



ON POINT *April 2017*



Happy Spring!

I can't believe that a year has passed so very fast. I have been President of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council for one year. We have dealt with stinky smells, new home developments, parking issues, weeds, gardening and assisted with several community projects. I suppose it has gone by so fast because there has been so much to do.

At this month's Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, General Membership Meeting on Wednesday April 26 we are electing two new board members, I am going to give a brief State of the Point speech (apparently, the bylaws say that's what I must do) and Aaron Winer from Veolia will be in to answer questions about the monitoring stations for the waste treatment facility.

We are also forming a new ad-hoc committee to focus on Parking and Traffic in Downtown Point Richmond. If you are interested please attend the meeting and put your name in to be part of the solution.

See you all around the Point!

PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES—are still one of the best deals in town! Dues are \$10/individual, \$15/household. Membership payments for 2017 are being accepted now! Pay with cash or check at the next meeting. If you want to vote at our General Membership meetings each month, be part of the solution become a member today!

David Schoenthal

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



AGENDA

Point Richmond Community Center
Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:00PM

7:00	Call to order and approval of Minutes from the March 29 meeting	2 minutes
7:02	Police Report, Richmond Police Department	8 minutes
7:10	President's Annual State of the Point Address, David Schoenthal (510) 710-4621	10 minutes
7:20	Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111	2 minutes
7:22	Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 Outgoing 2nd Vice President, Membership Director	5 minutes
7:27	Elections for Treasurer and 2nd Vice President Jordan DeStabler - Treasurer Garry Hurlbut - 1st Vice President June Hight - 2nd Vice President, Membership Director	10 minutes
7:37	Community Briefs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-1045- Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081- Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Margaret Jordan, http://richmondneighbors.org/	4 minutes
7:41	Discussion of Community Monitoring Stations - Veolia Aaron Winer - Project manager (510) 412-2001 aaron.winer@veolia.com	15 minutes
7:56	Community Briefs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Point Richmond Business Association, Daniel Butt - - www.pointrichmondbusiness.com- Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934- Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334- Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org	8 minutes
8:04	Land Use/Design Review Committee (*Note the location change) 44 Montana Street - Hilary Brown 50 Nicholl - Anthony Cassell Items to be considered at the April 19 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. Contact Rod at rdsatre@live.com , (510) 232-5059. The LUDRC Committee meets monthly <i>one week prior</i> to the PRNC Meeting at 6 p.m. at *The Up and Under Pub on the 2nd floor, at 2 West Richmond Avenue . Please attend if your project is being considered.	5 minutes
8:09	Community Briefs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org- Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org- TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail- Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott	8 minutes
8:17	Parking Committee: An invitation to join the conversation and form a new committee Please sign up!	5 minutes
8:22	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, or http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.	
8:32	In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn	



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 29, 2017

1. **Called to Order** at 7:36 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on February 22, 2017 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Jordan Destabler, Charmain Tyler, Garry Hurlbut, Maureen Decombe and Hilary Brown.
2. **Police Report**, Officer Hoskins: Drinking violations and fighting issues have occurred at El Tunnel Restaurant. At Brickyard Cove people have been attempting to break into the old ferry building. There is another homeless encampment over on Tewksbury. Police refer homeless people to the two shelters in Richmond, or to county services. Crime statistics: there was an uptick in stolen vehicles. Police advise everyone to lock their vehicles and not leave things out. Officer Hoskins works this area on graveyard and weekends.
3. **President's Report, Dave Schoenthal**: Elections are coming and we are looking for people who want to serve on the board. If you want to serve or know someone who, please let Dave know. PRNC held a special development meeting for the new project at The Quarry. The most discussed issues were parking and traffic.
4. **Report on Membership, Charmain Tylor**: Currently there are 115 total paid members. April 30th is the end of our fiscal year and Membership dues are due April 30th for the next year. If you pay now, your membership will be current through April 30, 2018.
5. **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut**: \$135 increase from membership. We paid out \$300 for website maintenance. We moved \$3000 back into the benevolent fund, and we also moved to give \$1000 to the Plunge Garden. Current balances: \$2,713.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$3,198.95, General Fund.
6. **Plunge West Collaborative Projects, Maryn Hurlbut**: Presidents of PRNC, PRBA, PRMusic, and RTA all agreed to collaborate in support of the Plunge Gardens project. There are four main components of the project: the Bocce Ball court, the walkway leading from the front to the back, the butterfly garden and teaching area, and cleanup & beautification in front of plunge. The schedule is very ambitious and we plan to start fundraising right away before we have the exact design. Currently we are waiting for a survey and detailed architectural drawings. PRNC donated \$1000 toward the cost of a landscape architect to make an evaluation and design which will then be used to collaborate with several gardening groups for installation. Membership discussed having a community meeting to get more information about the gardening design. A motion was made to have a community meeting on the project sponsored by PRNC and LUDRC in conjunction with each other to have a full presentation of the design. Motion was passed.
7. **Parking and Traffic in Point Richmond, Denee Evans, city manager's transportation division**: Currently downtown Point Richmond area has high parking demand and little turnover. There are applications for parklets and competing traffic needs. Several options for pilot project were discussed:
 - Idea #1: Use back-in angled parking on one side of Park Place. Convert Park Place to a one-way street, have back-in angled parking on the right side, next to the businesses. This option has mixed reviews: it is the safest option for bicyclists, but many people are not comfortable with back-in parking. Also, it would require left-hand parallel parking on the left side of the street. Driving would be one way only on Park Pl.
 - Idea #2: forward-in angled parking on right side of Park Place with left-hand parallel parking. This would also make Park Place a one way street. This option is most dangerous for bicycles.
 - Idea #3 - angled parking on inside of the triangle on Park Place with parallel parking on the shop side. This option offers fewer parking places, but offers the most familiar parallel and front-in parking.Discussed logistics of making Railroad a one-way street. This option has been studied but rejected by city traffic engineers because of limitations with street width. Discussed ideas to improve intersection at Railroad Ave & West Richmond Ave: install new parking places, landscaping, or parklet. Discussed paid or metered parking to encourage parking turn-over for short term parking: smart multi-space meters serve 8-12 cars. Please email Denee.evans@ci.richmond.ca.us & Patrick.Phelan@ci.richmond.ca.us for suggestions.

8. **Rising Sun Energy Center, Lindsey Roark - Youth Programs Assistant:** This is a non-profit organization based in Berkeley working at the intersection of climate change, energy and water efficiency and youth employment. They employ 15-24 year olds and teach them about energy conservation. Clients request energy and water efficiency feedback, and employees conduct home visits lasting between 30 minutes and 2 hours depending on the home. The youth will then provide education and suggestions for improving efficiency. They also offer free solar assessments. All services are free. All employees are carefully vetted for professionalism, and there is no pressure and no spam from the company. In Richmond, they offer free unlimited LED lightbulbs to replace CFL's and old lightbulbs.
9. **Brezo at the Baltic Square, Hector and Heather:** Brezo means Heather in Spanish. We wanted to announce that we are now open for brunch, lunch and dinner. We appreciate your support and encourage you to please stop by. We are working on new menus for spring and summer, and we are working to open the patio in the back. We are also looking at getting music in the future.
10. **Herbalife - Gwen Buchanan, Health and Wellness Coach:** Offering one-on-one coaching to help people with weight management and building a healthy and active lifestyle. Herbalife offers for 80% nutrition and 20% exercise and coaching to assist with a healthy mindset.

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

- **Point Richmond Business Association:** a luncheon featuring Steve Early, author of Refinery Town is on Thursday, 3/30 from 11:30-1:00pm at the top floor of Up & Under.
- **Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey:** New artwork display at El Sol.
- **Richmond Tennis Association, Garry Hurlbut:** Children's tennis on courts by the Plunge on Saturday from 9-10am. These classes are for 3-8 year olds and it is adorable. For adults, currently we have 5 teams with 4 teams going to the playoffs. We are looking for volunteers for after school programs: tennis, academic counseling, and nutrition.
- **Women's West Side Improvement Club, Linda Newton:** Next brown bag lunch is April 4 from 11:30 - 2pm at the Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome, but please RSVP to Linda. We assist with maintaining various gardens around the triangle, map garden, and trees. We have been asked to assist with Wig Wags and Pocket Parks. Please join us Saturday, April 22 from 10-12 at the Map Garden.
- **Point Richmond History Association, Kathe Kiehn:** annual meeting is scheduled on Sunday May 21. Presentation and slide show by Karen Buchanan.
- **Masquers - Kathe Kiehn:** Looking for new board of directors members. Current president has resigned, and organization is fundraising to pay for the cracked beam and other needed repairs. The May 29 memorial day yard sale is still planned, but the Masquers role will be scaled down.
- **RNCC Updates, Margaret Jordan:** RNCC meetings are now being recorded and will be posted on Facebook page. Meetings are on 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. There are 32 neighborhoods in Richmond.
- **Red Oak Victory, Pat Pearson:** Pancake breakfasts start up again on Sunday April 9th. Thursday night movies; next one is April 20th "Chips the Warthog." Movie is free but we ask for a small donation. Finally, Osperys are back and this year the Audubon has set up Next Cameras!

12. Open Forum

- Cordell: UC Berkeley Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund, offers grants to improve campus and community. Contra Costa Civic Theatre now showing "The Lost Years," a hilarious comedy about a 16th century wedding. Next crime prevention meeting is on April 19th at 7pm featuring a discussion about human trafficking.
- "An Evening with Wine and Words" is planned at Kalidescope on April 4 at 7pm. This is for Point Richmond writers and would-be writers to talk about books and meet neighbors.

13. **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** Demarcus Doss died while shielding his girlfriend during a drive-by shooting. He was a hero, and a protector. Robert Lunden, a relative of Jane's passed away. Linda Pertzborn, the mother of a friend passed. They will all be remembered fondly. Dave's beautiful cat Theo passed away suddenly at the age of 2 and will be missed. Charmain's niece had her second baby: Marcus Tyler Pedigrew. Amelia Hurlbut married Shyam Mani were married in India two weeks ago. Tylor Lebow had his birthday on St Patricks' day.

14. Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by Hilary Brown; "hilarybrownie (at) hotmail.com" (510) 326-5946



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Plunge Garden improvements, in partnership with PRNC, PRBA, PRMusic and other local organizations: Please consider making a tax deductible donation to improve the Plunge Gardens by donating through the Richmond Tennis Association: <http://rta-ca.org/drupal-7.0/?q=node/26>.

Checks can be mailed to PRNC, with attn: RTA - Plunge Garden Improvement

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