



ON POINT *February 2019*

Happy February from the PRNC. I hope everyone is having a happy 2019!

Last month we warmly welcomed Officer Joseph DeOran, who has replaced our esteemed Officer Ben Mendler to provide us the Police Report for Point Richmond.

Carol Johnson, Public Affairs, East Bay Regional Park District would like to talk to us about the Park District's plans for Miller Knox and what we can expect from BNSF regarding train activity bisecting our little town.

February might be a short meeting for once!

You may have seen that the City of Richmond has begun to unveil the **Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Plan**.

This is intended to improve bicycling and walking to the new **Richmond Ferry** as well as the upcoming **Richmond-San Rafael Bridge multi-use path**, and the **Richmond Greenway**!

As a cyclist, I'm looking forward to trying this out.



Also;

The Richmond Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is offering some free disaster preparedness classes that we hope you will share with your neighbors and friends:

1. Home Disaster Preparedness - Tuesday, March 5 [Register here](#).
2. Neighborhood Emergency Radio Communications - Mon., March 18th [Register here](#). We're hoping to share the new (draft) of the Neighborhood Emergency Radio Guide with participants.
3. April CERT Academy - [Register here](#). --Rebecca Newburn

And finally, join Master Shipwright Jeff Rutherford at Bridge Storage and ArtSpace on Friday, April 12th at 7pm for a documentary screening followed by a discussion.

The 136 foot long classic steam yacht Cangarda was built in 1901 at the Pusey and Jones Shipyard in Wilmington, Delaware. Cangarda is one of three remaining Victorian era steam yachts in the world.

In 2004, Richmond's own Jeff Rutherford, Owner of Rutherford's Boat Shop, teamed up with owner Bob McNeil for a full restoration of this classic yacht, which was documented in the film "Cangarda: The Last American Steam Yacht". The documentary allows you to watch as the boat is completely rebuilt, and the original machinery restored.

Bridge's invites you to join them at 7:00 pm for refreshments in Bridge's main Gallery and 7:30 pm in Bridge's FilmSpace for a screening of the documentary followed by a Q&A with Jeff Rutherford.

Until then, 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, February 27, 2019, 7:30pm
Point Richmond Community Center
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

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- 7:30 **Call to order and approval of minutes from the January 30, 2019 meeting** **2 minutes**
- 7:32 **Police Report, Richmond Police Department, Officer Joseph DeOran** **5 minutes**
- 7:37 **President's Report, Peter Thelin** **2 minutes**
- 7:39 **Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis** **2 minutes**
- 7:41 **Membership Report, June Hight** **2 minutes**
- 7:43 **Miller Knox Land Use Plan and BNSF train activity**
Carol Johnson, Public Affairs, East Bay Regional Park District **20 minutes**
- 8:03. **Land Use/Design Review Committee** **10 minutes**
- **714 Western Drive, Leo Egan: Second Dwelling Addition**
Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, rdsatre@live.com, (510) 232-5059, at two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. **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.**
- 8:13 **Community Briefs (2 minutes each)** **12 minutes**
- **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111** www.rta-ca.org
 - **USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045**
 - **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani**
 - **Arts of Point Richmond, www.artsofpointrichmond.com**
 - **PRCert, Edie Sellers and Shaun Partlow** <https://www.prcert.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/prcert>
 - **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding** MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510) 232-2559
- 8:25 **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.
- 8:31 **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
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- 1. Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm; board members present: Peter Thelin, Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Buzz Baylis, Charmain Tyler, Gary Hurlbut and Hilary Brown. Minutes from the meeting on December 5, 2018 were approved with no amendments.
- 2. Police Report:** Officer Joseph DeOrian (ideorian@richmondpd.net) introduced himself. He has been with RPD for 15 years and recently started working in Beat 1 which includes The Point. Officer Ben Mendler has moved to another beat, so Officer DeOrian will be our new regular contact to give updates at our meetings. Currently neighborhood crime includes an assortment of activities including three reports of battery, one commercial burglary, one residential burglary, two hit-and-runs, one report of trespassing, one attempted stolen vehicle, sixteen auto burglaries, and two vehicle thefts. The area in the Point with the highest incidents of auto burglaries is around Railroad Ave and in the parking lot at Hotel Mac. Residents are advised to not leave any visible items in our cars and to take all valuables with us.
- 3. President's Report, Peter Thelin:** The president's report was limited to a greeting due to time constraints.
- 4. Treasurers Report, Buzz Baylis:** We collected \$1200 in January after mailing out gentle reminders to last year's unpaid members. Thank you to everyone for responding! We now have \$4,952 in our general fund.
- 5. Membership Report, June Hight:** We have 131 active members including individual and family memberships. If you aren't sure if you are paid up for the 2018/2019 year, please see June.
- 6. Traffic in the Point, Dane Rodgers, City of Richmond:** Dane has worked for the City of Richmond as a senior civil engineer for about a year, but worked as a consultant for the city since 2003 doing a variety of work related to infrastructure. Note that the easiest way to get questions answered is to submit a Citizen's Traffic Request Form which can be used for anything traffic related including sewer/storm work, pothole repair, and suggestions for installation of speed humps. We are welcome to submit it directly to Dane (dane_rodgers@ci.richmond.ca) and he can forward it to the appropriate people. Form is available [here](#). Other tools available to the public include COR Connect (link [here](#)), e-trakit, and the excellent City of Richmond app for smartphones. With regards to resident questions: City of Richmond follows all traffic design guidelines set by the Federal Highway Administration and CalTrans. A request was submitted to install a crosswalk across Gerrard from Buena Vista. Since this location is close to the existing crossing at E. Richmond and Garrard, a decision was made not to install a new crosswalk there. Additional speed studies will have to be completed to determine if a traffic calming speed-hump is appropriate at that location. When speed-humps are requested, one consideration is the number of residents that have requested them at a given location; another consideration is the impact on fire or emergency services. Garrard is going to be improved to allow parking on the east side of the street (the side of the street with a sidewalk) and a bicycle lane on the west side separated from traffic with vertical dividers. There will also be a turning lane in the middle of the street allowing access to the business parks. A recommendation was made to consider allowing additional parking in the loading zone recently added next to the El Tunnel restaurant, and to consider the need for a crosswalk somewhere near that intersection. The issue of speeding, racing and doughnuts on Canal and Dornan was discussed; currently they are considering installing a traffic circle. CalTrans is considering extending the HOV lane approach to the Richmond Bridge toll plaza which might help alleviate some of our side street traffic issues. The city is looking at improving coordination of traffic signals. Please feel free to send Dane emails to address any questions that were not answered tonight.

7. **Plunge Reopening, Maryn Hurlbut, Chair of Parks & Rec Commission:** First, thank you to all of the volunteers who pick up trash, prune, and assist with gardening maintenance at the Plunge. This is an enormous help to the community and all volunteer work is greatly appreciated. Every little bit helps make the park better! Six new roses were planted in the back park by the tennis courts and more improvements are coming. Second, the Plunge is finally reopening! The pool has been fixed, the mural has been repaired, and there will be a celebration on Friday, February 1 starting at 3:30. Third, there were some questions about whether management of the community center: There is no change and the community center will continue to be managed by the Community Services Department under Rochelle Polk. The Library is expanding their community service programs and they will be using currently unused time in the community center and they will be allocated more space for their management. Finally, Atchison Park was officially renamed to Richard J Boyd Park, in honor of a community member who has contributed to the community.

8. **Land Use Design Review Committee: 420 Western Ave.** The house is located on Western between Tremont & Santa Fe. House was built in 1912 and currently is 1260 square feet. In the 1940's there were renovations to reorient the house towards the water and replace the foundation. Current plans are to add 1500 square feet to the existing first floor and 780 square feet to the second floor. The second floor renovations would alter the footprint of the house. The nextdoor neighbors commented that the proposed addition will impact their view and they requested more details about the street view after proposed improvements. LUDRC has not yet considered this project and not all neighbors were notified about the LUDRC / PRNC meeting tonight. Suggestion was made to postpone discussion of this project until next month when other neighbors can be notified.

9. **Thomas Hall, from SFBay Ferry (SFBF):** The Richmond to San Francisco ferry is up and running! Currently there are 4 peak direction ferries and 2 reverse trips on the Richmond to SF line, and depending on funding and ridership we may expand morning ferry service in a few years. We are looking to expand to weekend service this summer and are currently looking for funding sources. Fares: the adult cash fare is \$9 each way, but 97% of commuters have a clipper card which reduces the cost. Parking for cars and bikes is free at the ferry and you can take your bike on the ferry. Discounts are available for youth, senior, and disabled riders and kids under age 5 travel for free. Why take the ferry? Every three years we conduct a passenger survey, and the #1 reason people take the ferry is because they do not want to park or drive. The #2 and #3 reasons people take the ferry is because they find it relaxing and it allows them to multi-task. People really enjoy the ferry and consider it a way to improve their quality of life while commuting. SFBF runs ferries throughout the Bay Area. Our operating budget is mostly funded by transit sales taxes, Measure J, bridge tolls, state funding, and fare box recovery. Ridership of our ferries has doubled since 2010. Currently we have about 360 travelers going each way over the morning and evening commute. Our target for each weekday is 400 trips, so we are almost double our target!

10. Community Briefs

- **Richmond Tennis:** The women's tennis team had a great winning streak and are now the East Bay Champions! The other teams have had a lot of fun and everyone is staying active. The Plunge is reopening this weekend and as always our courts are open for playing. Also, this Saturday at 9:00 Crossfit Cypher is having their community day to celebrate the opening of their new gym over near the ferry at 1401 Marina Way S, Ste 290; come see their space and enjoy a free workout!
- **Red Oak Victory, Graham Perrett:** The spring movie series is starting up; movies show on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm with a suggested donation of \$10 to support the maintenance of the ship. On Thursday, February 21 they are showing The Tuskegee Airmen in honor of Black History Month. Movies will run through May, and then our Pancake Breakfasts start in May. As always, we are open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am - 3pm (our winter hours). On Saturday and Sunday you can enjoy a glass of wine at the winery after your tour.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani:** There was no meeting in January; our next meeting is Tuesday, February 5 and our guest speaker is Dee Pearson who is a mentor coach in Richmond. We are currently raising money for a new display to label the native plants at the Map Garden and give some information about the plants, how to grow natives, and which native plants are thriving in the Point. We would like to request \$700 for displays, materials and labor.

- **Magick Lantern:** The next movie is “Secret Ingredients” showing on Friday, February 15 at 7:30pm here in the Community Center. The movie is a fascinating presentation about what goes into our food and examines the benefits of organic and non-GMO foods. The movie includes an interview with Richmond’s Dr. Jeff Ritterman who will be at our showing and will be available to answer questions during Q&A following the movie.
- **Richmond Little League, Dave Bleckinger:** Baseball season is starting and Judge G Carrol Park will be used by the little athletes every week night from 5-7pm and also on Saturdays. They ask that no dogs be off leash on the fields while the children are practicing, and to please pick up after your dogs. Players are happy to share the fields, but to please be mindful of children who might be scared of the dogs.
- Please see the January newsletter for additional announcements from some of our other community groups including PRBA, TRAC, RNCC, and Masquers.

11. Open Forum

- **Cordell Hindler:** Happy new year to everyone! Two suggestions for the next agenda: Richmond Community Foundation to talk about housing, and Ariel Mercado to speak about BART. The RNCC meeting is on February 11th at 7pm in council chambers; refreshments provided at 6:30. On Feb 20th the Council of Industries is holding a meeting at the Courtyard Marriott with John Gioia and a representative from BAAQMD to speak about AB617; cost is \$45 for non-members.
- **Doug Anthony:** Doug is a volunteer with “No Coal Richmond.” Trains carrying coal come into Richmond to the port. These trains are not covered and a lot of toxic particulates are spread from these shipments over our communities. We are asking the City of Richmond to take steps to reduce shipments out of our terminals at the port and to provide more information to the public about these activities.
- **Lou from Ace Hardware:** Came to give us an update about Ace’s plans to move. Currently they are trying to sell the property at their current location. The new potential buyers want to build storage and artists’ lofts and their proposal is going before the Planning Commission on February 7 at 6:30. Once the plans are approved and the sale can go through, then Ace may try to move closer to downtown Point Richmond. We are looking at a place with parking. Also, girl scout cookies are available Saturday at Whale Point
- **June Hight:** Recently learned that there are little “box tops for education” printed on the tops of various household staples like cereal boxes. These little coupons can be clipped out and given to the Washington School who can use them to get donations from the corporations that print these. So please do not just throw these away; this could be free money for the Washington School! If people see these and save them, please bring them to the PRNC meeting and June can bring them to the Washington School.

12. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:

- Alice Williamson, passed away on January 8th. She was an active member of the WWIC for many decades and also was active and involved with the Masquers back when they bought the theater. She had multiple sclerosis, but was able to walk a lot and far; she was spunky and fun and had great sense of humor and she will be fondly remembered. Memorial for her will be held on Saturday, February 2 from 12:30 to 3 at the Methodist Church.
- Stan Anderson who was president of Marina Bay Neighborhood Council and had previously served on the RNCC passed away on Dec 2nd. He enjoyed being active in the community and giving back. The PRNC board recently worked with him when we held our candidate’s night before the November election last fall. He will be missed.

13. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 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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Individual

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Household

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Date _____



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*** Trains in Miller Knox Park and other EBRPD updates**

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