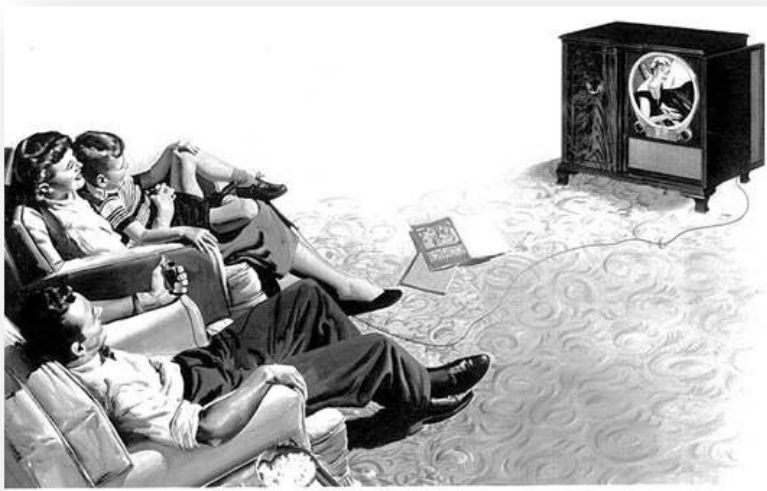




ON POINT *June 2020*

Greetings to our PRNC members:

Experiments in audio-visual communication!



As we continue to shelter at home in order to maintain safe distances, we thought this month we'd experiment with *ZOOM!*

As such, our June 2020 PRNC General Meeting, held on the 24th at 7:30 pm, will be presented in the **Zoom format**. A separate email containing instructions for joining the Zoom call will follow in the next couple of days.

If you are unable to join via computer, you can join the call via phone by dialing 1-669-900-9128. If you have any difficulty getting in the meeting, call Garry at 510-547-8111.

So in the meantime, stay home, stay safe, call friends and relatives, catch up on your reading and binge-watch all of those shows you've heard about but haven't had time to see.

Hopefully we'll get through this safely and "see"you at the next 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.

Community Groups submitted the following comments for the next meeting:

Pt. Molate Alliance: provided by Sally Tobin, Point Richmond Resident and PRNC Member

As most of you know, there are two general schools of thought regarding use of the City's tract of land at Point Molate. Both propose restoration and vibrant use of the Historic Winehaven District. But should most of the property outside the Historical District be sold to a developer to build up to 2040 residential units, or should the property be used for recreation, cultural history, education, and parkland? It's complicated Pt. Molate: A summary of recent events:

The City posted a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) this spring. Many responses from the public were filed, with a submission deadline of April 30. At the June 10 Design Review Board (DRB) Meeting, Director of Community Development Lina Velasco stated that the DSEIR responses from the public will not be posted until opposing statements can be posted with them, probably later this month.

Meanwhile, subcommittees of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the DRB have been meeting with developers to try to achieve plans that will be best for the site. Periodic public meetings (via teleconference) are also being held. At the most recent public DRB meeting June 10, there was extensive public comment regarding proposals from developers to:

1. Install sewage vaults and sewage pumping stations in a residential neighborhood of Point Richmond;
2. Replace the Point Molate Beach Park with a water booster pumping station, bioretention facilities, and sewage lift station;
3. Grade more than half of the hillside slopes of Point Molate;
4. Locate hiking trails so that they emerge from residential areas instead of dedicated trailheads;
5. Designate 200 trees for removal.

Public speakers also stated that the proposed development does not conform to the General Plan. The DRB was understandably concerned, and in addition, DRB Members commented on the proposed "cookie-cutter" units and their placement. The City was directed to explore other potential routes for sewage, and a consultant was suggested.

The good news: the Bay Trail is moving along. Bruce Beyaert received enthusiastic thanks.

Documentation:

http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/53643/2_PLN20-057-2100-STENMARK-DR_DRB20200610---J

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See page 78 for booster pumping station, bioretention facilities, and sewer lift station at Beach Park; see pages 84 and 85 for proposed vault and sewer lift station in Point Richmond; see Page 87 for targeted trees.



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 7:30pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

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| 7:30 | Call to order and approval of minutes from February 28, 2020 meeting | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | Police Report, Richmond Police Department, Officer McDonell
And Officer Middleton | 10 minutes |
| 7:42 | President's Report, Peter Thelin | 2 minutes |
| 7:44 | Treasurer's Report, Buzz Bayliss | 1 minute |
| 7:45 | Membership Report, June Hight | 1 minute |
| 7:46 | PRNC Elections, Peter Thelin
President (Candidate: Peter Thelin), First Vice President (Candidate: Dave Bleckinger), and
Secretary (Candidate: Charmain Tyler) | 15 minutes |
| 8:01 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 518 Golden Gate Avenue <p>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 6:00 pm.</u></p> | 10 minutes |
| 8:11 | Community Briefs (2 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org● Point Molate Alliance, Sally Tobin● Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin (510) 326-8108● Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, http://richmondneighbors.org● Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org● USS Red Oak Victory Ship, update from Graham Perrett:
Alas, the Red Oak victory continues to be closed to visitors. At this stage we aren't sure as to when we will open. We are being extra careful, since many of our visitors and crew are in the vulnerable to Covid-19 category. As soon as it is safe to do so, it will be posted on our website www.redoakvictory.us. I'll also alert the PRNC so that it will be included in the monthly newsletter.● Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani http://pointrichmond.com/wwic/ | 12 minutes |
| 8:23 | PR CERT Update, Edie Alderette-Sellers, (510) 703-2870 edie@prcert.org | 15 minutes |
| 8:38 | PRNC Meetings for the rest of 2020 - How should we proceed?
Comments and questions welcome from the general membership | 15 minutes |
| 8:53 | Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each)
Please sign up in advance with June Hight (pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com) | 6 minutes |
| 8:59 | In Remembrance and celebration. Adjourn | |



Please contact June Hight (pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com) in advance if you have something to add.

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 26, 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, June Hight, Buzz Baylis, Garry Hurlbut, and Charmain Tyler. Minutes from the previous meeting on January 26 were approved with no amendments.
2. **Police Report, Officer Ramon Middleton** He is new to Point Richmond and works here Monday-Thursday. Question re: car break in - it was in front of Starbucks. Do not leave anything in your car- they will break your window to get your coat. Question about catalytic converters - no recent theft in Point Richmond. If you have any concerns please email me. Rmiddleton@richmondpd.net. 510-621-1212. Ext 1955. Every Friday of March, police will be doing high speed pursuit training.
3. **President's Report, Peter Thelin:** Refreshments at the back of the room. Gary, member at large, had a great tennis victory.
4. **Treasurer's report. Buzz Baylis:** We took in \$70. \$4815 is the new balance.
5. **Membership Report. June Hight:** There are now 143 active memberships.
6. **PRNC new website, Dave Bleckinger.** We have a little bit of work left to do for our new website. We hired a local website designer. We won't be paying as much in monthly fees. It looks much more modern. We are picking out some pictures to post, and if you want to contribute pictures that would be great. We are going to get Paypal soon, for more convenient renewals. More updates coming next month.
7. **Clean Point Energy, Billy Zeier.** Peter introduced him. We welcome our business neighbor! Billy is the co-owner of Clean Point Energy. He talked about current state of solar power and some new developments. Over the last 15 years the costs of solar have dropped. It was 3 times higher just a few years ago. As of 2020 they have to have 30% clean energy coming through the grid. Marin Clean Energy is community based, and sends clean energy through the grid. MCE started building solar fields. They were the first one to do community solar, with new technology. With solar trackers that follow the sun all day long, the solar cells get extra exposure and can produce a lot more. Of the top solar states in the country, California is number one. The biggest city is San Diego. They have 45,000 systems. The cost savings is 20%. There is a website called project sunroof that shows the hot spots of your own roof and can tell you how efficient your solar would be. Brentwood, San Francisco, and San Jose are doing a lot. As of 2020, every new home built needs to have solar power. If you are adding an ADU, it needs to be set up for solar. You can run your entire home on the back up battery, retails about \$7,000. California gives you back \$250 per kilowatt. Install costs \$2- 3,000. Old rechargeable batteries wore out quickly. Now batteries can last 30 years. They are warranted at 10,000 cycles. New charge point areas will have different levels of how you can charge it. In one hour you could get 25 miles on one type of charger. Or, you can up the charge and get 200 miles charged per hour. It costs about \$1500 to put a charge point in your home.
8. **LUDRC. There are 2 items:**
 - **509 Washington Ave., ADU**
It was approved by the LUDRC. Two members are asking it to be removed from the consent calendar.

Paul Nyulaffie, Architect. Showed the design of 480 square foot ADU, single family residence at the corner of Washington and Bishop Alley. We have pushed it below grade. We are allowed a 15 feet height. It is an existing garage. We are keeping the existing footprint and putting an ADU on that footprint. The garage is sitting up above grade. We are putting the new building down to maintain the neighbors' views.

The driveway exit is on Bishop Alley. Only way we can maintain the neighbors' views is to exit on Bishop Alley.

Dave Bleckinger. What is the height of the existing garage? Paul. 10 feet.

Anthony Murphy, Owner. Neighbors don't think I should be able to enter from the Alley. It allows us to drive down a long driveway and to sink it down to keep the views. I lived here for 21 years. This is the 10th project I've done. I invited the neighbors to discuss. The existing tree gets removed. No one else will be impacted by the way we drive in and out. Paul and I have worked on many projects together. Everything we are doing is improving. It's getting rid of an old structure that is falling down and adding an ADU.

Paul. If they put the ADU on top of the garage, it would block many views. They put the story poles up and put the garage on the other side. We are keeping the craftsman effect. Some neighbors are concerned about exiting onto Bishop. We are providing parking even though we are not required to. We are trying to be responsible and reasonable and with consideration of the neighbors.

Pam Hyland, neighbor. Some people are on vacation and some are at a funeral. Other people came earlier. All of the neighbors are opposed because it backs onto the Alley. One neighbor came with his broken fence.

JJ Thorpe, neighbor. Applauds Anthony for adding additional housing. Neighbors have a concern about the narrow road. During the course of construction they might block emergency egress down the alley. We think the congestion on the Alley is dangerous.

Neighbor. Applauds bringing in affordable housing. I support it for housing. I understand his frustration too.

Peter. If neighbors have recommendations of how to improve it, let us know.

JJ. I don't know how you can allow for more room on the street, plus do this design.

Paul. We are not exiting onto anyone's property.

JJ. People have driven into my fence. It adds more cars onto the Alley.

Dave. Most of the houses on the alley are at a right angle. This appears to be at a shallow angle. It seems like it would make it easier to get out.

Paul. We hired people to survey and look at the grading. A lot of thought has been put into this.

Anthony. This is all according to code.

Paul. The whole premise is to put the house down so to preserve the views.

June. We can call for a vote, but you have to be a member to vote.

Dave. Any other comments before voting?

Peter. What would the neighbors like to see?

Neighbor. It is difficult for emergency vehicles to get down the alley.

Peter. He is not altering the street.

Paul. They will put more story poles with a surveyor. This is not arbitrary. They've spent a lot here.

Dave Bleckinger. Motion: To approve the project. Motion made and seconded.

All in favor of approving the plans as submitted?

- 8 in favor
- 2 opposed

Motion to approve this project passes 8 to 2.

• **901 W. Cutting Blvd., Chevron gas station remodel.** Charmain Tyler, LUDRC Secretary, said the LUDRC would like to see a more historic design for this gas station. Right now they are planning to keep the same bright light and metal structure - the same as you see all over the country. The LUDRC asked the architects to give some more thought to this and come back. They should present to the PRNC general membership meeting so everyone will know about it.

9. Community Briefs

- **Point Richmond Table Tennis, Peter Thelin:** (510) 326-8108 Peter said they meet at Riggers Loft Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00. Some people come from Walnut Creek to play. It's the first and third Sunday now. Peter will post winners if someone beats him. You can practice on the other weekends.
- **RTA, Garry Hurlbut:** (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org Garry started Richmond Tennis to create active and healthy lifestyles for people of all ages. We will start in Washington school, getting the school district and Richmond to collaborate. We hope that within a month we can do tennis at recess at Washington School.

Our 3.5 Women won the Northern California championship. Courts at the back of the Plunge need some repair and cleaning. RTA pays for the upkeep of the tennis courts through grants. Garry and Maryn keep the park clean at the back, the garden in front, the tennis courts, and the park at the back. About the mural on the front of the tunnel, we are trying to clean it off. Parks and Rec are going to help. June requested notice as to when the street would be closed so she could broadcast it.

- **Magick Lantern: Kate Spaulding** . MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510) 232-2559. Kate has a new movie for the month of March, for March 20. It's called Capernaum. It was the runner up for 2018 best foreign film. It's a drama that takes place in Beirut.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club: Diane Diani**, <http://pointrichmond.com/wwic/> Diane Diani. Meet Tuesday, March 3. Brown bag lunch. We will be working with local charity. Maureen Decomb, Map garden update. There is a native plant garden, with signs to show the plants. We will be ready for printing soon. Thank you to Gordon from Shigoto Ya. All the signs can be updated easily and changed out to show a seasonal display. Thank you to Linda Newton. We started out with one piece of software and finally did it in a professional layout. We do have a lot of photos to plug in. By mid April we will place the signs in the display. The garden will be in full bloom at that time and we will have a party. They have put in at least 50 hours and we are very proud of what we have done.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:** Cordell Hindler. <http://richmondneighbors.org/> Cordell said they had 20-25 people for their last meeting. Snacks by Richmond Heights. March 9 is the next meeting at 7 pm, with a guest speaker re: Point Molate.
- **Point Richmond Business Association. Cordell Hindler:** www.pointrichmondbusiness.com Cordell said there is a luncheon tomorrow at Hotel Mac. Karen Buchanan will talk about historic walk. There will be a discussion of new laws for businesses.
- **Point Richmond History Association**, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <http://pointrichmondhistory.org/> Latest newsletter is our, commemorating Mid Dornan. They put a new roof on the historic building.

10. **Peter.** Reminded the membership that we need a new secretary.

11. Open Forum

- **Cordell Hindler:** Invite everyone to the Council of Industries business luncheon. On March 18, Supervisor John Gioia will speak. 12-1:30 at Hotel Mac.
- **Cordell Hindler:** Crime prevention -meet with command staff on March 18, 7 pm in Richmond Hall.
- **Cordell Hindler:** Future topic:crime prevention officer Sousa can speak about mental health awareness & resources. Yeti Garcia can speak about what police commission does about racial profiling.
- **Sally Tobin.** Nov. ballot will have open space initiative for Point Molate. They want to create a public park, except Winehaven. Environment preservation is more important than private development. They want to preserve Ohlone sacred sites.
- **Jordan Greens.** He talked about the Richmond art center and summer camp. Every 4th Saturday will be art and free materials. You can see interviews of artists on website and on Youtube.

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 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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Date _____



***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting***

See you online

Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 pm

***Check for the Zoom meeting information
in the email from June Hight.***

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