



LIGHTS!
CAMERAS!
PT. RICHMOND!

Our Point is becoming quite the film location, it seems.

Earlier **this week** I met with Felix Gehm. He was the fellow responsible for the Honda commercial filmed in downtown Point Richmond way back in 2019. This time he's planning to shoot a commercial for the recruitment agency **Indeed**, in front of El Sol Restaurant. Filming on Sunday, May 23 will be from 4 to 7 pm and just on the sidewalk. The streets will remain open as usual.

And Wednesday I heard from Chris Babb, the production manager on a new real estate TV show that will be filming at a residence next week (primarily inside the house, but a few exteriors and possibly a drone to get an aerial view). Chris promised there will be little to no impact on the neighborhood.

Back in March I had a meeting at Kaleidoscope Coffee with Alex Hinxmann about a small independent film he'd just gotten the permit to shoot in the Point around the beginning of June.

At this month's meeting:

- **2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commissioner Russell Yee** will be on hand to discuss California's Redistricting efforts.
- **Kristen Gates, the President of PR CERT** has a presentation about what PR CERT is doing currently. She can talk about their container and plans for a drill in July.
- **Stephanie Ny from the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force** will be sending a liaison to present their proposals aimed at transitioning Richmond to a plan conducive to a reduced police force.
- **Sergeant Nelson** will deliver this month's police report.

And remember to check out our great new website: 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, May 26, 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 April 28, 2021** **1 minute**
- 7:31 Police Report.** Officer Nelson **4 minutes**
- 7:35 President's Report,** Peter Thelin **2 minutes**
- 7:37 Treasurer's Report,** Margi Sullivan **1 minute**
- 7:38 Membership Report,** Buzz Baylis **1 minute**
- 7:39 California Citizens Redistricting,** Commissioner Russell Yee **30/5 minutes**
- 8:14 Community Briefs, Part 1** (2 minutes each) **12 minutes**
- Masquers Playhouse, Carl Smith, masquers.org
 - Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin (510) 326-8108
 - Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, richmondneighbors.org
 - Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbutt, (510)547-8111
 - USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us
 - Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani pointrichmond.com/wwic
- 8:26 Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC),** Charmain Tyler **4 minutes**
1. **Project: New lot line adjustment at another Ocean Avenue address**
 2. **Project: 509 Washington ADU**
- Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at rdatre@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.
- 8:30 Point Richmond CERT Update,** Kristen Gates, President **15 minutes**
- 8:45 Community Briefs, Part 2** (2 minutes each) **12 minutes**
- PR CERT, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com
 - Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler, pointrichmondbusiness.com
 - Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org
 - Arts of Point Richmond, Rita Gardner, artsofpointrichmond.com
 - Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559
 - PRAM, Chrissie Bradley, pram.net
 - HOA's in Point Richmond
- 8:57 Richmond Love Your Block, Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force,** Stephanie Ny, Program Manager **10 minutes**
- 9:07 Public Forum** (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) **6 minutes**
- 9:13 In Remembrance and Celebration** **5 minutes**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

Present from PRNC:

Peter Thelin, President
David Bleckinger, 1st Vice President
June Hight, Membership Chair
Buzz Baylis, Treasurer

Charmain Tyler, Secretary
Garry Hurlbut, Member-at-Large
Sue Rosenof, Member-at-Large

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m. Garry is having technical difficulties and will be listening through a cell phone. As people log in they will be muted. If you want to speak, click on raise your hand.

1. *Call to order and approval of minutes from April.*

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

2. *Police Report, Officer Walton Don Nelson, Beat 1*

With department for 14 years. Eight stolen vehicles this year, one recovered in Pt. Richmond. There were 5 assaults, 4 domestic. There were 4 commercial burglaries and 1 grand theft.

- Cordell said he noticed some activity around the park area. Is it possible to have more patrols? Officer Nelson said there is not a lot we can do. People sleep in their vehicles and in parks. Officer Nelson said their goal is to offer services and see what we can do to help. We give citations for misdemeanors but then they are free to go back to the same area.
- June said there has been some chat on NextDoor about the Memorial Day sale. We had a lot of people dumping mounds of garbage in Judge Carroll Park. If it didn't sell they would just leave it. Officer Nelson asked June to send him an email. He can contact the beat officer. Maybe on NextDoor you could organize a campaign to tell people not to dump. You can call the non-emergency number.
- Jesse had a question about some dangerous illegal activity. Police used to offer services to the homeless. Now it seems like a drive by. The Contra Costa outreach people came and offered outreach services and helped out. Officer Nelson said officers drive by and don't necessarily make contact. Get in touch with dispatch center.
- Jesse asked what we can we do about the loud mufflers speeding through The Point. Officer Nelson said they have a traffic unit. Officers can take action for loud noise or street action. We are facing a cut of 25 officers and we are already down officers. The traffic and noise are harder and harder for us to monitor because of more urgent crime. Jesse said when the first pedestrian is killed by the Plunge then it will reach a critical point. Officer Nelson said he is not trying to devalue that. Yesterday we had 2 homicides. That takes away from us doing the proactive traffic problems.
- Fran said the Masquers used to do the Memorial Day sale. Maybe PRNC could put some signs up that say no sales this year.
- Peter suggested a speed bump to keep people from racing through the tunnel.
- Officer Nelson said he would talk to the beat officers.
- Amanda said there are cyclists who don't know to go on the bike path through the tunnel.
- Officer Nelson offered his email: wnelson@richmondpd.net. He works nights, Monday-Thursday.

3. **President's Report, Peter Thelin** Peter gave us the link to the City budget talks. There was a lot of interest in the FAA and changing the Oakland Airport flight path to fly over Richmond. But that's not happening. We have reached out to Tawfic Hallaby to talk about the parklets and the speed bump, but we have not heard back from him. Peter will reach out to the new person in charge, Joe Leach.
4. **Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis**
This is Buzz's last Treasurer's Report. We brought in \$140 in dues, \$70 was from PayPal. We gave out 2 checks: one to Mona for developing the new website; and one to WWIC for the garden project.
5. **Membership Report, June Hight**
We have 124 members – a little below average. 24 have paid for May 1st, the beginning of the next PRNC year. You can pay on PayPal on the website. I will continue to work on the website.
6. **Egg Hunt follow up, June Hight**
It went really well. Not as many participants as Halloween. We sent out 9 or 10 gift cards. PRAM is taking care of that part. Neighbors were good about putting a colored egg in the window.
7. **Elections for Board Positions, Peter Thelin**
Buzz Baylis was nominated for Membership Chair and Margi Sullivan was nominated for Treasurer.
Vote for Buzz Baylis for Membership Chair – In favor: All; Opposed: None
Vote was in favor of Buzz to become Membership Chair
Vote for Margi Sullivan for Treasurer – In favor: All but 1; Abstain: 1; Opposed: None
Vote was in favor of Margi to become Treasurer.
8. **Thank you and good-bye to June Hight for a great job as Membership Chair.** Peter spoke about June's good work. She is the glue that holds this together. June said it has been a pleasure. Thank you for the opportunity. Peter offered a dinner invitation to June and Howard when they are ready.
9. **Community Briefs, Part 1**
 - **Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith**
They are still waiting to see when they can open. Green low energy lights have been installed.
 - **Point Richmond Tennis Club, Peter Thelin, 510-326-8108**
Peter cancelled the last 2 meetings. We might move back to the Riggers Loft to have more room. He reached out to the East Brothers Brewery to see if they are going to have their car show. They don't know yet. They do have a rec league and they have ping pong.
 - **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler**
There were 45 participants at the last meeting. The presentation was about what is going on in the city. We also talked about pickleball. The next meeting is May 10.
 - **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbutt, 510-547-8111**
The Plunge will open on May 3. Reservations are required. Instructions will be sent out.
 - **USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, www.redoakvictory.us.** They are going to open on Mother's Day. Bring your own picnic on deck. \$10 to come on board. Have a look around the ship. We will be open every Sunday for tours. The indoor movies are not for the next couple of months.
10. **California Citizens Redistricting, Commissioner Russell Yee**
Mr. Yee could not attend tonight's meeting. He will be on the agenda for next month.
11. **Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler**
Project at 700 Ocean Ave., New house. LUDRC voted to support this project, as presented with no conditions. Joshua, the architect for this project, showed some of the plans on the screen.
PRNC membership vote: To support the project. In favor: All; Opposed: None. Motion passes.

12. ***Gardening in The Point, Women's Westside Improvement Club, Marlee Prutten*** They had a successful day of gardening at the Indian Statue Garden about 6 weeks ago. Funding was from PRNC. They bought materials from local businesses, like Annie's Annuals. They had about 12 volunteers. There is another group in May. They are going to do a workday every quarter. They worked for 5 hours and would like to hire someone to help with the weeding.

13. ***Community Briefs, Part 2***

- ***PR CERT, Charmain Tyler 510-334-7267***
PR CERT is the group in Point Richmond working on emergency preparedness. Anyone is invited to join us in our activities. We are working on getting supplies for the container. We continue to practice using the radios to be prepared for emergencies. We have emergency scenarios to help simulate a real emergency.
- ***Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler, www.pointrichmondbusiness.com***
Everyone is invited to the community budget meeting. The turnout was not too many participants. Hopefully the next meeting we will have more participation
- ***Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <http://pointrichmondhistory.org>***
We are going to re-open on Saturday. We will resume our usual Saturday and Thursday hours. There is GoFundMe account for the East Brother Light Station. The cable that supplies the power to the island failed.

14. ***Old Business and Follow Up***

- ***Parklets, City of Richmond, Tawfic Halaby; Did not attend.***
- ***Historic Cafeteria - Illegal Activities, Leisa Johnson; Did not attend.***

15. ***Public Forum***

- Don Woodrow said The Point at night feels like a morgue. The Mac is closed. The center of our town is a dark hole. I come in at 7:00 a.m. for coffee at Little Louis' and I haven't seen anyone from the PRNC there. At 2:00 p.m. there is nothing going on.
 - Some discussion about various restaurants in The Point.
 - Jesse commented that noontime is very active. Masa is doing really well. They are good neighbors. They go out and clean up every day.
- Cordell said he has 2 ideas for future topics. Management Partners can talk about budget principles. Laura Snideman can give us a better understanding of how our city is functioning.

16. ***In Remembrance and Celebration***

Dave Bleckinger said his father, Robert Arthur Bleckinger, survived cancer for 3 years. He was fully vaccinated, but he passed away from Covid on April 11. He will be missed by his family.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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Individual

Renewal

Household

Name _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

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