



ON POINT *May 2016*



A new era begins: I recall moving to Point Richmond 11 years ago and sitting in a Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting, thinking what a great entity to have available for community members to connect and support this place we call home. I am from Southern California, having grown up in a small beach town that Point Richmond reminds me of in so many ways. I look back with many fond memories of knowing everyone in town and being able to go to the beach without concern for my safety at a young age. Part of the reason why I decided to become involved with the PTA and the Point Richmond Business Association was to make Point Richmond a wonderful place so that my daughter could look back with fond memories of the town she grew up in. We live out at the homes at Seacliff. We were homeowner number one. Our home is filled with love and laughter shared by my wife Maureen, daughter Lily, dog Oleeo, two cats, Theo and Stitch, all of whom are lovingly adopted. We have watched much change occur in Point Richmond and more is surely coming. Fundamentally we believe that we cannot complain about change unless we are part of the solution. I look forward to meeting and working with you all in the near future.

Three new businesses in Point Richmond: There is the wonderful new mom and pop Art Shop, founded by Kelly and Jacinto on West Richmond next to the Up and Under and Point Realty. The new Cherry Dog is in the former Art Lounge location. Jeannine did a great job grooming our handsome Australian Shepard Oleeo. The Tax Bar was founded by Luis-Alberto Garcia. These are all great new additions to our wonderful downtown.

Come and get your hands dirty on June 11, 10:30am to 11:30am, Community Center: Do you grow food at home, or would you like to someday? Come learn how to take action to protect your food crops from common urban soil risks and safely garden wherever you live in our urban watershed. Afterwards, help celebrate with our friends at Richmond Tennis with a lunch and dedication at their newly completed garden at The Plunge.

Summer Concert Series starts on June 10 with Namorados da Lua (Brazilian, www.namoradosdalu.com) and Johnny Rawls (blues, www.johnnyrawlsblues.com).

Save the Date for Picnic in the Point: Saturday, September 24, 12pm to 5pm.

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 and be part of the solution become a member today!

David Schoenthal

**David Schoenthal, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 *Call to order and approval of Minutes from April 27, 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, Dave Schoenthal (510) 710-4621* *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*
- Land Use/Design Review Committee – No projects to consider*
Items to be considered at the June meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by June 6. 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.
- 7:49 *Presentations on Measure N, Daniel Butt, and Leisa Johnson* *18 minutes*
7 minutes For Measure N; 7 minutes Against Measure N; 2-minute rebuttals
- 8:07 *Downtown Lighting Presentation, Jordan DeStaebler* *15 minutes*
- 8:22 *Chevron Richmond Refinery, New Project for Long Wharf* *10 minutes*
- 8:32 *Free Soils Day and Plunge Garden Opening, Maryn Hurlbut* *10 minutes*
- 8:42 *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
- 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
- 8:57 *Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers, 2 minutes each, up to 10 minutes. 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 or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.*
- 9:07 *In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn*



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 27, 2016

1. Called to Order at 7:40 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on March 30, 2016 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Margaret Jordan, Charmain Tyler, Jordan DeStabler, Garry Hurlbut, Hilary Brown. Absent: Maureen Decombe.
2. Police Report - Officer Palma was present. Crime in Beat 1 is down this year compared to last year in the same time period for all categories of crime. Several recent crimes have concerned residents: a laptop stolen from the hands of a diner sitting outside a coffee shop and a separate incident when a man was knocked to the ground and had his watch stolen. Police have leads for these crimes but they cannot comment on ongoing investigations. It is not effective to report a crime by sending an email to the police or writing on the Nextdoor or Facebook websites. Emails to the police may not be read for up to 2-3 days. Police ask residents to report all suspicious activity directly to the police by calling the non-emergency line or call 911 if there is an emergency or a crime in progress.
3. President's Report, Margaret Jordan: Working as president of PRNC for the past 4 years has been fun and rewarding, and I encourage everyone to consider participating. It has been a great way to learn about the community and get to know so many people and work on many projects and developments. The work goes on with the new zoning ordinance. When I started as president I was charged with getting our historic wig wags installed and operational for celebratory occasions. It has been a challenge to work with the railroad, but we have slowly made progress. The next members of the board will have to pick up this project.
4. Report on Membership, Charmain Taylor: Membership dues are due on May 1st. Currently in April we have 177 paid members for the 2015-2016 year, and there are only 57 paid members for the new year starting in May. Only paid members can vote, so please renew your membership. PRNC dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a household. Lifetime membership is \$500.
5. Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut: Total dues received last month were \$480 plus \$125 in new donations. At the last meeting we voted to donate \$500 to the tool lending library. The Benevolent fund is looking for local causes to support. Current balances: \$2,013.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,577.00, General Fund.
6. Land Use/Design Review Committee: Two projects, both approved unanimously by LUDRC:
 - 0 Cliffside Court (a single family home). Committee made suggestions about exterior design elements and the future residents accepted suggestions. A motion was passed with unanimous support to approve the 0 Cliffside Court project as recommended by the LUDRC.
 - 5 townhouses on Corner of Tewksbury in the empty lot by the liquor store. Project will increase width of sidewalk by removing encroaching railings. Each unit will have 5 parking spots, one for each unit. Each home will have a downstairs area for live/work space, and an upstairs living space. Rooftops are solar ready. Each parking spot will have an electric car charger. All units are for 55 and older residents. The LUDRC recommended changing the facade so the lower level will have a brick finish and to soften the second floor. Exterior facade will include a combination of brick, clapboard and redwood siding. A motion was passed with unanimous support to approve the project with the recommendations of LUDRC which included a suggestion to make changes to the facade.
7. Election of officers:
 - Secretary: Hilary Brown was nominated for the position, and was elected unanimously.
 - President: Dave Schoenthal was nominated for the position, and was elected unanimously.

8. Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown: Reviewed recent history of street lights and the 60 day demonstration of dimmed lights in zones 2 and 4 (which excludes the commercial areas).

A motion was passed

to permanently dim the lights in zones 2 and 4, as they are currently dimmed for the demonstration. The motion was passed with unanimous support; no votes in opposition.

9. Update on Interim Coding Ordinance, Jordan Destabler: Richmond is starting process of revising the zoning code. The new zoning ordinance is intended to resolve inconsistencies between the existing zoning ordinances that conflict with the general plan. The final ordinance is expected to be in place by December 2016. It is important to address inconsistencies and provide feedback and input to the new zoning ordinance in order to prevent spot zoning and make sure future projects match the character of our community. We have through May to influence how the zoning ordinance is going to be shaped.

10. Proposed Project at bottoms Quarry, Ojan Mobedshahi: Proposed development of residential homes off Seacliff Drive where the old quarry pit is located. They are looking for community input before starting design. Concept includes residential properties similar to Brickyard Landing, a staging area for park access, creating a transition and buffer between the park and the industrial area.

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

- Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal: "Chillin with a Cop" at Kaleidescope 4/22/2016 4-5pm. Daniel Butt is the new president of PRBA. Luncheon featuring Caesar Zapeda from Hilltop is tomorrow at 11:30 at Hotel Mac.
- Knit & Such, Altha Humphrey: Everyone is welcome to join for knitting, crocheting and needle point and company. Next meeting is at 3:00, May 4 in community center.
- Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey: New exhibits on display at the post office and Kaleidescope. Join us for "Artful Conversation" on May 12 from 7 to 8:30.
- Women's West Side Improvement, Linda Newton: A fund raiser on Tuesday, May 3. Gardening Day scheduled on Saturday May 14 from 10-12 to clean up the gardens around the triangle.
- Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut: ECIA grants are due on Monday for youth and youth sports. Richmond Tennis is still working to bring tennis to communities throughout the city. Tots' Tennis is starting this spring; keep an eye out for the 3-6 year olds playing on the Plunge tennis courts.
- History Association, Mid Dornan - Annual meeting scheduled on Sunday May 15 at 2pm in the community center followed by presentation by Caitlin Harvey about Live-Work cottages and Smokey Row Houses in Point Richmond
- Masquers, Kathe Kiehn - PRBA is helping Masquers with the Memorial Day garage sale. The architect has indicated repairs and renovations will cost around \$350,000.

12. Open Forum

- Cordell Hindler: Contra Costa Civic Theater showing "The Mountain Tuck" from April 15 through May 8th. EICA grants are due on Monday. Finally, thank you to Margaret Jordan who has done so much for the PRNC.
- Maryn Hurlbut: June 11th gala to celebrate opening of the Plunge Garden. Thank you to all volunteers who have helped with landscaping. Volunteers are still needed, please come and help this weekend from 9am to whenever.
- Christine Volker: Friends of Public Library - Saturday April 30th from 11:00 - 1:00 at community center; collecting books to sell. This is how we come up with money to support library programs May 21st Book sale from 1-4 pm at the main library.
- PRNC board would like to thank Margaret Jordan for all of her help over her tenure with some parting gifts: Wine, sage and thyme.

13. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn: In memory of Claudia Beall, long time resident and owner of the print shop by Hotel Mac. Memorial service at the Methodist Church will be on April 30th at 1:00. Jane Diokas' father, another long time resident. Matthew Miggo, a friend of Cordell. Amelia Frankle, survived by her husband and wonderful son.

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

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Mailing Address _____

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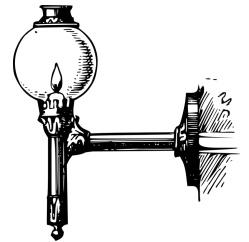
Signature _____ Date _____

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting:

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

Here are some highlights of our next meeting:

- * Measure N, For and Against
- * Downtown Lighting
- * Chevron Long Wharf Project
- * Soils Day Event
- * Plunge Garden Opening Event



Don't forget: Masquers Annual Garage Sale, Monday, May 30

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