



ON POINT *November-December 2018*

Happy Holidays from the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council!

With the Thanksgiving Holiday taking up everyone's attention we're moving the General Meeting to Wednesday, December the 5th! Hope you can make it,

And, just in case you didn't make it, our October General Meeting was jam packed.

Carol Johnson from the East Bay Regional Park District turned up to inform us about Measure FF, which turns out to be an extension of the existing Measure CC which will continue existing, voter-approved funding for Regional Parks in western Alameda and Contra Costa counties – without increasing taxes. Who wouldn't want that?

Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, the Emergency Services Manager, graciously informed our members about CERT training, which is available at 440 Civic Center Plaza. [Office of Emergency Services](#). And Kate Spalding turned up--on crutches!--to tell us about all how the Magick Lantern is progressing.

For our December meeting, the fire marshal will visit to discuss fire danger in our community. Don Woodrow has offered to enlighten us regarding the efforts of Dan Furtado on the restoration of the Wig Wags, and Charmain Tyler has a presentation for us! Also, Craig Riordan will be at the December meeting to tell us about his winery, Bard Clan Wines.

Because the December agenda is also packed, June and Buzz will not give Membership or Treasurer's reports at the meeting. This month we have \$4,061 in the General Fund and 73 active memberships. Please see Buzz or June to pay your dues if you have not already done so. This month, dues reminders will go out in the mail for inactive members.

And finally, we invite you to continue our tradition of bringing toys and stuffed animals to donate to the Richmond Fire and Police Departments at our December meeting. We will bring toy and stuffed animal donations to the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC) meeting on December 10 where they are organizing and collecting all toy donations. All of us are invited to attend the RNCC meeting where they are hosting their annual Holiday Gathering and a Meet-and-Greet for our new City Manager, Carlos Martinez. This event is on Monday, December 10th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at 2525 Macdonald Ave., Richmond CA, 94804. Check out the lovely flyer, 3rd page of the newsletter.

Sounds like fun.

Peter Thelin

President

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

*The PRNC and LUDRC are advisory only capacity, and cannot approve or deny anything beyond "Recommendations for Development" to the City of Richmond. Our role is to mitigate conflict at the local level.



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 7:30pm
Point Richmond Community Center
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

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- 7:30 *Call to order and approval of minutes from the October 24, 2018 PRNC meeting* **2 minutes**
- 7:32 *Fire Safety and Community Concerns about Fire, Eric Govan, Fire Marshal* **15 minutes**
- 7:47 *Gateway Grant Announcements, Margi Cellucci* **5 minutes**
- 7:52 *Police Report, Richmond Police Department, Officer Ben Mendler* **5 minutes**
- 7:57 *President's Report, Peter Thelin* **2 minutes**
- 7:59 *Community Briefs (2 minutes each)* **12 minutes**
- *East Bay Regional Parks District - Mona Palacios*
 - *Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan* <http://richmondneighbors.org/>
 - *Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding* MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510) 232-2559
 - *Arts of Point Richmond, www.artsofpointrichmond.com*
 - *Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, <https://richmondsmartlight.wixsite.com/website>*
 - *PRCert, Edie Sellers and Shaun Partlow <https://www.prcert.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/prcert>*
- Land Use/Design Review Committee**
- No projects this month*** **0 minutes**
- The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting at 6:00pm at the Point Richmond Community Center at 139 Washington Ave. Please plan to attend the LUDRC meeting and General Membership meeting at 7:30pm if your project is being considered.***
- 8:11 *Bard Clan Wines, Craig Riordan* **10 minutes**
- 8:21 *Wig Wag Restoration, Don Woodrow and Charmain Tyler* **15 minutes**
- 8:36 *Community Briefs (2 minutes each)* **14 minutes**
- *Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani*
 - *Point Richmond Business Association, David Schoenthal- www.pointrichmondbusiness.com*
 - *TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail*
 - *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045*
 - *Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org*
 - *Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <http://pointrichmondhistory.org/>*
 - *Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org*
- 8:50 **Public Forum:** *Please sign up. As many as 3 speakers (2 minutes each).* **6 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 Peter Thelin at pthelin1@yahoo.com prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.*
- 8:56 **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn**

SEASONS GREETINGS
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD
COORDINATING COUNCIL'S
ANNUAL
HOLIDAY GATHERING
AND
MEET AND GREET
FOR
OUR NEW CITY MANAGER
CARLOS MARTINEZ
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

LOCATION: CITY OF RICHMOND, SENIOR CENTER
2525 MACDONALD AVENUE
RICHMOND, CA, 94804

TIME: 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

PLEASE BRING A TOY FOR THE RICHMOND FIRE & POLICE HOLIDAY PROGRAM.

IF YOU "BUY A KID A BIKE" FOR \$49/HELMET INCLUDED, RICHMOND ROTARY WILL ALSO DONATE A BICYCLE UP TO \$5000 IN MATCHING FUNDS. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO RICHMOND ROTARY CLUB.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.





Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

1. **Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:34; board members present: Peter Thelin, Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Buzz Baylis, Gary Hurlbut and Charmain Tyler. Minutes from the August meeting were amended to show the correct spelling of Roosa's name and Nicholl Avenue. After amendments, the August minutes were approved.
2. **Police Report:** Officer Ben Mender (BMender@RichmondPD.net) was not present; no police report.
3. **Fire Department:** Dave and Jeff from the Point Richmond fire house discussed winter safety. Seasonal fire hazard inspections were completed and now that fall and winter are coming, they recommend making sure our homes are winter ready: make sure chimneys, furnaces, and heaters are cleaned out and free of debris, consider if PG&E should inspect your gas appliances or assist lighting furnaces. Make sure gutters are clear and ensure water traveling down driveways will route water away from interior spaces. Verify sump pumps are in good working order and check that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have charged batteries and that the devices are still operating within their useful life. Note that most smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have a useful life of about 10 years. If the device continues to chirp after replacing batteries then the entire device may need to be replaced.
4. **President's Report, Peter Thelin:** Our light pollution issues have started improving now that the hotel on Cutting and BNSF have started redirecting their lights and installing shields on their security lighting and keeping the glare from traveling onto roadways. Picnic in Point was a lot of fun and the dunk tank was a big hit. The PRNC / PRBA Candidate's Forum in September covered a lot of topics and we were able to hear from 10 candidates. A video of the candidate's forum is available on Youtube at <https://youtu.be/WduqxORslk0> Note that our November-December meeting is scheduled for December 5th.
5. **Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis:** Our general fund currently has \$3,952.41.
6. **Membership Report, June Hight:** We currently have 71 paid members; if you have not paid your dues please come and pay your dues!
7. **Land Use Design Review Committee:** 470 Western Drive: A deck remodel was considered, seconded and passed with no conditions by the LUDRC. The immediate neighbors have all indicated they approve the plans. PRNC made a motion to vote in favor of LUDRC's approval; motion was unanimously approved by membership.
8. **Measure FF, East Bay Regional Parks - Carol Johnson, Assistant General Manager:** General update 1. The dilapidated boat docked at Ferry Point has been moved after parks went to court. 2. BNSF's lawyers have informed the East Bay Regional Parks that they are going to start backing up their trains all the way through Miller Knox Park. This will block beach and trails access. EBRP has just learned about this and plans to talk to our local congress people. 3. Measure CC is a \$12 per year parcel tax enacted in 2004. It is set to expire in 2020 and in anticipation of the expiration they are asking to extend the tax through Measure FF for another 20 years. It does not change any taxes, it doesn't add new dollars, it does add a lot of money that will provide more staff and more access points to parks. Public meetings were held in Richmond, Berkeley and Alameda and in other areas to determine what communities want. Meetings identified priorities as better and more trail access, habitat restoration, and shoreline restoration. Park maintenance has an added benefit of providing wildfire protection. Community feedback and available funding allowed EBRP to pursue 50 projects including in Point Pinole, Point Molate, Bay Trail, Miller Knox, Point Isabelle, and other regional parks. All

funds raised by Measure FF will go towards projects within the parcel tax area. Measure FF is endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, Alameda County Taxpayers, and other groups.

9. Community Briefs

- **Magick Lantern**, Kate Spaulding: Magick Lanter's next film event is Friday, November 19 and is a Short Film Competition featuring 10 finalists from over 500 contestants. Many volunteers stepped forward to continue Magick Lantern's community film series. City's concern of movie screen: Meeting on August 28 with director of community services and maintenance foreman resulted in determination that the movie screen does not materially interfere with the furnace operation, but that different L brackets should be used to support the screen. No extension cords would be needed by repositioning the screen with different L brackets. Magick Lantern requested access to storage space in the community center, but that was denied citing the Library's need for additional space. The maintenance foreman who would manage the purchase and installation of the window covering has been reassigned to other duties. Kate will attend the November 7 Parks and Rec Commission meeting to request an employee be assigned to manage the installation of the window screen, consideration of PRCC storage space, and completion of the electrical installation of the movie screen.
- **RNCC**: Next meeting is Monday, November 12th at 7pm in council chambers. Agenda includes election of officers for the upcoming year.
- **Arts of Point Richmond, Mary Lee Cole**: Arts of Point Richmond currently has about 100 members including many writers. Many artists are currently showing at Kaleidoscope and that art will be on display through the end of November. There is a fall celebration this Saturday, October 27 for artists to show their art and introduce themselves. There is a new display at Post Office and art on display at El Sol. The Arts of Point Richmond Holiday Faire will be December 8th here at the community center from 10 am - 3pm; come for goodies, books, holiday gift ideas and to meet local artists.
- **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition**: BNSF has told the city they plan to shield all of their lights throughout their properties including the yard south of Cutting. They have been experimenting with different shields and the shields they have settled on are on back-order. We should continue to see improvement in the lighting they installed.
- **Wig-wags**: Some progress has been made on getting the wig wag operational, but there is no formal update at this time. Stay tuned!
- **PR Cert: - Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, City of Richmond CERT program manager**: Communities like ours can always benefit from more Cert trained individuals. During a disaster, ideally we will have as many neighbors as possible trained as first responders because our neighbors will be the first responders. Get to know your neighbors, understand community needs, organize your neighborhood. Cert classes are typically twice a year in October and April, but if we can get 20-25 people to commit then we can get an additional class started. Cert classes are at 440 civic center plaza; sign up emailing cert@richmond.ci.us or register online.
- **Women's West Side Improvement Club, Diane Diani**: The October fundraising luncheon was a success and featured two wonderful speakers from Richmond Promise. They also had a table at Picnic in Park and got a new member. This Saturday from 4:30 - 6:30 they will have a two mile haunted history walking tour; meet at the History Museum and make a \$10 donation. Tour will be lead by Karen Buchanan and will walk by notable historic buildings, haunted houses, and will end at Hotel Mac with a tale of Bathing Lady.
- **TRAC**: No update, but an easement to connect the Bay Trail to Point Molate was granted by Chevron and will be under construction soon. A new bridge was built to go over an active rail way out by Giant Road connecting the Bay Trail to the Hercules Intermodal Transportation Center.
- **Point Molate Alliance**: This group has worked on developing a community plan involving restoration of historical structures including Winehaven and Winehaven Village. They advocate developing property as a park in part because access is limited and because it is some of the last open land on the Bay. The city entered into an agreement to put a number of residences on the property, but a motion was passed by the city council calling for no housing near Point Molate Beach Park, all housing should be located near Winehaven, and the developer would have to arrange for public transit and evacuation plans without adding cost to existing ratepayers or systems.
- **Richmond Tennis Association, Garry Hurlbut**: A mixed team with men and women won the East Bay Championship and then competed in Sacramento for an opportunity to go to Nationals. They had a great time competing, and although they will not proceed to Nationals they did their best and had a great time

coming together. An RTA player won the highest tennis player's award for Northern California. Finally, schools throughout Richmond are going to local tennis courts and practicing tennis. Every Friday at JFK kids from kindergarten through 6th grade go to local tennis courts to practice along with 12 volunteer coaches and assistance from the Community Services Department. Next year we hope to expand this program to include our local Washington School.

- **History Association, Kathe Kiehn:** They are working on the next newsletter which is prepared and issued 5 times per year.
- **Masquers, Kathe Kiehn:** A lot is happening behind the scenes with planning and fundraising. Masquers has been doing performances in other venues; the next show is at Castro Valley collaborating with Chanticleers Theatre. "An Appalachian Christmas" is a delightful story about the true meaning of Christmas. Set in the mountains of Appalachia in the 1930's, this heartwarming play follows a young boy living with his spinster aunts. Through some difficult life lessons, he learns the importance of giving and having gratitude in good times and bad. Show opens November 30th and plays through Dec 16. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students, seniors, military and children under 12.

10. Open Forum

- **Miller Knox Park:** A resident shared her memory of moving to Richmond in 1966 and going to work for Campfire Girls in 1969. At that time there were four women in Richmond with vision and gumption. One of those women had an idea to make all that land on the other side of the Point Richmond tunnel into a park. She suggested organizing an event to bring out the Campfire Girls for a day of planting wildflowers and hiking the trails. The girls wore red, white, and blue uniforms and there were lines of girls going all the way up to the top of the hill throwing out seeds. It was actually the wrong time of year to plant wildflowers, but no one told the girls that and everyone had a great time. Afterwards there were refreshments and each girl was given a piece of paper to draw a picture of their day at the park. Those pictures were sent to EBRP and that may have contributed to the decision to incorporate Miller Knox into the East Bay Regional Parks system.
- **Maryn Hurlbut:** Our Parks & Rec committee chair who would like to give us an update about the progress of improvements at the Plunge. City maintenance crews are addressing safety and convenience issues while it is closed. The repairs to the pool floor have been completed and are now curing under water. Some of the walls are crumbling, especially around the beautiful mural so the city has requested a public bid and we are waiting for responses. The mural has to be repaired before the pool can reopen. Safety issues are being addressed by installing new grab bars and shelves in showers and hooks for towel and rubber matting on floors. Leaks in the basement are being fixed. More secure locks have been requested for the lockers.
- **Cordell Hindler:** Officer Lande was unable to come tonight due to an error. The last Crime Prevention Meeting featured Sergeant Parker who discussed the role of school resource officers. The Crime Prevention Banquet had 125 people participate for a wonderful fundraiser. Suggestions for future PRNC meetings: Ariel Mercado from Bart and Cesar Zepeda to talk about the Contra Costa Foundation Board.
- **Genevieve Pastor-Cohen:** Discussed the community warning system. Getting a siren warning system takes time to set up and the community needs to know whether a siren alerts them to shelter or evacuate. We have reverse 911 calls going to landlines, but at the time of SIMS fire, cell phone owners had to register to get alerts on their cell phones. City has signed up give alerts via Twitter, Nextdoor, and Nexle. Non-urgent events like scheduled street closures are posted to Nextdoor. City encourages residents to sign up for Nixle to get urgent alerts pushed to cell phones.

11. In Remembrance and Celebration: Donna Rosalias passed away in September. She was a long time member of WWIC and she started the History Association in Point Richmond and was president before Mid Dornan became president. She did some wonderful things for our community. She played the oboe and the recorder and she taught recorder at the Washington School where she also started the "Recorder and Giggling Society." We close In memory of Donna Rosalias

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Hilary Brown, Secretary; "hiliarybrownie [at] hotmail.com" (510) 326-5946



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND PAY YOUR DUES! The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are minimal: \$20 for individuals and \$25 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.

New

Individual

Renewal

Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Date _____



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- Fire Safety, Bard Clan Wines, Wig Wag updates, Gateway Grants
- Bring toys or stuffed animals to donate to the Hug-a-Bear program for Richmond Police and Fire Departments
- Also, come to the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council's meeting on December 10, 2018 at 6pm at the Senior Center at 2525 MacDonald Avenue for the annual holiday gathering and a meet-and-greet with Carlos Martinez, the new City Manager!

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