



## **Good news, the income tax deadline has been pushed to May!**

**Do you want to receive an overview of the city's budget process?** Interested in the city's finances, and the American Rescue Plan? RSVP for the May 6 and/or June 3 meeting by emailing [community\\_budget@ci.Richmond.ca.us](mailto:community_budget@ci.Richmond.ca.us) or calling 510-620-6740 to receive a Zoom link to attend.

**According to Tom Butt's E-forum**, there had been quite a bit of interest about a proposal by the FAA to change the Oakland Airport's flight approach procedure, which was proposed to be shifted to the west over the more densely populated part of Richmond.

Thanks to concerned community members in Richmond and throughout the East Bay, the FAA announced during Wednesday night's Forum that they will NOT be shifting the existing WNDSR flight path after all! More information to follow.

**Have you been missing the police reports at the PRNC general meetings as much as I do?** Your wait is over. Sergeant Nelson and Officer Sousa will deliver this month's police report.

**In case you missed it**, we had a few rousing meetings on the topic of parklets. I've contacted Interim Public Works Director Tawfic Halaby to attend our meeting to help explain the city's parklet policy.

Also, check out our great new website: [www.pointrichmond.org](http://www.pointrichmond.org) and drop us a line to tell us what you think.

## **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, April 28, 2021, 7:30pm  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

## AGENDA

- 7:30 Call to order and approval of minutes from March 31, 2021** 1 minute
- 7:31 Police Report.** Lt. Stonebraker 4 minutes
- 7:35 President's Report,** Peter Thelin 2 minutes
- 7:37 Treasurer's Report,** Buzz Baylis 1 minute
- 7:38 Membership Report,** June Hight 1 minute
- 7:39 Egg Hunt follow up,** June Hight 2 minutes
- 7:41 Vote on Board positions:**  
Buzz Baylis: Membership Chair; Margi Sullivan: Treasurer 5 minutes
- 7:46 Thank you and good-bye to June Hight for great job as Membership Chair** 2 minutes
- 7:48 Community Briefs, Part 1** (2 minutes each) 12 minutes
- Masquers Playhouse, Carl Smith, [masquers.org](http://masquers.org)
  - Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin (510) 326-8108
  - Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, [richmondneighbors.org](http://richmondneighbors.org)
  - Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbutt, (510)547-8111
  - USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, [redoakvictory.us](http://redoakvictory.us)
  - Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani [pointrichmond.com/wwic](http://pointrichmond.com/wwic)
- 8:00 California Citizens Redistricting,** Commissioner Russell Yee 30/5 minutes
- 8:35 Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC),** Charmain Tyler 3 minutes
- **Project at 700 Ocean Ave., New house**
- Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at [rdsatre@live.com](mailto: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 Gardening in The Point, Women's Westside Improvement Club,** Marlee Prutton 5 minutes
- 8:43 Community Briefs, Part 2** (2 minutes each) 14 minutes
- PR CERT, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 [charmain.tyler@gmail.com](mailto:charmain.tyler@gmail.com)
  - Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler, [pointrichmondbusiness.com](http://pointrichmondbusiness.com)
  - Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, [pointrichmondhistory.org](http://pointrichmondhistory.org)
  - Arts of Point Richmond, Rita Gardner, [artsofpointrichmond.com](http://artsofpointrichmond.com)
  - Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding [MagickLantern.org](http://MagickLantern.org), [magick-lantern@att.net](mailto:magick-lantern@att.net), (510)232-2559
  - PRAM, Chrissie Bradley, [pram.net](http://pram.net)
  - HOA's in Point Richmond
- 8:55 Old Business and Follow Up**
- **Parklets, City of Richmond,** Tawfic Halaby 9 minutes
  - **Historic Cafeteria Illegal Activities,** Leisa Johnson 2 minutes
- 9:06 Public Forum** (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) 6 minutes
- 9:12 In Remembrance and Celebration** 5 minutes
- If you have something to add, please contact June Hight [pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com)





## Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

### General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

#### ***Present from PRNC:***

Peter Thelin, President  
David Bleckinger, Vice President  
June Hight, Membership Chair  
Buzz Baylis, Treasurer  
Charmain Tyler, Secretary  
Garry Hurlbut, Member at Large  
Sue Rosenof, Member at Large

#### ***1. Call to order and approval of minutes from February 24, 2021.***

Move to approve. Seconded. Vote - all in favor; Opposed: none

#### ***2. President's Report, Peter Thelin***

We had the parklet meeting. It seems to be a big issue. That's going to take up most of our time tonight. I am interested to hear what everyone has to say.

#### ***3. Point Richmond Egg Hunt, June Hight***

Because of Covid we can't have the Spring Fling. We teamed up with PRAM again. Eggs will be decorated and put in windows. The kids will write addresses where they see eggs. Also, we will have a hat contest. PRAM will be hiding 5 golden eggs downtown There are prizes.

#### ***4. Nominees for Membership Chair and Treasurer, Peter Thelin***

Margi is on vacation and is not here. Buzz introduced himself: Treasurer for 4 years and have term limited out. With June stepping back, I will now do Membership.

#### ***5. Discussion of parklets, Denée Evans, Transportation Department, City of Richmond***

Originally parklets were intended to be for restaurants. I work with parking regulations, infrastructure, and mobility services. In Richmond, you can now extend your retail service to the parklet. The Up and Under is the exception. Originally, they wanted to be on the Railroad Ave. side. PG&E did not feel comfortable with that. On Richmond Ave. we had some issues with the slope of the street and the drainage. The Engineering Dept. worked with them on that.

I asked the Historic Preservation group -- no concerns. They will discuss and hopefully give some feedback. I am going through the letter from the PRNC. Loading trucks and delivery are issues. I forwarded this to Engineering. The Up and Under was asked to submit to the PRNC, but they did not. Moving forward, businesses should come to PRNC to get support. You have the commitment from the City for that. In the application it shows how the parklets should be constructed. Normally, it will be 2 parking spaces, unless your business is limited to 1 space. The street frontage has to be the same as the parklet. If the business is shorter, then it won't be approved. It will be limited to 2 spaces. Your letter says you only want to allow 1 parking space. You refer to an auction process. You are also requesting that the fees paid go back to Point Richmond. How would that work? What type of fee schedule are you referring to?

Dave said that they only want to allow 1 space because they don't want to lose parking spaces. They have not described the auction process. They may not want the parklet to continue past the pandemic. If we do limit the number of parklets, then there is a concern that it is a race to get approved. We felt the fees that were being charged were not commensurate with the value of the parking space. We thought maybe \$1,000 per year would be better than \$100 per year.

Phillip: Our understanding is that the Up and Under was supposed to be 30 feet. They have more, plus the red zone. There is nowhere to walk for pedestrians. They already have an outdoor patio on the side.

Denée said Engineering took over the Up and Under project. That's not how it's supposed to work. What was discussed and what they submitted is not what they have. Businesses need to meet with Transportation first and follow our process. There are some major safety concerns and complaints. I will take this back to Engineering.

Jane asked about accessibility. With the Up and Under, a person with a disability cannot get up on the parklet.

Denée said there should be regular inspections and the ability to make corrections. Safety issues need to be addressed. Supposedly the tables on the side on Railroad Ave. are for ADA access. Denée asked that we submit a letter to the Engineering Dept. with our concerns.

Sue asked if 3 is the limit to parklets. Is the Up and Under one, and the Kaleidoscope one? And does that mean we will only have one more?

Denée said I don't know if I can limit it to 3. It's about equity. Did you confer with the business association? A lot of businesses may not have the opportunity to have a parklet and they may not have outdoor seating. Some businesses have a broad sidewalk area. I denied their access to a parklet because they had space for sidewalk seating.

Peter said he did reach out to the business association but they did not get back.

Dave said there was a business owner who was concerned about losing parking spaces.

Amanda said that she was concerned about businesses that had high turnover and need the parking spaces. I am concerned if the Kaleidoscope has a parklet then they will take up parking spaces. How is that going to impact the other businesses that don't need parklets but do need more parking?

Denée said 4 years ago she said if you don't have parking enforcement and paid parking then you will continue to have a parking problem. We are not able to add parking spaces. I don't have the power to keep a parklet out. If they meet the checklist, they can be approved. I empathize with your concerns. Recently the Transportation Dept. received a million-dollar grant for 3 EV shuttles. We want to get people out of cars. Maybe we can improve some spaces at the end of Railroad Ave. to get more parking spaces. I don't have a reason to deny the Kaleidoscope parklet. They can do 3 months or 3 years and renew each year. If there is a fire emergency or flooding, they need to be able to remove it. For special events in Point Richmond, it might provide for additional seating. We all learned something from the Up and Under experience. We need more community input. That is why I am here today. They can be up to 40 feet long, that's 2 spaces. You can't ask for more frontage than you have. Are you limiting one parklet to each street? Are you going to allow one on Washington? The City is not limiting how many, but we are not going to allow parklets to be back-to-back.

Peter said he reached out to the PRBA. It doesn't include all business owners. I talk to businesses and encourage them to communicate. We can't second guess what their interests are. We can only ask our members.

Denée said she is going to reach out to other businesses. The Brazilian Steakhouse had asked for a parklet, but we couldn't allow another parklet on that street. It could be on the side street. Also, businesses can't apply for a parklet that is not next to their business.

Phillip pointed out that there might be discrimination against the small businesses.

Charmain asked how can we see the application so we will know what the City is asking?

Denée will upload parklet application to Transportation webpage along with the parklet guidance. June will post the application on the PRNC website.

#### **6. Proposal of Parklet for Kaleidoscope Coffee, Andrew Butt**

Andrew showed plans for the Kaleidoscope parklet. He has been going through the proper channels, talking with Denée and her department. This is a preview. We are looking at a 30-foot long parklet. It will take up 1 ½ parking spaces. There is a bike corral in front of the red curb near the crosswalk. Adds a dozen bike spaces.

June said there may be some way of acknowledging the building's history with Pixar.

Andrew said that's a great idea. The current CEO of Pixar might be able to give input.

Cordell asked about the thought behind this concept. Where did this idea come from?

Andrew said he asked one of his architects to come up with 3 schemes. We reviewed them with Cassie who owns Kaleidoscope. It's like the Point Richmond sign and has kaleidoscope shapes.

Phillip said it is beautiful. We live in a historic neighborhood. Do parklets need a look to correspond to the neighborhood?

Andrew asked what Phillip would like to see. I have considered the historic issue. If you go to the Secretary of the Interior of the U.S., it says anything new should look historic, but they should not be of the historic fabric.

Sue said this does not look temporary. Kaleidoscope has sidewalk seating as well. Is the barbershop OK with the parklet?

Andrew explained that If the parklet was there, there would be no sidewalk seating. Haven't talked to the barbershop yet. Might be good for him because of increase in bicycle parking. The intent is that it would not be temporary.

Graham said one of the things that bothers me is that a lot of kids are running around. I am concerned that the wall is a little high near the crosswalk. We can't see if some child runs out.

Dave said he likes the design but losing a half parking spot is like losing a whole spot.

Andrew said Masquers has 2 spots in front. I would also like to reach out to them. When they run at 8:30 at night there is usually plenty of parking. They could have the ability to use this parklet. It makes more sense to make it 40 feet.

Amanda commented that 1½ spaces seems like an odd amount. If you get coffee to take away you need to run in and out. You need to park nearby. I think the material of the design is nice. Kaleidoscope would benefit by having one parking space. I do like the bike parking idea.

Andrew said their storefront is narrow. It's less than a full parking space. If its 1½ or 2 Masquers would have to say they are giving up their parking space. We benefit from more bike parking.

Amanda said the cyclists coming though are road cyclists. We need parking for locals.

Peter said this has been an exciting and interesting meeting. Andrew, I appreciate you coming.

June asked if we need a motion to support Andrew's design. Peter said we don't have to decide. This project will go to the LUDRC next.

## **7. Community Briefs, Part 1**

- **Masquers Playhouse, Frances**  
Still waiting for grand opening. We hope everyone gets vaccinated.
- **Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin** Have been trying to play every Sunday 1 pm at Bridge Storage. You can email me on the Point Richmond website.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler,**  
The big topic was RV parking. Michele Milam and Emily came to talk about the pilot program. We talked about our budget. Our regular meet is April 12 at 7 pm.
- **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut**  
I put a reservation sheet on the gates. Adult programs at Nichol Park. We would like to get youth program going in May. Someone is doing a great job of weeding around the plunge.
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett:**  
Our finances are low. We will open on the weekends and maybe one day during the week. It will be a self-guided tour.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani**  
Playing bingo on April 6, our first fundraiser in over a year. On March 14 we had a day in the Indian statue garden. In April Margi will be giving a full report.
- **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding**  
Movies were hard to come by and very expensive. I am figuring how to negotiate at a lesser cost. The community center will start charging. In April a movie from Mongolia.

## **8. Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler**

### **Project at 400-414 Marine St., TIC Home Owners**

There are 4 units. It is Tenants in Common and they want to become condos. Reasons: TIC have only one tax bill and they all pay. Only one lender in the Bay Area will do mortgage for TIC. For condos it's all lenders. All owners came to meeting and would like PRNC support LUDRC approved. Motion: To approve the conversion from Tenants in Common to condo. The vote: all in favor; none opposed. PRNC membership voted to support. None opposed

### **Project at 700 Ocean Ave.**

This property was 4 lots converted to 2 lots with one existing house. They want to build a 2nd house on 2nd lot. LUDRC reviewed placement of house on property. When they return next month they will have plans and approval from neighbors. LUDRC motion: Move forward to see full set of plans and put on calendar for next month. The vote: all in favor; none opposed.

## **9. Update on AC Transit Bus Turn Around, Ryan Lau and Michael Hass**

Presenters did not attend. June said there are EBMUD delays in construction. No grant money was forthcoming. Have Jim deWitt donate his art and put it onto a wrap. Free art on the building. No committee consensus. The building surface face would have to be smoothed out. Phillip said he has resigned from that committee. There is a tree next to it. If we put art on it people will go use the bathroom. If there is graffiti, we just have to paint building.

## **10. Community Briefs, Part 2**

- **PR CERT, Charmain Tyler**

We are in planning stage for designing of interior and use of container at Judge Carrol Park on Cutting. We are gathering medical supplies for emergencies. We practiced using radios for emergency scenarios. We meet next Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm.

- **Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler**

Arts of Pt. Richmond thru the 5th of April.

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

June included the video in the email and in the community organizations on the website

- **HOAs in Point Richmond, Charmain Tyler**

There will be a power outage to replace a transformer in Brickyard Landing on April 7. I don't know if it affects other HOAs in the area.

## **11. The Grape Nest, new business/request for support of ABC application Marlina Miller**

I am starting a wine bar at 229b Tewksbury. I am asking for support from city for ABC permit. Closed Mon. and Tues. Open 12 to 8 and weekends till 9. There will be pairings, crackers and cheese. Plenty of space to walk on sidewalk. I would like to put in bike rack. June made a motion: I move to support application. The vote: all in favor; no one opposed.

## **12. Roma Café and Bar, new business, Jose Antonio Gonzalez, Liquid Culture**

Owner of Roma Cafe has run coffee places for 22 years. The place used to be the Social Club. We are happy to be part of this community. First coffee for free. They have Wi-Fi. Next to Mechanics Bank. 401 Garrard.

## **13. Security at the Cafeteria Building and Lot at Canal and Seacliff, Leisa Johnson**

Behind building and adjacent lot there has been uptick in crime. Security needs to be improved. There is a group of women who have been guarding building. Ten days ago, there was a small fire. Someone called 911. I spoke with city last week. They put up rails to block the back. I will be reaching out to city. They are going to gate off entire building. I will come back and ask for letter of support. If gate is still in progress, then I will not need a letter. If they think the K rails are sufficient. But they can just hop right over K rail.

## **14. Public Forum**

Cordell said at the special council meeting they talked about guiding budget principles. Management Partners wants to talk to the community. Go on City website and look for Management Partners. June 22 for the budget to be adopted.

## **15. In Remembrance and Celebration**

Kathleen wants to remember our past president, Margaret Jordan.

Meeting adjourned



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***PRNC will send access info to members via email.***

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