



Yet again, you're invited to experience our PRNC meeting on an electronic device of your choosing!

February has been an interesting month, to say the least. There has been so much genuinely historic news that something as big as a 2nd presidential impeachment hearing already seems like old news, and yet it overshadowed the fact that the northern California winter is looking to be one of the driest on record. And the rest of the country is experiencing record low temperatures knocking out the power grid in Texas, forcing millions to do without heat and water. But the good news is COVID-19 vaccines are slowly becoming available and restrictions are being gradually eased.

Point Richmond has been in the news this month. As you might have noticed, there was a diesel spill at Chevron's long wharf. Tune in to the next meeting for more details and important information.

Our community has a history of dealing with mysterious aromas, from the Republic Services composting program, to the persistently fragrant Veolia facility. To that end, Andres Soto of **Communities for a Better Environment** will be joining us to explain how we can better deal with such issues.

Meanwhile, we are still accepting nominations for our Secretary and Treasurer positions. Nominees will be introduced at the March meeting. Voting will occur at the April meeting. So there's still time to throw your proverbial hat into the ring!

And don't forget to check out our shiny new website: www.pointrichmond.org. See you electronically!

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, February 24, 2021, 7:30pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

AGENDA

- 7:30 **Call to order and approval of minutes from January 27, 2021** **1 minute**
- 7:31 **President's Report, Peter Thelin** **7 minutes**
- 7:38 **Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis** **1 minutes**
- 7:39 **Membership Report, June Hight** **1 minute**
- 7:40 **Chevron, Discussion of Oil Spill** **20/10 minutes**
- 8:10 **Neighborhood discussion of Chevron's response to issues** **15 minutes**
- 8:25 **Community Briefs, Part 1** **8 minutes**
- *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>*
 - *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, www.redoakvictory.us.*
 - *Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani <http://pointrichmond.com/wwic>*
- We thank PRNC for their generous support towards Point Richmond town gardens. The garden committee has been planning the volunteer cleanup day, identifying plant species, and mapping out the future garden design. We look forward to having our community involved in this project.
- 8:33 **Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler** **5 minutes**
- **Project at 517 Western Dr, new deck**
- 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.*
The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting at 6:00 pm.
- 8:38 **Community Briefs, Part 2** **6 minutes**
- *PR CERT, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com*
Notice anything different in Judge Carrol Park? Yes, that is the new container for PR CERT's base of operations. We have prepared the ground and had the container delivered. There is still lots of work to be done, but the biggest part is now here.
 - *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*
For our news this month, please see flyer included in this newsletter.
 - *PRAM, Chrissie Bradley, <https://pram.net/>*
- 8:44 **Odors in The Point, Communities for a Better Environment** **15/5 minutes**
Andres Soto, Richmond Organizer
- 9:04 **Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each)** **6 minutes**
Please sign up in advance with June Hight (pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com)
- 9:10 **In Remembrance and Celebration.**
If you have something to add, please contact June Hight (pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com).



Current art exhibitions sponsored by Arts of Point Richmond:



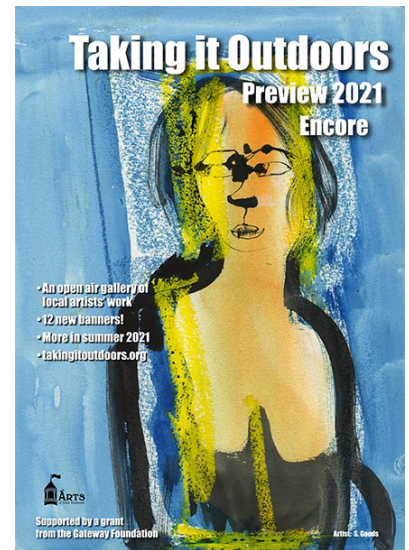
Through April 5, 2021 at Post Office, 104 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond. Exhibition of oil paintings by **Dee Bell**. Her art is inspired by the organic shapes, patterns and colors of nature. Dee lives in Point Richmond and loves painting local scenes. Many of her paintings also reflect the spirit years she lived in Hawaii. She states: "Painting is pure joy to me."
(photo by Bob Colin)

Ongoing: "Taking it Outdoors" Encore addition!

Art banner displays on the walls of downtown Point Richmond. Arts of Point Richmond announces an encore edition to "Taking it Outdoors", an open-air exhibit first installed in downtown Point Richmond last summer.

The exhibit has been enlarged and extended due to an enthusiastic response from the community, and now features a total of 28 banners. It's the perfect fresh air art experience during the time of Covid! Drive through town or put on your masks and social distance for a leisurely stroll, discovering each of the pieces adorning walls throughout Washington Street and Park Place. Look for more banners to come in Spring 2021!

For more info on this exciting project and the featured artists, visit <http://takingitoutdoors.org>



(Ongoing) Lara's Fine Dining Restaurant, 1900 Esplanade Drive, Richmond (Marina Bay).

Exhibition features artists **Caitlin Hibma, Mary Lee Cole, Rita Gardner, Bonnie Leonard, Virginia Rigney, Betsy Kellas, George Tomberlin, Marilyn Hertzberg, Louise Iiams, Jean Brady, Jan Chleboun, Nancy Whitley, Nancy Noble, Dee Bell, Bob Colin, and Jim DeWitt.** (Check with restaurant regarding current regulations and seating.)

Arts of Point Richmond is a community association established to enrich our community by providing support, appreciation, and exposure for the arts. For more information: www.artsofpointrichmond.com



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

President's Report, Peter Thelin

- I have been trying to find people to fill the positions for Secretary and Treasurer and 2nd VP. Genevieve Pastor Cohen is asking for qualified volunteers to give COVID-19 vaccination injections. Discussion of vaccinations in Richmond and in the county

Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis

- Since we last met in December, we have collected \$200 in dues. Of this, \$25 was by check and \$175 was from PayPal. We have a new balance of \$4,375.

Membership Report, June Hight

- We currently have 69 members. We sent letters to people from a new address list, reaching out to neighbors, and delivered to the post office yesterday. Sometime over the next 10 days they will be in mail boxes. We are trying to get more people to join the PRNC and get voices from new communities. If you receive one of these letters and you are a current member, please don't be offended, it's a bulk mailer.

Descriptions of positions - Membership Chair, Treasurer, Secretary: June Hight, Buzz Baylis, Charmain Tyler

- Membership Chair - June Hight
 - Maintains membership roster and payment status, manages bulk mailer
 - Reaches out to new community and people moving in
 - Maintains website (I can continue doing that) and the mail address list
 - Posts announcements on NextDoor Point Richmond (I can continue)
- Treasurer - Buzz Baylis
 - Get post office key, go to post office between 10 and 4 for best parking
 - Go to the bank to deposit checks received from po box; check every 10 days.
 - Deals with PayPal
- Secretary - Charmain Tyler
 - Attend the Board meeting, usually first week of the month
 - Attend the membership meeting, the last Wednesday of the month
 - Take minutes for both of those meetings
 - Create the agenda for the monthly membership meeting, with input from Board members
 - Create the newsletter online and send to Board for approval
 - Opportunity to contribute to the community and meet nice neighbors in The Point
 - Work on fun projects, like the Spring Fling and the Wig Wag celebration

Peter spoke about the new website and asked who has seen it. He said it's a fabulous job.

Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)

- *Masquers Playhouse, Carl Smith, www.masquers.org*
Friday at 5:30 pm will be the premier of the audio drama "William Shakespeare's Tragical History of Frankenstein" -- presented in five parts. Mary Shelley published Frankenstein 202 years ago. We saw a short video trailer of the drama. Go to our website and get a ticket. A new episode will be released every Friday.

- *Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin (510) 326-8108*
Peter welcomed Greg Larson, Peter's compatriot in the Table Tennis Club. Bridge Storage -- we are currently unable to use the space. Laura said they will find a nice large space for us to use. Send me an email if you want to join us.
- *Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler; <http://richmondneighbors.org>*
There were 30 participants. Don Gosney talked about the oversight committee re the school district. Shalvi Gupta shared information about "Transparent Richmond", where you can see all the employees and how much they make. AJ Sheppard the firechief is leaving. We will have an interim fire chief. Next meeting is February 8 at 7 pm.
- *Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org*
Last month there was very little tennis, we can reopen now but can only play singles. In 2019 we had 250 kids playing tennis. We hope to restart this program. We are going to bring pickleball, smaller than a tennis court. Jesse said that there had been a controversy about the noise from the pickleball courts in Berkeley and put up sound barriers. Garry says its not an issue at Nichol Park Also going to resurface some of the courts, 22 courts within Richmond.
- *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, www.redoakvictory.us.*
(Karen Buchanan spoke -- she is on the RMA board.) The ship remains closed. We are getting some guns, 5 inch, vintage, used for training exercises, being renovated. We are waiting for museums to reopen so the ship can be reopened. We would like to resume the pancake breakfast in April. And the Homefront movie series maybe later in the fall.
- *Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani <http://pointrichmond.com/wwic>*
Meeting on Zoom Tuesday Feb 2 at 1:00 pm. All women are welcome. Meetings are first Tuesday of month. Website will be updated. Marlee Prutten will present to board Friday, Feb 5 for garden plan. Thanks Phil Rosenthal and Jesse West for helping clean up the garden in the triangle. Speaker this month on acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine. Phil wants help to rake and clean up around the triangle. Needs to liaise w/city to take the pile of trash.

Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)

- ***Project at Cutting and Canal Duke Realty***
Eric Zell: Spoke before re: keeping BNSF out of Miller Knox Park. Point Richmond resident. They are long term owners, community focused, and a good company. We are early in the process; nothing has really started yet -- this is the first presentation. The location is 731 W Cutting Blvd.

Drew Hess: Project team presented. Has sailing experience in the area. Duke Realty owns and operates warehouses and has been in business 50 years. We buy logistics facilities to lease. Manages to a high standard because of a long term stance. Good community involvement. In 2019, we bought our first building on Factory Street -- Hello Fresh.

Kyla Willis: 10 years with Duke Realty. Commitment for LEED-Certified, going green. First company to issue green bonds. We do volunteer work, like distributing meals to first responders.

Randy Dilag: Proposed site plan is 146,000 sq ft. Zoned light industrial and warehouse. The plan is for a 4,000 sq ft office space, 160,000 total area. 161 employee parking spaces available. Secured truck court. Access at existing driveways, Canal and Cutting.

Tyneice Beyer: Project mgr with 20 years in architecture. Originally from Richmond. Inspiration from local buildings; looked at historic buildings like the Craneway Pavilion. The building will have tall glass windows and light colored brick like downtown Point Richmond -- different tones of brick. Offices with brick, galvanized steel, contemporary building with some historical notes. Concrete building with I beams to frame the glass at the entrance. Landscape plan with accent shrubs providing

seasonal color. Accent boulders at entry points and corners. Palm trees. Office entrance has glass and brick, w/some balconies. Space for an art installation, and we are looking for a local artist.

Kyla: Showing a public art piece at another location. Using local limestone, and an I-beam

Tyneice: Effort is put on all 4 sides, even facing the highway side. Landscaping will continue around the building.

Drew: There will be benefits for the community -- 60 union construction jobs and 120 permanent jobs, compatible with the community.

Cordel: I am amazed. I like the whole concept.

Jesse West: You put a lot of thought into it. Do you leave someone in charge and then move on? I'm concerned that the homeless will move in. The "Hello Fresh" property lets homeless encampments and trash pile up. That is a huge concern.

Drew: We can only work up to our property boundary. We've had fires, the conditions are terrible, we're not sure what to do about that.

Jesse: Did you not anticipate that?

Drew: We can't do anything about it. Is there a community resource?

Jess: Did you consider your employees? They have to wade through all that on their way to work.

Drew: Every warehouse has a homeless problem around it. We have security and are keeping the homeless out of the building. The best is to keep it occupied. We are not allowed to do anything outside the property.

Jesse: Would you be willing to have a shuttle bus to bring them to town for lunch, instead of having so many people trying to park in the town?

Drew: We will have to look at the impact of people going to lunch.

Kyla: We do continue to manage the building after we build it.

Drew: We manage the buildings. We do get involved with the community.

Jesse: We need fewer palm trees.

Peter: Will there be fences?

Drew: Not chain link -- wrought iron or powder coated steel.

Frances Smith: Where are the bricks coming from? The old bricks came from Brickyard Cove.

Drew: Tyneice and Theresa-- do you know the building material for the outside?

Tyneice: Don't know where they will be sourced, but it's not brick, it's brick veneer.

Amanda: I'm against palm trees. Maybe get people on bikes for lunch if you can't do a shuttle.

Drew: Yes, good idea. This will be bike friendly

Phillip: Project looks nice. If you are the management company of the warehouse, would the tenant provide the shuttle?

Drew: Yes most likely will be the tenant's decision to provide the shuttle or bike access.

Phil: Frances always has her thumb on historic significance. Need more brick for vertical breakup. There are 24 loading docks. If they are busy 5 or 6 times a day, there would be many big rigs coming and going all day. There is already a bit of traffic, especially when there is a train

Drew: We are still studying the range of uses and traffic impact. We will look at that closely, ingress and egress. We are on the corner least impacted by that train

Phil: It is already a very dangerous corner. Big rigs could block traffic from the gas station. It's a good looking project but traffic is a huge concern. It's also a flooding area

Drew: We do appreciate the impact of the train. We need to tweek the landscaping.

Appreciate your comments on the building size and breaking it up visually. We will continue to improve upon this. The trucks usually time their routes to not be there with traffic

Dave Bleckinger: Duke will come back when the design is more developed. Need to go through more steps in the approval process. Duke Realty will come back and present again.

June: Would like more documents as soon as we can get them

Drew: Thank you

Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)

- *PR CERT, Charmain Tyler, (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com*
CERT is the community emergency response team. Continuing to prepare for a container to be put into place. In January we had weekly meetings to work on radio communication around Point Richmond. We're learning to use GMRS radios and trying out different locations to see where signals are strong or weak. We applied for grant money available for CERT organizations to buy better antennas and first aid supplies. Please contact me if you are interested. You are welcome to attend a meeting even if you do not have CERT certification. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month.
- *Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler, www.pointrichmondbusiness.com*
Arts of Point Richmond opening at the post office
- *Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <http://pointrichmondhistory.org>*
Karen Buchanan spoke. Closed until further notice. When museums can reopen per county we will reopen
- *Arts of Point Richmond, Mary Lee Cole, www.artsofpointrichmond.com*
Mindy Pines has a great exhibit in Post Office. More banners for taking it outdoors. 54 artists, so far we have 26. One place you can see art is at Lara's Fine Dining in Marina Bay in the interior patio area. We are growing and getting more artists. We are planning to create a non-profit and are going under the umbrella non-profit art org in San Francisco right now.
- *TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail*
Bay trail in Richmond, TRAC annual report. \$4 million grants for new bay trails in Richmond secured last year. 2 ½ miles in Pt. Molate, for opening 2022. Ferry to bridge to greenway, a protected bikeway, from ferry terminal to Garrard Blvd, this year. Richmond Confidential, article about TRAC, Feb 3, Zoom. Richmond San Rafael bridge, 99,000 bicycles have crossed since opening. Jesse to Bruce: thanks for signs in downtown Point Richmond to not ride on the sidewalk. Would like other people to give input on where to put the signs. Please walk bikes on the sidewalk. Phil: major concern is sidewalk alongside Plunge. It's wide enough for bikes and officially part of Bay Trail. There is no line to show which side the bikes should be on or where the pedestrians should be. Bicyclists do not walk their bikes through the tunnel. It's dangerous for pedestrians. We need a shared sidewalk. Bruce: stripes don't work. People have to behave. Sometimes they don't. Dave: we can create a space for more discussion on this in a future meeting. Bruce can come back.
- *PRAM, Chrissie Bradley, <https://pram.net/> No speaker*

New business: Bob's Cleaners, Sergio Rios

Karen Buchanan, speaking for Sergio Rios. Sergio just purchased the Village Cleaners. He is painting and cleaning up the interior and will install wifi and some workstations. He owns Bob's Cleaners on 23rd Street. Will have full dry cleaning and alteration services. He hopes to open by Feb 15.

Future topic - Air Pollution, Peter Thelin

Peter spoke with Jesse and she suggested that she invite Andres Soto, the founder of "Communities for a Better environment". We will invite him to the February meeting.

Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each)

Cordell: For March have Don Gosney come to speak to us about the citizens bond oversight committee. Also have Shalvi Gowda come to talk to us about transparent Richmond for March.

In Remembrance and Celebration.

Hilary Brown's mother Margaret Brown passed away suddenly, while in her garden.



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General Membership Meeting***

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