learn, and play." Other organizations including RPAL and the Richmond High Steppers provide alternative, positive activities for our youth. Many in Point Richmond are actively helping the youth of Richmond. I'd like to highlight two initiatives spearheaded at least in part by PRNC members, which demonstrate that we can be a part of the effort to decrease the violence.

Garry Hurlbut, PRNC treasurer, has spent the last four years building a tennis program in Richmond. Garry helped press the city to refurbish tennis courts around the city and has been instrumental in organizing people of all ages from all parts of the city into tennis teams that play in matches throughout northern California that focus on active healthy lifestyles and sportsmanship. Jim Zahradka, PRNC member, is working with bicycle enthusiasts from different areas of the city to organize an all Richmond mountain biking racing team. They are currently considering the feasibility of various Richmond locations for Bike Skills Parks. The Parks will be accessible to all Richmond youth to have fun learning how to handle a bike safely and courteously. Given concerns for stopping gun violence in Richmond, Najari Smith, founder of the City's only bike shop, Rich City Rides, is sponsoring a Ride of Silence in memory of Xavier McClanahan who was recently murdered near the Richmond Greenway. Details of the Ride of Silence will be published soon. We welcome your participation. While much intensive work is needed to break down barriers and understand the roots of the violence to bring it to a halt, Jim and Garry demonstrate that we can be a part of the solution.

Congratulations to Maryn Hurlbut on her appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. We know she will do a great job.

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

Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 *Call to order and approval of Minutes from February 24, 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 *Nominations for President and Secretary 2016-2018* *5 minutes*
- Land Use/Design Review Committee – No projects to consider*
Items to be considered at the April meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by April 13. 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.
- 7:54 *Richmond Tool Lending Library, Lupe Morales* *5 minutes*
- 7:59 *Terminal One: Preliminary Discussion of PRNC Response to Draft EIR, Rod Satre* *10/10 minutes*
- 8:19 *Report on Interim Zoning Ordinance, Kathryn Dienst* *10/10 minutes*
- 8:39 *Update on Point Molate Meeting, Jordan DeStaebler* *5/5 minutes*
- 8:49 *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, (510) 235-0081*
 - *Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111, www.rta-ca.org*
 - *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*
 - *People for a Healthy Shoreline*
 - *Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown, Jordan DeStaebler (510) 697-2742*
 - *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-1045*
 - *Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559*
- 9:14 *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.*
- 9:24 *In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn*



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 24, 2016

- 1. Called to Order** at 7:38 pm. Minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting were approved without objection.
- 2. Police Report, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Sgt. Moreno-** Crime stats are down since last year. On-foot, preventative community contact is getting started in the neighborhood. In response to auto burglaries, officers have walked in the middle of the night in some of the most frequented areas. RPD is almost up to full staffing. The tragic loss of Officer Gus Vargas has been difficult for the department. The Chief of Police position has been opened to internal applicants, and the hiring process is ongoing, with a shortlist of candidates in view. There is not an external search at this time. There is an expectation that the policies of Chief Magnus will continue to be carried out, refined, and adapted.
- 3. President's Report, Margaret Jordan-** We have tried a new arrangement for the room that allows better viewing of the screen for visual presentations. Nominating Committee has met once and is pursuing a list of possible candidates for the role of PRNC President, the only position to be filled for 2016/17. RNCC will soon meet with Richard Mitchell on the topic of the Zoning Ordinance. Rochelle Monk will be new Parks & Recreation Director. We can expect some great new developments and coordination between Parks & Rec and the community under her leadership.
- 4. Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler-** It's time to start paying dues for next year. Dues should be paid by the end of April for 2016. 165 paid members.
- 5. Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut-** \$255 of member dues have come in, along with some donations. We purchased a Document Projector for \$120. \$256 for meeting last month. Gateway Foundation Grant came in for sustainable garden maintenance at The Plunge.
- 6. Land Use/Design Review Committee** – The following projects were no-shows:
 - Proposed Construction of 3 Houses on Tewksbury, Lots – APN#558-330-039, 558-330-040, and 558-330-039 (Norma Munoz, Owner)
 - Rehab of Bottoms Quarry/Development of an 'Agricultural Center' (Ojan Mobedshahi, Ashbury Construction)
- 7. Richmond Youth Leadership, Cordell Hindler** – Cordell is a volunteer coordinator for City of Richmond. The Richmond Youth Leadership program is designed for high school students to engage with the community. Described various exercises in leadership and personal development, including governance. The ultimate goal is to encourage and increase student participation in community meetings. There are currently 8-9 members. There are three community projects- Education, Health & Wellness, Homelessness. Cordell is requesting PRNC support for the project, including a possible donation.
- 8. Terminal One: Preliminary Discussion of Draft EIR** – Margaret acknowledged Pete Bingham for organizing the community around the Terminal One issue, and praised his quiet, strong and thoughtful presence. Lina Velasco, the Planner for the project, shared a moving tribute to Pete. Others in the room shared their appreciation and gratitude for Pete's leadership style and dedication.

The PRNC Board seeks a set of unified comments on anticipated negative environmental and community impacts that must be addressed before the project is approved and adopted by the Richmond Planning Commission.

An agendaized vote on the comments will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting. LUDRC will take these comments and proffer a suggested list of items.

Altha Humphrey asked how many live in Brickyard Cove- 7 were in attendance. Her entire western view will be lost, plus sky.

Jane Lundin - DRB imposed 30 conditions. The back of the 4 higher buildings is to be stepped down one story, which will make a difference for some people. On Monday, 2/22, an additional 29 DRB conditions were announced.

Don Woodrow- Concerned about safety and traffic access- 2 ways coming and going: through the tunnel or through Canal/Seacliff Drive. ~700 new cars in addition to ~300 cars, combined with train traffic. Additional concern re: Seacliff Dr., which is not up to City Code. The EIR must take into account ALL info about ALL projects, and volume of traffic.

Margaret Jordan- traffic concern re flow, in addition to volume.

Charmain Tyler- congestion, traffic, entrances and exits for parking garage onto the main road. Concerns about service vehicles and construction vehicles and their impact.

Pat Pearson- how will recreational users of the park be affected? Parking for those who use the park now.

Christine Volker- Downtown vs shoreline development. Parking is not sufficient for inhabitants. Where will they park? How much of the park will become urbanized due to a great influx of vehicles, making putting the park into service for the developers, not the public. Lack of charging stations for electric cars. No solar. How does this project reflect Richmond's commitment to reducing climate change, per the Paris talks?

Joe Puleo- What are the Sewage Treatment Plant impacts and capacity?

Diane Marie- A roundabout was presented by Laconia at a recent meeting, as well as a turn lane. Within 3 years, there will be 1,000 more people on this shoreline. Concerns about water and sewer plant capacity.

Charmain Tyler- building on the shoreline- Discussed BCDC and wonders if they got approval.

This project is on a fast track for approval. The City needs funds from the sale to put into reserves and keep bond rating from being lowered. We should encourage all of our friends within and outside of PR to understand and contribute to the process of making this project work for our community now and well into the future. Speculates that a possible scenario may be similar to the Toll Bros project. The expectation emerging from that process is that those criteria would be applied, but it appears this is not the case. Much work went into that process, and that work could inform our community process in response to the DEIR. Within the next 84 years, sea level rise will strongly affect this project. Do we have a strategy to defend our shoreline? Projections are that Brickyard Cove will become an island, as it was originally.

Maureen Decombe- Wastewater plant, sea-level rise, serious concerns about the traffic impacts at the gateway where the Plunge and Mechanics Bank are.

General discussion of points made by Rod Satre, and submitted prior to the meeting, with lots of input from Jane L, Charmain, Joe P- Change in wind flows caused by the big buildings- increased intensity, but also blockage for the sailors. Access and on-street parking will not be "public" unless a 2-hour limit is imposed. Pier/ferry/marine use- if there is an extra ferry pickup point, people from town will also try to park there. Marine use- Terminal One dock will continue to be used by ships and tugboats. City of Richmond will continue to use that dock for marine traffic. Eminent domain is a possibility to move project back into hillside, but fire dept is requiring a full width road for access by emergency vehicles.

Margaret- what should our process be for comment? EIR Steering Committee? People for a Healthy Shoreline will continue as a group. Goal is to make sure that informed activists influence the project in a way that benefits everyone. Will PHS respond to the draft EIR? Probably not.

Poll of room – who is interested in serving on an ad hoc committee? Altha, possibly Steve Volker. Altha Humphrey moved that we hold a special meeting, CT Seconded. Membership voted to hold a special meeting. Date TBD.

9. Report on Automatic License Plate Readers, Diana Bort Diana Bort has researched other communities that have tried License Plate Readers and CCTV to reduce crime. There are 40 CCTV cameras in the main part of Richmond, but none in Point Richmond. The police dept wants to hear from the community. She has gathered signatures, and passed the petition. Cameras vs License Plate Readers? Cameras can be evaded, but officers have found the License Plate Readers work better for enforcement. License Plate readers are ~\$40,000 each, and are connected to a national databank. If such measures were taken, would we want LPRs or Cameras? There is not city budget to cover license plate readers. Two cameras have been installed- one on Tewksbury and one near The Plunge.

10. Website update- Christine Volker updated on the work being done to update the Sustainability section of the website, with the help of Maureen Decombe and David Moore, website support for PRNC.

11. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups

- Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal- not present
- Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey- meets March 2nd in the Community Center.
- Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey- Feb 27th 10:30-12:00 Annual Meeting, March 10- Artful Conversation, will install a show in Kaleidoscope.
- Women's Westside Improvement Club- 2 Events for March- March 1 Monthly Meeting at 11:30. Nancy Burns from Body Wisdom Studio will give some updated exercise tips. Saturday, March 12 Map Garden workshop/volunteer day 10-12.
- Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut- 5 Adult Teams are playing in Richmond. One of the men's teams has now WON the District Championship. Next step is Sectionals on March 5-6 in Fresno.
- Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan-Planning has said that a Site Plan is needed for approval of the planned kiosk, along with several more permits, with review by the Historic Resources Board, because it is a NEW structure. These permits can be very expensive.
- Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn- Songbook Fundraiser, "Songs for a New World" will take place this weekend, Friday through Sunday nights. Telling Stories in Song. Thank you to community for support of the garage sale for so many years.
- TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert- not present
- Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown, Jordan DeStaebler- Lights have now been turned down everywhere.
- USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson- On March 4, at "Slack Tide", 6am, the ship will move to Number 5. Pancake breakfasts start again in April.
- Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding-not present, update coming in March

12. Public Forum

1. Cordell Hindler recommends "The Clean House"- runs through March 6. He also recommends various ideas for the board to consider, including district elections.

2. Joe Puleo- The planned kiosk at the corner of Washington & W. Richmond inspires him to find a location for an informal community bulletin board, and he would like to form a small ad-hoc committee to identify potential locations and begin a planning process, with input from the community. Periodic volunteer "policing" of the resource, i.e., regular cleanup and maintenance was discussed. Possibilities could include two locations in proximity to the future kiosk, the wall along Santa Fe Market. Altha Humphrey suggested, and volunteered for a committee to look into the idea.

3. Garry Hurlbut- The planting for trees in the The Plunge Garden will take place within the next month.

12. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn –

In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn- Births: Garry Miroslava Ivanova Khodyuk, there is a pic on the website. Cordell- Carmela Esparza born on January 12. Remembrance: Charmain is a teacher, and one of her students passed Mariela Ramirez Gutierrez. There is a fundraising site set up (GoFundMe) to help the family with funeral expenses, under the name of Mariela Ramirez. Pete Bingham was remembered again for his significant and important work on Terminal One. Gus Vargas, City of Richmond Police Officer, was remembered for his service.

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 _____

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting:

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

Here are some highlights of our next meeting:

- * VOTE: Terminal One, Draft EIR**
- * Interim Zoning Ordinance Update**
- * Richmond's Tool Lending Library**
- * Point Molate Update**



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