



ON POINT *April 2019*

Greetings from the PRNC.

Well, our Spring Fling was a great success. There were families and lots of enthusiastic kids. In case you missed it, here are some pictures that Charmain Tyler was gracious enough to take, as well as a couple I took of her playing games with the kids.



The Egg Roll was also a great success thanks to the efforts of MC Dave Bleckinger with some spectacular performances by the young athletes!



The Egg Hunt seemed very popular with the kids. Thanks to June Hight for packing all those plastic eggs with treats!



Hilary Brown handed out hundreds of slices of pizza;



The raffle brought in a little over \$200, there were several entrants for our “Fancy Hat Contest” and we got a couple of renewals plus a promise or two to mail in dues.



Julie Freestone will be here to talk about an effort to bring a nationwide non-profit program to Richmond that helps older adults remain in their homes.

[Ashby Village](#) is part of the Village movement, which uses trained volunteers to accompany seniors to medical appointments and grocery shopping, do light home repairs, provide computer support and much more.

A group of Richmond residents are working on a pilot project to bring the program to Richmond.

Also, film companies will be shooting two different commercials in Point Richmond, Honda on the 29th and Medallia on the 30th of April.

So, I hope to see everyone at the PRNC General Meeting on the 27th!

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, April 24, 2019, 7:30pm
 Point Richmond Community Center
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

7:30	<i>Call to order and approval of minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting</i>	<i>2 minutes</i>
7:32	<i>Police Report, Richmond Police Department, Officer Joseph DeOran</i>	<i>5 minutes</i>
7:37	<i>President's Report, Peter Thelin</i>	<i>2 minutes</i>
7:39	<i>Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis</i>	<i>2 minutes</i>
7:41	<i>Membership Report, June Hight</i>	<i>2 minutes</i>
7:43	<i>Medallia Commercial Filming in Point Richmond April 28</i> <i>Andrea Bloom, Skycar Creative</i> <i>Honda Commercial Filming in Point Richmond April 29</i> <i>Road use and parking may be impacted while filming and vote on membership support</i>	<i>15 minutes</i>
7:58	<i>Officer Elections - Treasurer and Second Vice President</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Buzz Baylis, Treasurer</i> ● <i>June Hight, Second Vice President, Membership Director</i> 	<i>10 minutes</i>
8:08	<i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani</i> ● <i>Arts of Point Richmond, www.artsofpointrichmond.com</i> ● <i>PRCert, Edie Sellers and Shaun Partlow https://www.prcert.org/, https://www.facebook.com/prcert</i> ● <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510) 232-2559</i> 	<i>8 minutes</i>
8:16	<i>Ashby Village, A non-profit dedicated to helping seniors age in their own homes</i> <i>Julie Freestone, https://www.ashbyvillage.org/</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>
8:36	<i>Land Use/Design Review Committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>No projects are on the agenda</i> <i>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, rdatre@live.com, (510) 232-5059, at two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. <u>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.</u></i>	<i>0 minutes</i>
8:36	<i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045</i> ● <i>Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org</i> 	<i>4 minutes</i>
8:40	<i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Point Richmond History Association</i> ● <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan http://richmondneighbors.org/</i> 	<i>4 minutes</i>
8:44	<i>Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 3 speakers (2 minutes each).</i> <i>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.</i>	<i>6 minutes</i>
8:50	<i>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</i>	



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

1. **Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Board members present: Peter Thelin, Dave Bleckinger, Buzz Baylis, June Hight, and Hilary Brown. Absent: Gary Hurlbut and Charmain Tyler. Minutes from the meeting on February 27, 2018 were approved with no amendments.
2. **Police Captain, Southern District, Tim Simmons:** Our new police captain introduced himself; he has been with Richmond Police Department for 11 years, before that he worked in the Contra Costa Sheriff's office, and before that he started his policing career in Fresno. His prior assignments in RPD were in the admin division working on background checks, training, communication center, records management, and jail. He is excited to be back in a patrol function working with the public. He enjoys eating great food and coffee. If any community member has questions or would like to talk he has an open door policy and is available to talk any time; however if we have an emergency please call 911 or call the police department directly as he might not actually be on duty or able to assist. Tim Simmons office (510)620-6940, cell (510)620-6880, tsimmons@richmondpd.net.
3. **Police Report, Officer Joseph DeOran:** (jdeorian@richmondpd.net) There have been questions about whether residents can use the mailbox located in the bus turnaround now that signs are posted preventing vehicles from entering the turnaround. RPD are not planning to ticket anyone who enters the bus turnaround in order to use the mailbox; they will only ticket commuters who use the turnaround to bypass traffic. A few weeks ago there was an incident at the Hamburger Stand on E. Richmond and Garrard requiring 14 police officers to respond. This incident involved an individual with mental illness and the situation was resolved without anyone getting harmed. Due to privacy concerns no other information is currently available about this incident. Neighborhood crime statistics for this evening: There were 27 traffic tickets within last month, one auto burglary, one commercial burglary, six thefts, two identity theft reports, one vehicle theft, two stolen vehicle recoveries, one vehicle tampering, seven vehicle impounds, one incident of elder abuse, multiple hit and runs and some DUI's.
4. **Mailbox located in Bus Turnaround:** Ryan Lau and Michael Hass, representatives with AC Transit, were present tonight to speak about another item. Although this was not on the agenda, they had some information to share. AC Transit engineers have been working with traffic engineers from the City to add signage to the turnout to prevent vehicles other than busses using that turn. The mailbox is expected to be relocated by April 27th to a new location in the Point that will be accessible from a driver's side window. AC Transit considers the current location in the bus turnaround to be unsafe. Signage will discourage non-mailbox using commuters from entering that location in an attempt to bypass traffic getting onto the freeway and parkway. In addition, markings for the bicycles for the new Bay Trail are also expected to impact bus traffic. All of these were considered when deciding to relocate the mailbox out of the bus turnout. The City engineer is considering the East end of East Richmond in the center median as a possible new location for the mailbox; this would allow for a driver's side accessible mailbox. A public comment was made that the E. Richmond median was considered a few years ago, but residents complained that school pickup and dropoff traffic could make the mailbox difficult to access and could increase vehicle-student interactions on the streets around the school.
5. **President's Report, Peter Thelin:** Due to time constraints at tonight's meeting, the president's report was limited to the written president's report.
6. **Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis:** The Currently the general fund has \$4,213. The Benevolent Fund has \$10,938 and the Wigwag Fund has \$2,970.

7. **Membership Report, June Hight:** We currently have 153 active members. Our next membership year begins in May and we are now accepting payments for next year's dues.
8. **PRNC Officer Elections:** Officer elections will be held at the April meeting. June and Buzz are currently serving as Second VP of Membership and Treasurer and are up for re-election. They have both agreed to stay in their current positions since no one has expressed interest. June has lived in the Point since 2005, first in an apartment and now on Idaho Street over by the school. She enjoys going on walks with her family and dog. Buzz has been PRNC treasurer for two years after taking over from Garry. He has lived in the Point since 1995 and enjoys many things about the neighborhood and has really enjoyed volunteering on the PRNC the past few years.
9. **Land Use Design Review Committee general announcements, Rod Satre:** Rod has been chair of LUDRC for many years but he needs help. Many people currently serving on the committee are retiring and we need new people to volunteer. The LUDRC considers development projects, serves as a forum for property owners and neighbors to learn about projects and get feedback. The LUDRC helps mitigate problems at a local level which helps avoid having development issues going all the way to City Council. The committee meets electronically throughout the month, and each month just before the regular PRNC meeting we have a separate meeting to discuss projects and make recommendations.
10. **Land Use Design Review Committee:** two projects are being considered:
 - a. AC Transit restroom, bike lockers, transit shelter, and art display wall:
 - i. Michael Hass, PE with AC Transit presented plans to provide transit personnel with a bathroom facility at the bus turnout area on Tewksbury. Currently bus drivers have access to a port-a-potty which is cold and occasionally has been vandalized and knocked over. This project will install a permanent building with plumbing and a secure restroom area and will also provide secure bike storage lockers. This project was first presented about a year ago with preliminary plans, and now is coming back for a final plan approval after having been reviewed by the city and other interested parties. Since the last time this project was presented, some additional features were added including bike lockers and additional lighting. Currently all lighting fixtures will be "full cutoff." The city did a lighting study and determined there were lighting deficiencies in that area and the city requires the installation of a new street light in addition to lighting that will be installed on the building itself.
 - ii. A question was asked about providing public restrooms, but unfortunately it is not possible for AC transit to provide public restrooms. Other agencies and the city were invited to contribute a public restroom at the same location at the same time, but none of the potential partners were interested or able to expand the project to build a public restroom. A question was asked about lighting on the building, and it was suggested by membership that all fixtures meet the IDA (International Dark Skies) recommendations for dark-sky lighting.
 - iii. One feature of this project is an opportunity for public art on one side of restroom structure. We are looking for input from the community to feature art that is reflective of what we want. Recommendation was made to have a discussion with Arts of Point Richmond, a local artists' collective. Another suggestion was made to consult with the Richmond Arts Commission. Anyone interested in participating in the design of the art display should message Ryan Lau (rlau@actransit.org; office phone 510-891-4843) if you are interested in contributing ideas for the art.
 - iv. A motion was made to approve the AC transit building plans with the condition that lighting on the building be installed with a color temperature of 3000 degree kelvin or less and all lighting fixtures be full cutoff. Motion to approve was passed with unanimous approval.
 - b. 420 Western Drive: The LUDRC conditionally approved the project; with a condition that story poles be erected so neighbors can see how views are impacted by proposed changes. PRNC general membership made a motion in favor of approving the project with the condition to erect story poles; project was approved with unanimous approval.

11. Point Richmond Social Club, Tim Manhard: The Point Richmond Social Club is now open! We are located right next to the bank and next to the bus stop on Garrard. We appreciate the support we have already gotten from the community and are looking forward to expanding our offerings. We are currently serving coffee in the morning and we are going to expand into lunch with small plates and then serving craft beers in the afternoon.

12. EBRPD Miller Knox plans and BNSF Trains, Buzz Baylis: Buzz and Peter attended the March 14 EBRPD board of directors meeting when they voted to approve the land-use plan at Miller Knox. You may recall that our last month's PRNC meeting included a discussion about BNSF plans to increase train activity throughout the park. Nine community members were able to attend the EBRPD board meeting which the board found to be impressive. BNSF people did not send a representative, but they did send a 17 page letter outlining their plans for the park. One of the EBRPD board members is a lawyer, and he said the BNSF letter was at best fantasy and at worst dishonest. According to EBRPD staff, the land that BNSF intends to use was purchased in 1991 by EBRPD. At the time the land was purchased, BNSF was given a conditional use permit to use the tracks in question to provide service to two customers, neither of whom remain in business today.

13. Community Briefs

- a. **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding:** Our last show was "The Divine Order" and it was a great movie! We had a packed theater and a lot of enthusiasm. We were finally able to install a window drape on the community center window which will allow us to show movies year-round, even in the summer. Unfortunately the window covering is so heavy it is difficult to operate, so the vender is going to modify it to make it lighter and easier to use. We are also applying for mini-grants to improve our movie screen. A request has been made to deputy fire marshall Eric Munson for a posted seating/standing capacity for PRCC. Mr. Munson advises this will be determined by the Building Department. The next movie we will show is a Swedish film called "My Life as a Dog," which will show on Friday, April 19. The movie is a touching story about how we adults do not always understand difficult children and how we don't always know how to accommodate them.
- b. **RNCC:** next meeting is April 8th at 7pm in council chambers; refreshments provided at 6:30
- c. **Point Richmond History Association, Kathe Kiehn:** Tomorrow night there will be trivia night at E Brother Beer Company in support of the Richmond Museum of History. There was a large painting discovered in the basement of the Post Office; proceeds from trivia night will go toward restoring the painting. Trivia starts at 7pm, silent auction at 6. You can also donate directly to the PRHA online [here](#).
- d. **Masquers, Kathe Kiehn:** We are featuring radio plays at end of April on the 26-27-28 upstairs at Hotel Mac. These are old time radio plays, but performed live. In the last year we have been doing pop up productions; keep an eye on our website for more information and new performances. The Memorial Day Garage Sale fundraiser is coming soon! This year we will have an online registration. Stay tuned for updates about the building repair.
- e. **WWIC, Diane Diani:** We are welcoming new home buyers in the Point by sending them postcards and gift baskets with gifts from from local business owners. We include a wonderful brochure created by Norma Wallace. Thank you to the PRNC for supporting our garden map project. Our next meeting is this coming Tuesday, April 2 when Nancy Noble will introduce Ventangle art, a type of calligraphy.

14. Open Forum

1. Planning Commission Meeting updates, Buzz Baylis:

- The project to develop the 70 and 80 Belvedere properties was given approval by the Planning Commission; next the property owner can apply for a permit. The major concern discussed at the Planning Commission meeting was the soils report and new foundation issues, but this will be addressed by the City during the permit approval process. The new City Manager gave an update that Terminal 1 is working on getting BCDC approval and once that is granted they will be able to apply for a permit.
- Quarry Project - working with EBRP regarding easements. Once easements are obtained, they will submit subdivision improvement drawings to Planning Department and that will lead to permit.

2. **Spring Fling Announcement, Dave Bleckinger:** The second annual Spring Fling will be held on April 14th from 11:30 to 2:30 at The Hurlbut Tennis and Garden at the Plunge. Food is going to be simplified and will be provided free of charge, and all current and newly signed up members will get a free glass of Bard Clans wine or East Brothers beer. See you there!
3. **Cordell Hindler:** 4 things to announce. 1) This month's crime prevention meeting had 20 attendees and included a tour of communication dispatch. The instructor, Michael Schlemmer, gave an overview of how many calls they get each day for fires, shootings, etc. 2) Suggestions for PRNC guest speakers: Sergeant Parker was not able to come tonight, but suggestion is to invite Officer Lande to speak about Cyber Bullying in May. 3) Tomorrow afternoon the PRBA monthly luncheon guest speaker is Carlos Martinez, the new city manager. He will give an overview of his long term vision for the city. Lunch is from 11:30-1 at Hotel Mac. 4) Request for PRNC to invite Ariel Mercado to give an update on Bart for Transit Study.
4. **Hilary Brown:** Our Wig Wags are still being worked on, and the "banner," the part that waves back and forth, will be reinstalled once repairs are completed. In the meantime, the PRNC has been asked to take care of landscaping the wigwags. Currently they are overgrown with weeds. We were told that when they were first planted they had California Poppies. Eventually the poppies were replaced with red and white flowers, and later those were replaced with succulents since the containers get very hot and dry in the summer. If you are interested in helping landscape these containers, please reach out to me.

15. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn: Garry Tacket died suddenly and unexpectedly at the young age of 52. Garry's good friend Mary Elizabeth Beck passed away from complications from hip surgery. They will both be very much missed and fondly remembered.

16. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

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



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PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807.

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