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Greetings to our PRNC members: *Further experiments in audio-visual communication!*



Greetings Fellow Point Richmond Neighbors!

As many of us continue to shelter at home in order to maintain safe distances, we at the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council will continue holding our General Meetings via **ZOOM!**

Our July 2020 Meeting will be held on the 29th at 7:30 pm. Once again, presented in the **Zoom format**. Instructions for joining the Zoom call will follow in the next couple of days. If you are unable to join our July meeting via Zoom, you can call in via phone by

dialing 1-669-900-9128. If you have any difficulty getting in the meeting, call Garry at 510-547-8111.

If you've been curious about the proposals for development at Point Molate, then you should find this meeting quite interesting. We will have representatives from SunCal as well as the Point Molate Alliance. After both presentations, there will be 15 minutes for Q&A from PRNC members.

On another topic, I've been talking to our esteemed member Phil Rosenthal regarding trash and litter in the Point. Phil suggested arranging an informal Trash Pick-Up Day for volunteers to clean up the neighborhood. Details to follow.

And I hope you've all seen the 14 beautiful art posters around town that were done by members of the Arts of Point Richmond. The posters are just a preview of a much larger installation called **Taking it Outdoors** scheduled to be shown in the summer of 2021.



So continue to 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 once again "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.



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, July 29, 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 June 24, 2020, virtual 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 | Garrard Traffic Discussion, June Hight | 10 minutes |
| 7:56 | Point Molate Development Proposal | |
| | 1. SunCal: Cynthia Martinez, Manager of Public Affairs, Southwest Strategies LLC, cmartinez@swspr.com | 15 minutes |
| | 2. Point Molate Alliance: Sally Tobin | 15 minutes |
| | 3. Q and A | 15 minutes |
| 8:41 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) | 3 minutes |
| | • Chevron gas station remodel - Brief discussion | |
| | 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 meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting at 6:00 pm.</u> | |
| 8:44 | Community Briefs (2 minutes each) | 24 minutes |
| | • Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org | |
| | • 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, Graham Perrett, www.redoakvictory.us . | |
| | • Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani http://pointrichmond.com/wwic | |
| | • PR CERT, Edie Alderette-Sellers, (510) 703-2870 edie@prcert.org | |
| | • Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler, www.pointrichmondbusiness.com | |
| | • Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, http://pointrichmondhistory.org | |
| | • Magick lantern, Kate Spaulding, magicklantern.org , magick-lantern@att.net , 510-232-2559 | |
| | • Arts of Point Richmond, Mary Lee Cole, www.artsofpointrichmond.com | |
| | • TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail | |
| 9:08 | Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) | 6 minutes |
| | Please sign up in advance with June Hight (pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com) | |
| 9:14 | 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, June 24, 2020
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- 1. Called to Order for our first virtual meeting on Zoom, and Approval of Minutes:**
Meeting was called to order at 7:33. Board members present: Peter Thelin, Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Buzz Baylis, Garry Hurlbut, and Charmain Tyler. Minutes from February 28 meeting were approved with no amendments.
- 2. Police Report, Officer Ramon Middleton or Officer Chris McDonell (not present)**
If you have concerns please email: Rmiddleton@richmondpd.net. 510-621-1212. Ext 1955.
- 3. President's Report, Peter Thelin:**
We are having a Zoom meeting because the Covid situation is still raging.
We had our board meeting at Hurlbut Garden. The Pt. Molate report is in the newsletter.
Dave: It's nice to have everyone here. It would be nice to have our July meeting in person, but I don't think that is going to happen.
Discussion about a 3 car accident in the tunnel. Someone had to be airlifted out.
- 4. Treasurer's report. Buzz Baylis:**
Since we last met in February we collected \$450 in dues, bringing our total to \$5,265.
- 5. Membership Report. June Hight:**
We have 31 members right now. Normally we would have collected the dues. Please send in your payment to our PO Box. You can ask for a waiver request. If you are not currently a member, I can confirm membership later when we have a vote.
Dave: Anyone who is a paid up member from last year will be qualified to vote.
- 6. PRNC Elections, Peter Thelin:**
There are several of us up for elections. Myself for president. Dave Bleckinger for vice president. Charmain Tyler for secretary.
Is there anyone to oppose me? I am honored that you let me do it. I do enjoy the process. It's given me a lot of insight into the community. If you will have me for another term I'll do it.
Vote: All in favor of Peter Thelin as 2nd term President. No one opposed.

Dave: The first V.P. is the job with the least responsibilities. I'm happy to continue with this job. Is there anyone who would like to run against me?
Vote: All in favor of Dave Bleckinger as 2nd term Vice President. No one opposed.

Charmain: I will be happy to work as Secretary, but I welcome anyone else who is interested.
Vote: All in favor of Charmain Tyler as 1st term Secretary. No one opposed.
- 7. LUDRC. There is 1 item: 518 Golden Gate Ave., Larger Upper Story**
Charmain explained that the existing house has been restored to what it was 100 years ago. At that time, they strengthened the foundation to be able to add a 2nd floor. Now they are adding the 2nd floor. There is a new octagon that matches the bay window on the first floor. The LUDRC approved

this project on the condition that new drawings would be received which showed the height measurements, as well as building materials.

June asked about the small deck coming off of the 2nd story bedroom. Yes it is a deck.

There was some discussion about how it looks from the street. Drawings were shared.

Dave: Motion to approve, pending the LUDRC receiving the material they requested. Once they approve, I motion that we approve.

In favor: all in favor

Opposed: none

It is conditionally approved, with the LUDRC vote.

(Project had final approval by LUDRC when the owner supplied the information needed.)

8. *Community Briefs*

- **Masquers Playhouse**, Carl Smith, Managing Director, www.masquers.org

We are completing the beam that runs the length of the building. We have surpassed the fundraising goal, and it covers the cost of the repairs. Construction is going very well. We were closed for 6 - 8 weeks because of Covid 19. We hope to have the theater back to us by mid September. We plan on full operations for 2021. In all the conversations, raising the \$550,000 dollars, we kept asking how we can keep the building churning with entertainment. We decided to also invest in revamping our lighting. We are going to add another \$50,000 for the lighting. We received the first \$5,000 from the Gateway Foundation. We are selling Masquers' masks with new colors. We also need to relocate our rehearsals if someone else is using the theater. We also need people who can write some grants. Please reach out to me. We are moving the opposite of a lot of theater companies. We are going to be back and strong. Please buy a mask, and we'll see you at the theater.

- **Point Molate Alliance**, Sally Tobin

The developers that were chosen by the City are going through the Design Review Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission. Two things came up. 1) They are not sure how to handle the sewage. Point Richmond is positioned right in the middle of the route that the builders are proposing for sewage. There are going to be 2 different lines that go into Point Richmond, around Ocean Ave. and Western Ave. There will be pumping stations to pump the sewage over the hill to the sewage treatment plant. They are designating the residential parcels that they might need. 2) The developer is proposing the beach park be replaced by a water boosting station and water retention facilities. There wouldn't be much left of the beach park. People would have to park along Stenmark Drive. Those are probably the 2 most important things. Discussion about the routing of the road. It's unknown at this time.

Sally: I think we need more open spaces and less residential. It should be for park, education and environment for the use of all of Richmond. We do have to figure out how to make the historic district historically sound. Discussion about the beach park. It is large and probably under utilized.

The Design Review Board was against the sewage running through Point Richmond. I feel like they are cognizant of the community's dismay. An Ohlone person spoke at one meeting and said some ancestors bones are in the shell mounds. They want them not to be disturbed. A huge response from the community always gets heard.

Mayor Tom Butt: We have a good commission. They have done good work. I think we have to give them a lot of credit. They are really working hard.

Discussion about altering the entrance and exit from the freeway. Mayor Butt said there is still some money for more bridge work that can help with modifications to the entrance and exit from the freeway.

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

We haven't been playing ping pong in months. At this point we don't really know if Riggers Loft is open. They are checking temperatures, and you have to sit outside.

- **RTA**, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org

We are back playing tennis at Nichols and the Plunge courts. We have our first match for singles only. You can only pick up the ball that you actually brought. You have to wear a mask when you are not playing, but not while you are playing.

The fountain water is working again at the Indian Statue. The public works people dug up the drain and fixed everything at a low cost. June asked about the money from the commercials that was supposed to go to the fountain. Garry will follow up and find out.

After the George Floyd killing, we had a Zoom meeting to talk about what we can do as individuals to help solve the issue around racial injustice. We got a lot of good feedback.

I want to give a shout out for Phil and Cecil for weeding. Phil reminded us that we don't have to ask if something needs weeding. Just do it.

- **USS Red Oak Victory**, Graham Perrett, www.redoakvictory.us

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. 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/>

We sent a thank you to Maryn for getting the fountain fixed. We are going to be celebrating a birthday, and we gave a local charity donation. We were hoping to have the sign project completed. It has been delayed. Maureen is still committed to the project and will continue. We are still identifying the plants. If anyone wants to help please let us know. If anyone can help with graphics for the sign, we would love to have help with it. We are having a hard time keeping up with the gardening at the triangle. If you have any ideas on how to help, please let me know. We are looking for ideas of other improvement for our community.

Philip: I cleaned up the Wig Wags today. Some of the weeds were 3 feet high. There is no weed barrier. I will volunteer to help with the Wig Wags. They are the entrance to our community.

June: They did get them working again for special events. They asked not to plant them again because they have to maintain them.

Philip: I am in the cruise industry, and there is no cruise

industry, so I have time to work on them. Charmain: I will put you in touch with Dan Furtado, the Wig Wag man, and you can talk to him about how to maintain the garden area. I'll send you an email about it.

9. PR CERT, Edie Alderette-Sellers, 510-703-2870, edie@prcert.org, kristen@prcert.org.

I am the Vice President and Secretary of PR CERT. We just started in 2016, and we now have a good team who have been trained. We just got some news this week and want to share it with you.

In a big disaster we are our own first responders. We are trained in how to respond to help the neighborhood, and then collect info to help the professional responders. We will gather at a centralized location, organize as teams, and establish communication with the City via ham radio. We'll set up areas for medical, rescue and fire teams. We will document everything. It makes the professional work a lot easier. We have dedicated CERT trained members and a portable ham radio station. Members bring their own equipment. There is no dedicated, secure storage. Equipment is stored in members' homes. It could be damaged, and we may not be able to access it.

We need a command post for people and equipment. We need space to operate, a centralized location, safe from hazards, with good road access, and equipment on site. We will lose time setting up. We need a Community Emergency Response Base of Operations, called CERBO. Need a storage container to be secure. Shipping containers are good for this. North and East CERT has a shipping container. It has shelves and holds the equipment. We have been looking at sites around Point Richmond. Judge Carrol Park seems to fit all the requirements.

On June 17 we were awarded a grant to complete the CERBO project. We will work with the City to finalize the exact location. It should make a small impact visually in the park. We are hoping that it is going to make a huge difference in case of an earthquake, fire, flood or other disaster. During July and August, the CERBO will be placed in the park. September to December, we will install the shelving and communications. In January and February we will be testing the communications. In May we will have a mock drill. In June we will have a drill review and after action report. Some discussion to clarify locations, about the school, and trains. For more info, go to www.prcert.org.

10. PRNC Meetings for the rest of 2020; how should we proceed? Peter Thelin

- Do we need to offer some training about Zoom meetings? Put something on the website.
- Do we need password control? Garry is managing the meeting and can control who comes in.
- In the future, we might want to have some physical meetings and also virtual meetings for people who cannot make the physical meetings.
- We welcome your ideas to discuss further.

11. Public Forum

- June Hight: With the collision on Garrard, I went back to the city traffic engineer. There is a lot of traffic because of businesses. We are 2 streets away from the tunnel. I would like to brainstorm about this. People speed through the tunnel. We need something to help. I would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Philip Rosenthal: I'm working on trash. We have some challenges. It hasn't gotten any better during Covid. One of the major causes is actually upticking because of people taking food out from restaurants. With help from Maryn at the Parks Dept there is one giant solar-operated crunch can, which costs \$2,000. It compacts the trash, and then notifies the City when it is full. People vandalize them. The trash can near the 2 markets gets full quickly.
- Diane Diani: We are celebrating Martha Bielawski's 100th birthday. I also want to say that we need more community effort to keep our town clean.
- Shirley Butt: Pastor Dan Damon is retiring after 25 years at the Methodist Church. We have a new minister who is starting soon and living in the parsonage. Her spouse will be at El Sobrante. We are sending Dan off this week. He and his wife bought a house in Pinole. The new people are young and thrilled to be in the parsonage. We will try to continue with music in the church. Kit Eakle is moving to Vancouver. Bruce and Claudia took a year off for a break.
- Edie Alderette-Sellers: We will hold our 100th internet radio show tomorrow. It's at 5:00 p.m. It's live about news and information in Point Richmond. Go to website at: https://www.spreaker.com/show/point-connect_1

9. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charmain Tyler, PRNC Secretary



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

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Individual

Renewal

Household

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