



ON POINT *February 2020*

Greetings from the PRNC!

Hello all! I hope you're having an enjoyable February. It looks like we should have a busy meeting this month.

I would like to start by congratulating the Richmond Tennis Association women's team for winning the United States Tennis Association Northern California Sectionals 3.5 division. "This was a complete team effort as all five players contributed to winning the championship," said RTA president and PRNC Board Member at Large, Garry Hurlbut. The team — Christy Li, Brisa Lowry, Sarah Golden, Jenele Peterson and April Nguyen — is the first team from Richmond to do so.

New PRNC new website: 1st Vice President Dave Bleckinger will provide a demonstration of the new website by Point Richmond resident Mona Reilly.

Clean Point Richmond Committee: Phil Rosenthal--our newest Committee volunteer--will discuss cleaning up the Point by picking up trash around town.

Clean Point Energy: We welcome our business neighbor Billy Zeier who will discuss solar power.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? HAVE WE GOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

Hilary Brown has been our awesome PRNC secretary since April 2015. Her term expires at the end of April, so we are looking for a volunteer to take over her position. If anyone is interested in filling in as secretary from February 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.

Hope to see you at the February 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, February 26, 2020, 7:30pm
 Point Richmond Community Center
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

7:30	<i>Call to order and approval of the minutes from the January 29, 2020 meeting</i>	2 minutes
7:32	<i>Police Report, Richmond Police Department, Officer Joseph DeOran</i>	10 minutes
7:42	<i>President's Report, Peter Thelin</i>	5 minutes
7:47	<i>Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis</i>	2 minutes
7:49	<i>Membership Report, June Hight</i>	2 minutes
7:51	<i>PRNC new website demonstration, Dave Bleckinger</i>	10 minutes
8:01	<i>Clean Point Richmond Committee</i>	10 minutes
8:11	<i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani, http://pointrichmond.com/wwic/</i> ● <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Mary Lee Cole www.artsofpointrichmond.com</i> ● <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510) 232-2559</i> ● <i>Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org</i> ● <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045</i> ● <i>PR CERT, Edie Sellers and Shaun Partlow https://www.prcert.org/, https://www.facebook.com/prcert</i> ● <i>Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin, (510) 326-8108</i> 	14 minutes
8:25	<i>Clean Point Energy, Billy Zeier</i> <i>We welcome our business neighbor!</i>	10 minutes
8:35	<i>Land Use/Design Review Committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>509 Washington Ave., ADU</i> ● <i>901 W. Cutting Blvd., Chevron gas station remodel</i> <i>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at rdsatre@live.com, (510) 232-5059, at least 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 at 6:00pm and General Membership meeting at 7:30pm if your project is being considered.</u></i>	25 minutes
9:00	<i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Cordell Hindler http://richmondneighbors.org/</i> ● <i>Point Richmond Business Association, Scott Harris www.pointrichmondbusiness.com</i> ● <i>TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail</i> ● <i>Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, http://pointrichmondhistory.org/</i> ● <i>Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org</i> 	10 minutes
9:10	<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>	6 minutes
9:16	<i>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</i>	



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 29, 2020
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

1. **Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:38. Board members present: Peter Thelin, Dave Bleckinger, Buzz Baylis, Garry Hurlbut, and Charmain Tyler. Minutes from the previous meeting on December 4 were approved with no amendments.
2. **Police Report, Officer DeOrion: Not here today.**
3. **President's Report, Peter Thelin:**

Normally we end our meeting with remembrances and celebrations. This time we are going to start with remembrances. Margaret Jordan passed away a short time ago. She got pneumonia while battling an illness. She had been the President of the Neighborhood Council. She was a tireless local civic leader. She helped organize the wig wag restoration. When I got a chance to see her in the hospital, she wanted to know the state of affairs in the neighborhood council.

Several people spoke about Margaret and remembered her as being passionate about our town, a gracious hostess, having a lot of energy, a community advocate, full of good ideas, involved in fundraising, and always making sure everyone had a chance to express their opinions.
4. **Peter Thelin:**

Talking about the mural, we are trying to organize some means of cleaning it. If you want to be involved with something like that, just come over and say hi.
5. **Treasurer's report. Buzz Baylis:**

It was a slim month at the post office.
Balance in the account is \$4745.
6. **Membership Report. June Hight:**

There are 139 active memberships right now. If you haven't paid you can pay today.
Peter: I was reminded earlier, if you want to vote, you have to pay your dues.
7. **Arts of Point Richmond. Bob Colin:**

Richmond puts art in Kaleidoscope, in the Post Office, and in El Sol. Recently we have become the official decorators of Lara's Fine Dining. This year we are starting a new project for art - Taking it Outdoors. He presented some photographs that were blown up and printed on vinyl and made into banners. We will put up some of these banners downtown. We hope that Pt. Richmond will be an arts destination. If you are an artist, just join Arts of Point Richmond. We are going to turn Point Richmond into an exciting outdoor arts gallery. We are working with the music night and other cultural events. We are Taking_it_outdoors.org. We might ask some businesses to sponsor some of the posters. We got some funds from the Gateway Foundation. Please join in with us. Questions and discussion re: how to hang, protect from weather and vandals, contacting the artists.
8. **Gotcha, ebike. Mauricio Hernandez:**

We have hubs, not stations. We can park them with u-locks. It locks onto itself with the u-lock. You still have to pedal to get a little boost. Puncture-free rubber tires. Spokes are heftier. Computer tells your speed and how much power you have. You will not have to deal with the batteries. We are introducing everybody to the bike and the system. We are rolling out by the spring. This is a rental system for short trips. 3-5 miles, 10-30 minutes. It just asks for a clipper card or use the app. Use the QR code. Security feature is gps. I know

where the bike is. Right now we are determining where the hubs are going to be. We have not fully finalized the pricing. Not intended to rent for the whole day. Q and A and Discussion re: linking to the ferry, biking the bridge, getting the app, helmets, and other features of the ebike.

Denee Evans, City of Richmond: We are working on a free shuttle. This is part of it. We are getting a grant and are able to keep it low cost. As a city we are partnering with Gotcha. There are other neighbors in the community that you may be hearing about too.

9. Point Richmond CERT. Janet Ferraro:

There are classes of CERT around the state. We are having a 1.5 hour class at Brickyard Landing on Feb 22, Saturday, from 10:00 to 12:00. The same class will be on Monday, Feb 24, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Its basic nuts and bolts about how to prepare for an emergency. The more we hear about how to prepare for an emergency, the more we remember. We will give many suggestions, like how to keep emergency supplies in your car.

10. Pannu Holistic Dental Hygiene. Taren Pannu:

What is holistic dental? We look at the human body as a whole. The organs are not just interconnected but they are interdependent. We view you as a whole. The focus is not just teeth and gums. The mouth is the beginning of the digestive tract. This is the first step to the break down of food. There are bacteria in the mouth that can travel through the body. It can also lead to erosion and decay. Mouth is the site of 2 most common infections - cold sores and gum disease. If a person has decay, it can continue in a cycle: -exam -filling -exam. Dont get decay. Save your own teeth. My goal is to promote your oral health. You should go for a cleaning every 3 to 4 months. Please call for an appointment. 415-755-5549.

11. Bus restroom art mural. Philip Rosenthal:

The entrance to the Point should have art work. They still need some funding. They might be able to get from Gateway or other. They will wrap the art in vinyl, with a life of 7 to 10 years. It can be easily replaced. The committee has the DeWitt family. We are looking at a DeWitt mural. They might have to re-configure it and make it more specific about Point Richmond. They are still waiting for AC transit.

12. LUDRC. Rod Satre:

New house plans were discussed for 357 Western. The LUDRC requested the owners put story poles up, talk to their neighbors, and come back next month. The vote was 4-0. The project was not approved.

13. Community Briefs

- **Point Richmond Table Tennis, Peter Thelin:** We meet at Riggers Loft on Sunday afternoons. Anyone can play. You don't have to be good. Its good for your heart. Fastest game in the Olympics. You can actually get some exercise. Your goal should be to try to beat me.
- **RTA, Garry Hurlbut:** This is about active, healthy, lifestyles, not just tennis. That's the most important thing. We have teams for women and men and all ages. The youth programs are now 250 children from K to 8th grade. We talk about nutrition and healthy lifestyles. You don't have to be a great player to come out. Maryn Hurlbut, with Parks and Rec, is working on the Indian statue, getting water working again. We have to take the bricks up first. It will be a coming attraction.
- **Magick Lantern:** January we had a full house for the documentary on Yo Yo Ma. Dr. Mobley who knew Yo Yo Ma spoke. For February, we will have Cyrano, My Love, a French film.
- **Arts of Point Richmond:** We have exhibits at El Sol, watercolor by Jean Brady. The post office has acrylic paintings. Lara's Fine Dining has featured local painters.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club:** Our meeting is Feb 4 at 11:30. It will be a brown bag lunch. On Sat, 2/15 we are working in the map garden from 10 to 12.
- **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, June Hight:** BNSF agreed to mitigate the lighting. It should be done by the end of January. I don't know if it includes the tracks at Canal.
- **Masquers Playhouse, Fran Smith, President:** 4 years ago we shut down the theater because the main beam broke. Several board members resigned. Now we have 9 board members. We just had our Jan 3 plans approved to go forward with the construction. Working on the schedule for the construction. Our first production will be next September. Hoping to have something in April.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:** This was our month to supply refreshments for the RNCC but we will do it next month. Next meeting is Feb 10 at 7 pm in council chambers.
- **Point Richmond Business Association. Cordell Hindler:** They had a mixer at El Sol.

- **Crime prevention. Cordell Hindler:** The next meeting is Feb 19 at 7 pm, at the Richmond Room at city hall.

14. Open Forum

- **Cordell Hindler:** Council of industries has a monthly luncheon. They will be talking about Pt. Molate. The lunch is \$45 at Hotel Mac. Members of the neighborhood council get in for free. Possible ideas for future agendas: Yetti Garcia, Community police review commission, write the postmaster, new city manager come to speak.
- **Joe Puleo:** News: Post office wants to close down the Point Richmond Post Office. There are surveys in the post office. You can write the postmaster. Comment, Jessie West: Neighborhood council should play a role in the post office staying open.
- **Jessie West:** Neighborhood watch. Todd Hotel is the problematic single residence building in the Point. New owners worked really hard to renovate and bring it up to code. The father died, son is just not able to successfully operate that business. They have done nothing they promised to do. They have meetings between owner and manager. They do fix things. Code enforcement hasn't found anything. There are still people dealing drugs, violence outside. Michelle is ready to escalate - to see if someone is willing to take it over. It's got to change. I would like to ask you to contact Michele Milam. Her email mmilam@richmondpd.net. Some of it has been cleaned up. Owner has some health issues.
- **Philip Rosenthal:** We need to keep the triangle clean. The trash cans are overflowing. They used to come more often to empty them. When I contact the city, they do come out. Starbucks should clean up better. How should we clean up the triangle better? Do we need more trash cans? It didn't used to be like this. Someone should do the research and come and present to us. Talk to the city. What is the solution? Maybe they need to pick up more frequently. Will public shaming work to get people to put their trash in the right place?

15. **In Celebration/Adjourn:** Hilary Brown had her baby on Jan 23 at 8:29 p.m. It's a boy. Congratulations to Hilary and Gene.

16. **Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charmain Tyler, PRNC Board Member



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.

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- *Come see our new website*
- *Hear about clean energy*

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HELP NEEDED!

PRNC SECRETARY



Minimal duties include attending 2 meetings a month, taking notes, and working on meeting agendas. No pay but very rewarding! If you are interested, please contact us ASAP. Our board members are a great bunch of people and this is a wonderful way to get involved in the community!

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