

ON POINT October 2019

Greetings from the PRNC!

This month's featured speakers include:

Nathan Stalnaker, who will speak about the impact that the closing of Doctors Medical Center had on Richmond, the impending closure of Alta Bates, and the lack of emergency rooms in and around Richmond. This lack of emergency rooms in our area has an impact on all residents who are at risk of heart attacks or strokes. Please come to our meeting to learn more, and also mark your calendar for a special town hall on this topic on Saturday, November 9th at 11:00 am at Craneway Pavilion, Richmond, CA.

Discussion of the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census population count is right around the corner and it's important to galvanize Richmond for this monumental once-in-a-decade effort. It's difficult to count Richmond's community -- with over half its residents requiring more than the average number of follow ups. Why is it important that the population of Richmond be counted accurately? Census data determines how much funding our communities receive, affects representation in government, and provides data to help plan. This data is about money, power and justice for our community.

Hilary Brown has been our awesome PRNC secretary since April 2015. Her term expires this coming spring, so we are looking for a volunteer to take over her position. She would like to pass the torch to the next volunteer in January 2020; if anyone is interested in filling in as secretary from January through April 2020 and/or if anyone would like to volunteer for the new term starting in May 2020, please reach out to Hilary Brown at (510) 326-5946 or email at hilarybrownie@hotmail.com. You can also reach out to me at pthelin1@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting is October 30, the last Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30pm.

Last meeting of 2019: We will hold our traditional combined November/December meeting on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 pm. We will NOT meet on the last Wednesday of November or December.

Hope to see you at a meeting!

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

Call to order and approval of minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting	2 minutes
Police Report, Richmond Police Department, Officer Joseph DeOrian	10 minutes
President's Report, Peter Thelin	5 minutes
Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis	2 minutes
Membership Report, June Hight	2 minutes
Secretary Position on PRNC: looking for a volunteer starting January 2020 Hilary Brown	2 minutes
Emergency Room for Richmond, Nathan Stalnaker, https://www.whensecondscountrichmond.com/	15 minutes
 Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan <a href="http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/http://richmo.decom/htt</td><td>story.org/</td></tr><tr><td>US Census 2020, Darlene T Drapkin, darlene.t.drapkin@2020census.gov</td><td>15 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>rdsatre@live.com, (510) 232-5059, at least two weeks prior to the General Membership LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting</td><td>p meeting. <u>The</u>
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8:59 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.

• Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin, (510) 326-8108

9:05 In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 25, 2019 PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

- 1. Called to Order and Approval of Minutes: Meeting was called to order at 7:32. Board members present: Peter Thelin, Dave Bleckinger, Buzz Baylis, Hilary Brown, June Hight, Charmain Tyler and Garry Hurlbut. Minutes from the previous meeting on August 28 were approved after an amendment to correct the spelling of Genevive's name to remove the extra "e."
- 2. Police Report, Officer Joseph DeOrian: (jdeorian@richmondpd.net) Lieutenant Tan has organized schedules so officers will be watching the morning commute on our local streets feeding into the Richmond-San Rafael bridge traffic each week day from Monday Friday. Recent local crime statistics: There was an assault with a deadly weapon on Tewksbury, grand theft (meaning theft of value over \$950) on Golden Gate, petty theft annoying and harassing phone calls, and a grand theft on Park Place, possession of a controlled substance on Washington Ave, vandalism less than \$400 in Brickyard Cove, strong arm robbery in Brickyard, burglary on Railroad, stolen vehicles on Golden Gate and also Railroad, and an unexplained death on Cottage. The unexplained death involved an older person, and whenever someone dies in their home and the coroner has not yet established the reason, it is classified as "unexplained," even when the death is natural. There was a question and short discussion about people camping in campers near parks, and whether this was a Richmond PD or Parks PD concern. Officer DeOrian recommends always calling the RPD and they can route concerns to the appropriate agency if the issue is out of their domain. Comment from audience: Berkeley is in the process of making a safe parking area for RV's in the parking lot by Hs Lordships, and they may be offering water and some bathroom facilities for campers.
- 3. Recycling, Republic Services, Bielle Moore: Recycling coordinators Regan and Terry talked about recycling and about organics. China has limited what recycling they are willing to accept, so now it is more important than ever to make sure our recycling products are as clean as possible. What is recyclable? Basically: bottles, cans, glass, cardboard, water and soda bottles, and paper. We can also recycle scrap metals, pots, pans, Teflon pans, stainless pots, any hard rigid containers like yogurt containers and milk and juice containers. Plastic bags can be recycled if they are bundled together and placed inside a large clear plastic bag. Similarly, shredded paper can also be recycled as long as it is in either a paper bag or a clear plastic bag so it can be identified. Scrap metal can also be recycled, as long as it is not too bulky (like a car engine or piece of machinery). Also, please note that if you have a lot of nails to throw away, these could get spilled on the road while transferring the recycling to the truck, or from the truck to the recycling facility, and that could give someone a flat tire. What cannot be recycled? Big items like car or engine parts, broken glass or ceramics, anything that is soiled with food. If something cannot be rinsed out and the food removed, then it should go in the trash. The green bin is for organics. Our compost bin has had a few changes over the years: originally we could only put yard waste (branches, leaves, grass clippings) in the green bin, but now we can divert food waste, any leftovers from meals, and food soiled paper like pizza boxes or food soiled paper. We can also include meat, fish bones, and egg shells. Clean paper should generally go in the blue recycle bin. What cannot go in the green bin? pet waste, diapers, tires, e-waste, anything with bodily fluids like kleenex or bathroom tissue. In addition, some biodegradable plastics and utensils are is marketed as green waste but these cannot be included in our green waste. The only containers that can be included must be made out of bamboo or wood. Household Waste are items that we commonly have in our house but that cannot go in our home waste bins. This includes old household cleaners, old paint, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, old medication, used medical needles, cell phones, computers and microwaves. These all should be brought to 101 Pittsburg Ave on Wednesday - Saturday from 9-4. Note that if you have an empty bleach bottle or the household cleaner has been totally used up, then the bottle can go in our blue recycle bin; it is just the chemical itself that needs to be disposed of at the hazardous waste facility.

- **4. Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis:** We brought in \$2,000 in dues in the past month, in part thanks to the bulk mail solicitation. The general fund currently has \$4,190.96.
- 5. Membership Report, June Hight: Currently we have 121 paid members. If you are not sure if you are current or if you would like to pay your dues for the new year, please contact June. Thank you to Garry for doing all the work on our bulk membership drive!

6. No Coal in Richmond, Richard Katz and Lisa Parks:

- Currently about one million tons of coal per year are exported from Richmond using the Santa Fe Channel, which is the little channel of water by the Burger King on Canal. Bulk carriers, conveyor belts loading coal, and piles of coal are visible from Nicholl Knob. In coal country the requirement is to have 100 foot tall walls to contain coal dust, but Mr. Levin has just used empty containers which are at most only 30 feet tall and coal dust is not properly contained. We know that breathing coal dust is harmful for our lungs, causes asthma, exacerbates existing asthma, exacerbates COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), and has been associated with increased risk for dementia. Coal is shipped from Utah to Richmond via uncovered rail cars, which allows dust from the coal to blow off the cars and into surrounding neighborhoods.
- In addition to coal, petcoke is also exported from the Levin Terminal. Petcoke is a product from crude oil refining and is shipped to the Levin Terminal by truck from some of our local refineries like Phillips 66 in Rodeo. Petcoke is not a material burned in the US because it is so toxic. Both the coal and petcoke are stored in uncovered piles at Levin and shipped overseas.
- The Richmond City Council is considering an ordinance that will phase out petcoke and coal storage in Richmond over 3 years, allowing handlers to transition to other commodities or to importing a different commodity. The ordinance being considered by the City Council will come out later in October or November and we would like to invite people to speak at that city council meeting to encourage the city to pass the ordinance. If you would like to encourage the city council to address this issue but cannot attend the city council meeting, please consider sending a letter or email to the city council members to address this issue and support the ordinance.

7. Wig Wags Forever!

- Peter Thelin: Getting the wigwags restored has been a long process and relied on the efforts of many people. The preservation and restoration of the wigwags started years ago with the help of Margaret Jordan, Peter Minkwitz, and Victor Morales. BNSF was refusing to allow anything to be done with the wig wags, but Victor Morales was able to move the project past BNSF by determining the wigwags were located far enough away from the active tracks to be outside of BNSF's right-of-way and purview. Victor also identified Dan Furtado as an expert to help restore the wig wags. This evening we honor all of their effort to preserve this piece of our community and our history. We are going to formally pass off the remaining money the PRNC collected for future maintenance of wig wags over to the History Association. One last thought: Dan Furtado asked us to not let anyone swing the wigwags manually. We thank and honor Victor for all his work on the wigwags, and we pass the torch to the History Association. Thank you to Charmain, Karen Buchanan, Sue Rosehtnal, Bonnie Joe and especially Betty Tarre who generously donated a number of prints of her beautiful wigwag posters in support of the future maintenance of the wig wags. Some of these posters are going to the Richmond Museum and some to the History Association where they will be available for sale.
- Victor Morales: The preservation of the wigwags started with Peter Minkwitz, and continued through four iterations of the board. There are some legal requirements the city imposes for working on the wigwags, but we were able to observe all of those requirements to their specifications.
- Buzz Baylis: The wigwag account was started years ago and prior to Buzz becoming the current treasurer, there was \$2971 in the wigwag fund that had been donated by generous community members years ago. At the wigwag celebratory party we collected \$1100 plus \$140 from poster sales. Total expenses to restore the wigwags and costs of the wigwag celebration were \$3940. After all collections and expenditures we ended with a modest balance in the wigwag fund of \$136. Buzz will issue a check to the Point Richmond History Association to transfer the remaining money from the wigwag fund over to the History Association to contribute towards future maintenance.

• Final Accounting Breakdown:

Wig Wag Account Balance			
	Beginning Account	\$2,971.00	
	Income	\$1,107.00	
	Expenses	\$3,942.00	(see details below)
	Remaining Amount	\$136.00	

Wig Wag Expenses			
Item	Cost	Date Paid	Payee
Wig wag maintenance			
Dan payment #1 labor honorarium	\$100	August 2019	Melinda McCreary
Dan payment #2 material	\$725	March 2019	Melinda McCreary
Dan payment #3 labor honorarium	\$400	August 2019	Melinda McCreary
Dan payment #4 material	\$614	August 2019	Melinda McCreary
Entertainment			
Barbershop Quartet (Fog City Sirens)	\$300	August 2019	D. Drosnes
Virginia Tichner (Ragtime piano)	\$250	July 2019	Virginia Tichner
Richmond Ukelele Mayhem (RUM)	\$100	August 2019	A. Ukena
PA equipment rental (includes tax)	\$125		V. Morales
Marketing			
printing flyers	\$0	2019	
printing programs	\$0	2019	
printing signs for sandwhich board	\$30	2019	S. Rosenof
logo on hats for Tom and Karen	\$31	2019	K. Buchanan
purchase of blue engineer hat for Tom	\$11	2019	V. Morales
Raffles			
Victor's antique trains	donation		
Victor's CD's	donation		
El Sol gift certificate	donation		
Brezo Gift certificate	donation		
framed Bette Tarr poster	donation		
bottle of wine (Victor)	\$12	2019	V. Morales
Food, drinks, decorating			
Nate providing food, paper plates napkins	donation		
water (Tom)	donation		
utensils, plates, condiments (Sharon)	donation		
tablecloths (Charmain)	donation		
ribbons (Sue)	donation		
bandanas (Sue)	donation		
Giveaways			
3 x 2 tattoos	\$273	2019	S. Rosenof
Artwork Dewitt			
mounting Betty Tar poster	\$100	2019	V. Morales
canvas stretched	\$100	2019	P. DeWitt
matting and foam	\$55	2019	P. DeWitt
put together frames that were provided	\$80	2019	P. DeWitt
mount prints in customer-provided frames	\$80	2019	P. DeWitt
Artwork Victor			
Art Prints	\$404	2019	V. Morales
Frames for art prints	\$152	2019	V. Morales
Total assumance	£2.040		
Total expenses	\$3,942		

- **Bonnie Jo Cullison:** Bonnie met with Victor this afternoon and learned that the process to preserve our wigwags took a lot of persistence and ingenuity to navigate all the obstacles that prevented the wig wags for being restored for so long. Thank you Linda McCreary and The Richmond Museum who were really helpful with meeting the legal requirements to get the labor done on the wigwags.
- **Buzz** ceremoniously turned over the first check, the posters, and the wig wag tattoos to Bonnie. Dan Furtado will keep the batteries that will make the wig wags operational for future ceremonies.

8. Community Briefs

- PR CERT, Edie Sellers: Point Richmond Community Emergency Response Team, PRCERT, is a group of neighbor-volunteers who have taken a 20 hour course on how to respond to a disaster like a big fire or an earthquake. They have some of the tools that we need to help neighbors do the greatest amount of good for greatest number of people. PRCERT has monthly meetings; currently we have only 6 members but three years ago we had 0 members, so we are growing! We really want more people to get trained and to participate in CERT because that is how we will be able to help ourselves if there is a big emergency. The city is starting the next CERT academy this Saturday and Sunday; the course is 20 hours over two non-consecutive weekends. It is too late to register for the fall CERT course, but there will be another one in the Spring. We also have a flier to advertise a class we are holding on November 9 from 1-4pm in the Community Center on what we can do in our own homes to help professional responders and help yourself be prepared for an emergency. This will be a class for anyone who wants to know how to make a go-bag, first aid, etc. You do not have to be CERT member, anyone can come! More info here: https://www.prcert.org/
- Arts of Point Richmond, Mary Lee Cole: We are an organization of about 100 local artists, writers, and performers. There is a new display at the Post Office with amazing calligraphy art and zentangles. Kaleidoscope is featuring art from 27 artists and El Sol also has a great art display; please stop and see the local art!

• Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani:

- i. Our next meeting is our fall fundraiser luncheon on Tuesday, October 1. Members and guests are invited to come early at 11:15 to pay the \$20 dues plus \$15 for lunch. Our invited guest, retiring Webmaster David Moore, will be honored at the luncheon and presented with a thank you gift for all his work with the women's club website and welcome pamphlet.
- ii. After the business meeting, Kelli Barram, guest speaker, will give a presentation on The Plant to Plate Internship Program. She is a Master Gardener and Garden Education INstructor, and works with Arnon Oren, master chef and owner of Oren's Kitchen and Anaviv Catering Events. The program mentors Richmond 11th and 12th graders for the world of work through organic gardening and training in the culinary arts and gives them an advance in their employment.
- **iii.** Another fundraiser will be the Haunted History Hike led by Karen Buchanan on Saturday, October 27. We will meet between 4 and 4:30 in front of the History Association building and end at Hotel Mac for refreshments. Cost of hike is \$10 per person.
- **iv.** Watering and weeding continues at the Map Garden and Triangle. Thank you to the PRBA for asking people to stay off the plants during the music festivals and fall festival next weekend.
- Masquers, Fran Smith: The theater manager and our certified historic architect met with Richard Mitchell last October to see what we needed to fix to get back into action. We needed to make our bathroom and ramp ADA accessible, replace the structural beam, and a few other items. We have submitted our plans to the city, and as soon as the plans have been approved we are ready to start work. We are hoping the theater will be reopened before the end of next year!

Richmond Tennis Association, Garry Hurlbut:

- i. Garry's grand daughter made it onto the varsity tennis team at her school!
- **ii.** Currently RTA has a mixed team of men and women competing in a league championship at the Claremont Hotel next weekend.
- **iii.** RTA has a strategy to encourage youth to play tennis by teaching tennis at schools. Part of our youth strategy is to take tennis lessons to school. In the next 2-3 weeks we are starting lessons at the Washington School. We are setting up temporary nets with 3 different sessions near the Mandarine school over on the other side of Cutting.
- iv. The Richmond Snow Ball in December has been an event established by the City of Richmond and held annually for the last 66 years to honor outstanding high school students. It is currently

sponsored by the Community Services Department. The Snow Ball is the only city collaboration which has combined all the high schools and charter schools from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to participate in this gala event under one roof. Qualified students with a minimum 3.5 GPA and outstanding civic contributions are interviewed by a select committee and chosen to represent their respective schools. All winners will compete for the overall winning king and queen title (and members of their court) on the evening of Snow Ball. The king, queen and court are awarded crowns and cash awards at the Snow Ball event. Let's show our support from the City of Richmond,by honoring these brilliant individuals. They need to know we care. Last year, Garry and Maryn Hurlbut contributed \$5,000 for cash awards for the Snow Ball king and queen. This year they are agreeing to again contribute \$5,000 to match funds that are contributed from other sources. If anyone would like to contribute, the link to the RTA Snow Ball Donation Page: http://rta-ca.org/drupal-7.0/?q=node/122 where you can donate via Paypal or follow the instructions to mail a check. Also, if you go directly to the RTA link: RTA-CA.ORG and click on the JOIN/DONATE tab, the Snow Ball Paypal button is there too.

- Red Oak Victory, Graham Perrett: There are two events in October: October 13 is Fleet Week and we will have our last pancake breakfast of the year from 9am-1pm. Our classic movie in October is Thursday, October 17th when we will show "From Here to Eternity," including the famous and scandalous beach scene. Movie starts at 7pm, boarding starts at 6:30; we ask for \$10 donations and we also sell beer at the bar! Finally, October is the last month of our summer visiting hours; starting in November we will be open from 10-3 instead of 10-4.
- Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler: The next RNCC meeting is on 10/21 at 7pm; refreshments prior to the meeting will be provided by Park Plaza and Laurel Park. There will be Halloween cookies!
- Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin: This is a fun activity for adults and not just kids!
 We are practicing our table tennis on the first and third Sundays from 3-6 at Riggers Loft. Come on out!
- Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, June Hight: We have an update about the BNSF lights. The city hired a lighting consultant using BNSF funds to look at BNSF's lighting to see if it complied with the city's nuisance lighting ordinance and how to get their lighting into compliance with the ordinance. The consultant provided a list of recommendations, including the recommendation that the city's nuisance lighting ordinance has room for improvement. The city is working with BNSF to add some filters and redirect some of the lights onto their property. The city's ordinance needs improvements with specifying fixture height limits, color temperature, and easier measurements so city staff has an easier time enforcing non compliant lighting. Hotel Mac recently put up some very bright lights that spill into the street; please encourage Hotel Mac to improve their parking lot lighting.
- Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding: Tickets are available at https://www.magicklantern.org/

9. Open Forum

- Cordell Hindler: The September crime prevention meeting featured Ms Dandie who discussed the Richmond homeless population. Cordell suggested inviting her to the next PRNC meeting, and also suggested inviting Darlene Rios Dratkin to discuss the 2020 census count which is related to the homeless count. Finally, everyone is invited to the Council of Industries October 11 shoreline tour; but an RSVP is required by Friday 9/27. This event is free for all people who rsvp.
- **Graham Perrett:** Would like to ask whether the PRNC has taken any position with regard to the Terminal 1 project. The Terminal 1 developers have asked the city for money, and it seems that the city should not be paying for costs agreed to be paid for by the developer. But if the city does agree to pay for the costs, then the city should be co-investors in their project and the city should get some of the profits from the development.
- Louise Williams: Resident on Ocean Ave who has some concerns about the large parcel of land that was vacant for many years and previously owned by Chevron. By slight of land, that land was transferred to a real estate company they owned. In December of 2018, that company was sold off. The new owners asked for a lot line adjustment. Years ago Chevron had some shacks on that land and the land was supposed to be a safety buffer for the Chevron property. We never heard from anyone that there was going to be a proposal for a lot line adjustment, and the developer only notified a few neighbors. Last month something was posted on Nextdoor that this was going to be considered and many neighbors came to this meeting to explain why this was not a good idea. Initially we were told there were only 4

parcels, then there were going to be 8 parcels, and then later 10 parcels. The neighbors that have organized have suggested the developer will need to follow the subdivision act rather than develop each parcel piecemeal. Unfortunately, we found out today that the city has approved the lot line adjustments; they have agreed to do 4 now and then they will do 8 later. There are a number of reasons this is not a good idea, but we are hoping to have an opportunity to express our protest in a public forum. We are hoping that at least there will be public record about issues with those lots including problems with soil contamination and issues with ingress and egress on the narrow streets. In the spirit of having a publicly documented record of neighbor concerns about the development of the lots, I will read our letter in the open forum:

Regarding the Four Star Oil and Gas Proposed Lot Line Adjustment at Ocean and Western "We are concerned that the Lot Line Adjustment submitted by Four Star Oil and Gas may be approved without recognizing specific attributes of this property that should make it subject to the subdivision Act.

"The property may have been divided into parcels, and some houses may have been placed on it at one time, but it has always been owned by Chevron until this sale. This property should not be allowed to have simple Lot Line Adjustments (LLAs) and be split into 8 parcels for building houses because the parcels were never considered under the Subdivision Act. This Act provides for critical components of the necessary planning that would not otherwise be done. These include the following elements:

"Land Use It is not clear that the intended use is a good match, considering other constraints **"Circulation** There are currently about 57 residences in the Loop that must pass through the intersection of Marine St and Western Dr. Additional traffic from new construction and from new residences could make this untenable.

"Safety Access and egress to the neighborhood is limited to the intersection of Marine and Western. In case of any emergency, such as at Chevron, which is across the street, all fifty seven households (not including any new additions) must exit at the same intersection. Eight new households would be an increase of 14% which is not acceptable considering the fire rating and possible adjacent hazard zones. The Grant Deed for the sale of this property from Chevron to Four Star Oil & Gas Co. describes the potential environmental hazards that are likely from construction at the site. Although Chevron may be sufficiently large to accommodate the full impact of the finding of toxic soil and contaminated groundwater, it is unlikely that Four Star or their successors could, especially if sold to individual buyers, as appears to be the intent. If any construction is initiated, we expect the City will ensure that sufficient money will be held in bond for completing full remediation of the site, while fully protecting all local residents.

"Conservation and Open Space The property between Western and Ocean has been used as an open space park for many decades. Although Chevron posts "No Trespassing" and similar signs at their property on the other side of Western, they have never posted such signs or restricted access in any way for the property between Western and Ocean. This has become a featured amenity for many prospective buyers as well as current dog-loving residents.

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"The discussion above only touches on some of the issues that are normally considered under the Subdivision Act. These issues must be addressed long before any construction begins. Approval of a lot line adjustment is not appropriate and will significantly complicate any future work on this property. The following neighbors to this property have signed this letter, demonstrating our agreement that a Lot Line Adjustment is not appropriate:" (followed by the names of 43 neighbors at 30 addresses)

10. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn: No remembrances or celebrations tonight.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm



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Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting: October 30, 2019, 7:30 p.m. Point Richmond Community Center

- October 27th Women's Westside Improvement Club's Haunted History Hike starts at 4:30 in front of the History Association building
- November 9th PRCERT class to prepare your home and family for emergencies, 1-4pm in the Community Center. https://www.prcert.org/
 - November 9th Red Oak Victory's 75th anniversary of the launching!

Celebration at the Red Oak Victory 6-10pm, \$50 for full sit-down dinner, \$25 for music & drinks. Featured musical performance by The George Cole Orchestra; tours of boat included.

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