



ON POINT

October 2020



ONCE AGAIN, WE WILL BE BEAMING OUR NEXT PRNC MEETING DIRECTLY INTO THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE OF YOUR CHOICE!



Socially distanced Halloween? You bet! Thanks to the industrious efforts of our two Vice Presidents June Hight and Dave Bleckinger, in partnership with the good folks at PRAM, there will be a Halloween scavenger hunt, and everyone -- kids and neighbors -- are encouraged to participate.

In addition, Masquers Playhouse will be celebrating Halloween with a spooky olde-fashioned radio play! See flyer attached and tune in to this month's meeting for more creepy details.

Due to family obligations, I won't be able to attend the meeting on the 28th. However, the devilish Dave Bleckinger will once again be MC'ing the meeting in my absence.

Did you know there were Baylises on the Mayflower? Me neither, but Buzz (Baylis) will regale everyone with the story of his illustrious ancestors.

Also, Sally Tobin has graciously offered to provide details on further developments concerning Point Molate. This has been a topic of interest for many of our neighbors in Point Richmond and beyond.

So tune in, sit back and speak up. Hope you make it on the 28th!



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.





Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 7:30pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

A G E N D A

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| 7:30 | Call to order and approval of minutes from September 30, 2020 | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | President's Report, Dave Bleckinger (Peter is temporarily away) | 2 minutes |
| 7:34 | Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis | 1 minute |
| 7:35 | Membership Report, June Hight | 1 minute |
| 7:36 | PRNC + PRAM Children's Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Costume Contest, June Hight | 5/5 Q&A |
| 7:46 | Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masquers Playhouse, Carl Smith, 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 | 12 minutes |
| 7:58 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contra Costa Town Homes <p><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 meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting at 6:00 pm.</u></i></p> | 10 minutes |
| 8:08 | America's 400th Anniversary, Buzz Baylis | 10/5 Q&A |
| 8:23 | Recap and Discussion of Safe Parking Presentation (Limit 2 minutes per person on discussion) | 5/16 Q&A |
| 8:44 | Pt. Molate Update, Sally Tobin | 10/5 Q&A |
| 8:59 | Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Arts of Point Richmond, Mary Lee Cole, www.artsofpointrichmond.com• TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail | 10 minutes |
| 9:09 | Masquers, A Taste of Their Halloween Radio Play | 15 minutes |
| 9:24 | Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) Please sign up in advance with June Hight (pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com) | 6 minutes |
| 9:30 | In Remembrance and Celebration. If you have something to add, please contact June Hight (pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com). | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 30, 2020
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

1. Call to order and approval of minutes. Meeting was called to order 7:34. Board members present: Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Buzz Bayliss, Garry Hurlbut, Charmain Tyler. (Peter was temporarily away.)

2. President's Report, Dave Bleckinger

Despite the smoke blowing in, this is the best place to be sheltered and hunkered down for a global pandemic. During this meeting I will go over an introduction to the PRBC website. A local web designer set it up. June has been adding to it. Carl Smith is looking to rebrand Masquers' yard sale. Denee Evans is here to talk about electric car charging stations in the Point. Maryn will talk about the City budget and Point Richmond branch library. PRNC is working with PRAM to develop a safe Covid Halloween activity. We might need some help with it. More info coming later.

3. Treasurer's Report, Buzz Bayliss

We collected \$193.00 this month. We now have \$5500. I'm working on PayPal for the website but the PayPal person at Mechanics Bank has left the bank. I will follow up.

4. Membership Report, June Hight

We now have 47 paid members. It's hard to pay when we don't have live meetings. You will be able to see how to pay by PayPal on our website, pointrichmond.org.

5. PRNC New Website, Dave Bleckinger

Our new website is ready to use. Go to pointrichmond.org.

There are still a few things we are working on. We will be bringing in new photos, mostly images in the Point. If you have any photos you want to share please send them in.

Scroll down and get the most recent updates. Use the Become a Member button. There is a form to fill out. Click on the money amount for individual, household or lifetime. We are still working on a recurring payment option. We don't need the form if you are already a member. Other resources we will build up over time. There's a Newsletters page, and they go all the way back to 2010. The most recent one will pop up on top. There is a page devoted to land use. We have a new calendar of events. I hope you can see the great improvements. I won't go through all of the options.

Mary Lee Cole tried to find our website, but only found the City site. Can we have a link on the City site to take us to the PRNC website? She looked for a way to contact us but had trouble. If there was something on the main page it would be a good idea. June thought maybe we could do a Contact Us button. Mary Lee said the Arts of Point Richmond has beautiful photographs from all over town. Dave said this is a good idea. Please contact us. Mary Lee pointed out that on the City website there is a page for neighborhood councils. Can there be a connection to PRNC there? Maryn said she would follow up with her friends at the City and see if she can make that happen.

6. **Masquers, Previous Yard Sale Event, Carl Smith**

Masquers will present an old style radio show for Halloween. Check out the website for how to make a reservation.

Masquers is not going to do a garage sale any more. It is a community builder, and a fundraiser. It invites people to come to Point Richmond for the weekend. We have managed it for the last 25 years. We have collected junk, sold the junk, manned the tables on the day of the sale with 20 volunteers, and managed the community sale. We also sold refreshments.

One of the problems at Judge Carrol Park is there is a lot of trash and a lot of cleanup. We have to figure out what to do with the junk after the sale. Places like Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul, and Thrifftown can't process it. It's too much. The people in the community who registered were supposed to pay 10%, but 20% of them don't pay. We bring in about \$6500, but the bottom line is about \$4300. If a group wanted to do this there is a potential for revenue. We are going to be moving more into community art and performance. If you know any organization that might be interested, please let them know and I will be available for answering questions. I think the next step is for someone to just try it out. We are available to help.

7. **Community Briefs, Part I**

- **Table Tennis Club, Dave Bleckinger**

Dave joined in and said it was very safe and well run.

- **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut**

We are trying to help people get outside during the pandemic. Singles only. You bring your own ball and wear a mask. It's worked out very well. We are mostly at Nichol Park. We started teams with World Team Tennis and are competing in Oakland. We won the East Bay championship last year, and they are going to Las Vegas to play in the National qualifier. We have had no Covid cases. There is a nice article in Richmond Confidential.

We still would like to do more with the youth. We're doing coaching by the Plunge.

Phil talked about doing gardening around the Plunge. People are roller skating on the tennis courts. Some are respectful and some are not. He requested that signage be placed inside the courts so people could see it. A more permanent sign: No dogs. No roller skating.

Garry said that rollerskating on the courts does do damage. Phil talked about the reconstruction of the little library and they continue to buy children's books.

- **USS Red Oak, Karen Buchanan**

They will have a homecoming celebration on October 17. Tickets are \$20. A big band will play and there will be swing dancing. People will be dressing up in World War II costumes.

8. **LUDRC - No projects this month.**

9. **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, Denee Evans, Richmond Transportation Services and Scott Oltmann from Volta**

The City is working on sustainability in transportation. Volta combines storefront advertising and charging stations. Eash station is at a high foot traffic location. Volta is a win win for everyone. There is no cost to taxpayers and is free for local people. The content can be used to promote local businesses or public service announcements. It gives incentives for going electric and encourages a shift in customer behavior. This would be a partnership between Point Richmond and Volta. It's already installed at BART. We are looking for additional locations and doing a site evaluation.

Garry asked about the charging stations at CVS. They are all from Tesla. Denee said the City will be adding 2 new stations at that location which will be free to the public. June wanted to know if the

signs can be turned off at night and if they shine in people's houses. The lighting can be disruptive. Scott said they can be dimmed but he wasn't sure if they can be turned off. Phil talked about having an historic neighborhood and that we do have homes in the downtown area. He was also concerned about taking up 2 parking spots in front of our local markets. Railroad Avenue might be a better choice. We cannot accommodate even 2 parking places being taken away from our downtown. Some of our parking places are now being made into restaurants. Maybe we could put this discussion off until we are not using the sidewalks and streets for restaurants.

Scott said one of the concerns is low utilization, with only one or two per day. Fortunately, with Volta, we can have 6 to 8 charging sessions per day. It's level 2 charging, 75-90 minutes. We can limit the parking to 60 minutes and limit the charging. When the time is up they are pretty good about moving their vehicle.

Phil brought up the fact that there is no parking enforcement, so limiting the parking to 60 minutes will not work here. Plus we have a lot of parking overflows. People park in front of houses to use downtown businesses. Garry mentioned that there might be another location away from downtown. Norma was concerned about wildlife in the map garden. She is also concerned about the amount of space taken up on the sidewalk for the signs. She also pointed out that businesses will be disrupted while they are being installed. At the bank or at the Plunge might be a better place. Jane said they recently put in electric charging stations but they don't get much use. You do have to pay. It's already hard to find parking spaces in the triangle. She said she did not like the big screens for advertising. Sally agreed about the historic nature of the town and that parking is at a premium. We need turnover in our parking in downtown. When the Plunge is open that parking is filled. It needs to be far away from the Plunge.

Scott said this may not be the best fit. The way we are able to provide EV charging is because of the advertising component. In order for that to work for us it should be a downtown area where businesses are.

Dave asked Denee to outline the next steps for this process. Denee said we need to look for another location outside the triangle. There is another location at Tewksbury that could be for EV charging. They will come back to us later. Denee thanked everyone for their questions.

10. ***Point Richmond Branch Library, Maryn Hurlbut***

Because the budget was reduced, we are looking to add some of the services back to the Point Richmond Library. Last month Maryn asked for anyone who was interested for ideas to contact her. Charmain was the only person who contacted her. She will be scheduling a meeting for a brainstorming session. They want to get our feedback about what works and what is needed in our town. We are looking for alternative ideas about staffing. We need some creative thinking.

Phil talked about having 2 or 3 librarians in our little library. Do we really need that many people? Maryn welcomed Phil into our fact finding session. Dave said it would be really nice to have story time back. We would also like to have one evening open until 7:00 p.m. We really need that. Norma said she would like more details about what Maryn is asking. What would the volunteer job entail?

Please contact Maryn at Maryn's email at rec.parkscommission@gmail.com
She would like to have a brainstorming session soon. What are our needs? Have they changed with Covid? What will we do in the meantime?

11. School Board Candidate for Area 5, Carolyn Wysinger

Carolyn explained that she is a daughter of Richmond. Her family came to Richmond in the early 40's to work in the shipyards. Her uncle owned a grocery store. She attended local middle and high schools and graduated in 1997. When she later taught at Richmond High, she noticed the achievement gap, and that the LGBTQ students were not being served. She is an advocate for our students. She would like to address issues like reimagining school safety, attendance, fiscal oversight, social emotional learning, and equity.

Norma expressed that Carolyn has an engaging personality, and that she has a good background for qualifying for School Board.

12. Community Briefs, Part 2

- **PRBA, Karen Buchanan**

Tomorrow Karen is doing a virtual merchant showcase via Zoom. It is a fundraiser for the merchants. Each merchant is going to do a product demo and she will do a history blurb.

- **Arts of Point Richmond, Mary Lee Cole**

Mary Lee said their biggest show is at Lara's Fine Dining. They have over 50 pieces there. Also El Sol and the Post Office. They have 20 more banners they will be putting up, which are designed to survive the rain.

13. Public Forum

- **Norma Wallace** - She wants to follow up with the land usage with the area she knows as frogtown. Does anyone have any specific knowledge about the original agreement. Also, there is someone sleeping in Miller Knox Park every night. I am not willing to go into the park to report it to the police. It may be above the brewery.

14. In Remembrance and Celebration, and Adjourn

- *Meeting adjourned 9:08 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charmain Tyler, PRNC Secretary



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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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Date _____



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Membership Meeting

***See you online via ZOOM
Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 pm***

PRNC will send access info to members via email.

POINT RICHMOND
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
P.O. Box 70386
Pt. Richmond, CA 94807




PRNC & PRAM are hosting a

HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, Oct. 31

(socially distanced of course)



Kids of all ages:

Find items around the neighborhood for prizes!

Neighbors:

WE NEED YOU to place items for the hunt by your house!



See pointrichmond.org/halloween2020
for rules and more information.



*There's also a
costume contest!*



PRNC/PRAM beginner

HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT



Black cat

Location:



Pumpkin

Location:



Ghost

Location:



Bat

Location:



Witch

Location:



Spider/spider web

Location:



Broom

Location:



Skeleton/skull

Location:



Monster

Location:



Child's name and age: _____

Parent or guardian's name _____

Email: _____ Street Address: _____



PRNC/PRAM advanced

HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT



"Boo"
Location: _____

A decoration that moves on its own
Location: _____

Something with red eyes
Location: _____

A tiny magical graveyard
Location: _____

White pumpkin
Location: _____

Pirate skeleton
Location: _____

Graveyard/tombstone
Location: _____

Mushrooms with faces
Location: _____

Zombie
Location: _____

Dia de los Muertos decor
Location: _____

Coffin
Location: _____

Raven/crow
Location: _____

Skeleton holding a monkey
Location: _____

Fangs
Location: _____

Haunted Tree
Location: _____

Blood
Location: _____

Rat
Location: _____



Child's name and age: _____

Parent or guardian's name _____

Email: _____ Street Address: _____





Masquers Playhouse
and Four-Eyed Jacks present



DOES IT BOTHER YOU WHEN I...?

by Bill Chessman



There's absolutely nothing to worry about.
Really.

Streamed via Zoom—YouTube—phone.

Friday, October 30 at 8:00pm • Saturday, October 31 at 2:00pm

Sunday, November 1 at 5:00pm

Links provided upon reservation.

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