



On Point



September 2021



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BETTY!

On Sept. 23, Betty Reid Soskin, the East Bay author, social justice activist and oldest living National Park Ranger, celebrated her 100th birthday! We thank her so much for the contributions she has made! She is celebrated by many news outlets, including this one from NPR: <https://www.npr.org/2021/09/22/1039721368/100-year-old-national-park-ranger-betty-soskin>

For a break from these stressful times, I would like to plug a local business venture for a temporary escape. Both located on Tewksbury Ave., **The Grape Nest Wine Bar** has started partnering with **Aky's Mediterranean Café** on Friday and Saturday nights. Sue and I enjoyed pairing some great full-bodied wine with delicious food and enjoyed it all alfresco accompanied by local music.

"Pointrichmond.org" vs "pointrichmond.com". Confused? The first url is the PRNC website, the second url is a handy resource highlighting Point Richmond as a whole. In an upcoming meeting we'll get into the two in more detail.

East Brother Beer Co. on Canal Boulevard announced its **4th Annual Summer Classic Car Show** will return Sept. 26, from noon to 8 p.m. The day will be filled with "vintage cars, live music, food and fun for the entire family," according to the award-winning brewery. Hope to see you there!

From Joe Leach, Public Works Director, we learned that the **Ferry Point tunnel**, South Garrard is due for a makeover, which will include, among other things, all new lighting.

Finally, I did a little investigating and spoke to Alex Lutz, of NOVO Construction, the general contractor for the renovation of the warehouse by the Red Oak Victory. Due to client confidentially concerns, all he could say was there was to be a single tenant—a marijuana grower—and he would pass along my offer to speak at one of our meetings.

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, Sept 29, 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 Aug 25, 2021** **5 minutes**
- 7:35 Police Report** **5 minutes**
- 7:40 President's Report, Peter Thelin** **3 minutes**
- 7:43 Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan** **1 minute**
- 7:44 Membership Report, Buzz Baylis** **1 minute**
- 7:45 Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)** **10 minutes**
- Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith, masquers.org
 - Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, richmondneighbors.org
 - Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510)547-8111
 - USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us
 - Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani pointrichmond.com/wwic
- 7:55 Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)**
- Quarry Housing, new plan. Vallier Designs **15/10 minutes**
 - Brickyard Landing Historic Chimney, Mike Carnall **10/5 minutes**
 - Application to be a culture facility, Suzie Hardt **5/5 minutes**
- 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.
- 8:45 Chevron Update** **10/10 minutes**
- 9:05 Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)** **14 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
- 9:19 Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each)** **6 minutes**
- 9:25 In Remembrance and Celebration** **5 minutes**
- 9:30 Adjourn**





Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 25, 2021
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PRNC Board Members:

- Peter Thelin, President
- Dave Bleckinger, Vice President
- Buzz Baylis, Membership Chair
- Margi Sullivan, Treasurer
- Charmain Tyler, Secretary
- Sue Rosenof, Officer-at-Large
- Garry Hurlbut, Officer-at-Large

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

2. President's Report, Peter Thelin: Peter said we are still trying to contact Chevron to see if they know more about the diesel spill. They are still working on it. The triangle is looking good. Phil is a dedicated volunteer to keep our town clean. Thank you Phil. Bruce Beyaert is speaking to someone about fixing the lights in the tunnel. They have several different options.

Peter asked for approval of the minutes. Cordell added 3 corrections: LaShonda White's title should be "Interim". Cordell's suggestion on Public Forum should be "Council of Industries." The date of the minutes should be for the June 30 meeting, not July. Motion made to approve the minutes from the June meeting, with the 3 corrections. Seconded. Vote: All approved, Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Police Report. No officer in attendance. Karen Buchanan wanted to give a shout out to officer Joanna Gribetti, a 20-year veteran of RPD. Karen had a car break-in and they showed up immediately.

4. Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan: We have received \$4,936 from membership dues.

5. Membership Report, Buzz Baylis: (*Margi gave the report in Buzz's absence*)

We added 3 more members last month. Karen put together new visitor packages and included the "Why Join PRNC" postcards, along with other brochures.

6. Electric Bike Program, Denee Evans, City of Richmond Not in attendance.

7. Community Briefs, Part 1

- **Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin**

The San Pablo Yacht Club is interested in playing table tennis. It has easy access to the Point and it might turn into something people would enjoy. Stay tuned.

- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:** There are 32 neighborhood councils, and they can send two people each to the RNCC. There is a fire department event on Sept. 18 at the Training Center to observe. There is a program to have young people mow lawn for seniors. Mr. Leach, City of Richmond, talked about street sweeping. Carlos Castro is engineer with City to contact about street sweeping. The next meeting is September 13 on Zoom.
- **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut:** Just finished the fall cleanup of the Plunge gardens. We did a lot of pruning. We have a reservation system now for tennis. We started adult program, which has 7 teams. Three teams made league championships for East Bay. Youth tennis will restart on August 30. We will be working with after-school programs
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett:** (*Karen Buchanan for Graham*) We had the first pancake breakfast in a year and a half, and it was a great success. We sold 150 tickets. We are

having one in October on the Fleet Week weekend. We will continue the Home Front Movie Festival, after we work some things out. The ship is only open Sundays but we plan to expand to Tuesdays and Thursdays soon. We were without power for a day when our shore cable was cut and stolen. We had to put extra security on the gang planks.

Bill Monsen said there were some thefts at Waterline recently. The same people were seen scoping out the Red Oak.

- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani (Mary Lee Cole for Diane)**

There will be a Zoom meeting on Sept. 14 at 1:00. We are lining up presenters. We have been looking at the garden at Judge Carrol Park where they cut down a giant conifer. One of our missions is to make Point Richmond a delightful, charming place to be. Thank you to PRNC for the contribution to help us make improvements. We are planning another bingo fundraiser soon. Please see our website. pointrichmond.org/wwic

Phil said Janet hired her gardener to come out for 3 days to weed that corner at Judge Carrol Park. That sprinkler system is broken. Now they are watering weeds. We need to get the City to step up to do some of this work. I pulled out the rhododendron bushes because they weren't getting water. I also planted some bushes there. Phil is frustrated that citizens are paying hundreds of dollars to do what the City should be doing. Garry is in touch with David Rogers, who is in charge of 20 parks in the City.

8. **Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC):** No projects this month.

9. **Point Richmond Market, Peter Thelin**

Peter announced that the owner of the Point Richmond Market and his family are renting the Baltic and will turn it into an Indian restaurant. Karen Buchanan said she spoke to them and went inside to see their updates to the building. They refinished the floors and restored the paneling. They have hired a chef and are waiting for liquor license. Karen said it used to be two different store fronts. It was a saloon and a funeral parlor.

10. **Community Briefs, Part 2**

- **PR CERT, Charmain Tyler:** On July 25, we held a special practice for disaster training. We did search and rescue, triage, and communications, using ham, GMRS, and FRS radios. We worked together in teams, as trained by CERT. We also practiced using the fire extinguisher and doing a gas meter shut off.
- **Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org** We are just plugging along. The museum is open again. A new issue of our magazine is coming out next week. We are happy to see so many people looking at the kiosk.
- **Arts of Point Richmond, Rita Gardner: artsofpointrichmond.com (Mary Lee for Rita)** We will have a new exhibit at Kaleidoscope in the beginning of October. The Post Office windows will be changing. Taking it Outdoors will go for another season. There are more exhibits at Lara's Fine Dining. Bill Monsen asked about the Richmond Arts Center. Mary Lee said they have a new curator and they have a new schedule of classes for adults and kids. They are focusing on finding artists in Richmond to show their work and develop their talent. It's a question of safety for in person use at the Arts Center.
- **PRAM, Chrissie Bradley ((June for Chrissie)** June said there are a lot of things going on. Messy art classes are being held outside for 0 to 2. They have a clothing swap, and an adult yoga class. June reminded everyone to look at the calendar: There is a grant orientation on Saturday the 28th. This is for art events. PRNC shares the calendar with business association. Peter, extra kudos to June, who served for 2 terms. She is now taking care of our online calendar. You can see it on our website at pointrichmond.org.

- **HOA's in Point Richmond:** Bill Monsen was elected president of Waterline HOA. They are fully sold out. That means that developer reps on the board will resign. It will be run by homeowners now. We are going through the baby steps of a new HOA. The majority of us moved here from single family homes. We are learning how that all works. One thing I have taken on is maintaining the Bay Trail in front of Waterline. Waterline owns the property where the Bay Trail runs up to the water. We are responsible for maintaining that area on the Bay Trail. As you walk across that bridge it is the City of Richmond. I am doing fennel eradication. We just had a big day a few weeks ago where other homeowners helped clean up. We have another group who cleans up along the beach. June said she has taken over the City's mailing list for when they send out flyers. It would be helpful to have the Waterline addresses. We send out the flyer for the biannual trash pickup. Bill let June know it is the Seabreeze Management Company. These flyers come to "Resident" and we just need street addresses. You can see it on our website at pointrichmond.org.

11. **The Final Sauce, Brownie Sims (Peter for Brownie).** She makes a great barbecue sauce, which is like a gourmet barbecue sauce. She is next to the Santa Fe Market and her business is growing rapidly. Final Sauce is also on Facebook. You can google it and order online. They have a chocolate barbecue sauce and a mango sauce among others.

12. **Public forum**

- Cordell was invited to attend the Council of Industries, Campus Bay Development Project. The City Manager will speak about what's going on in the City. On October 8 the Council of Industries will give their shoreline boat tour.
- Bill Monsen spoke about Bay Trail videos. There is a series of 20, 40-minute talks about the Bay Trail. Some are about segments in Richmond. One is about the Richmond San Rafael Bridge bike path. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/baytrailconfidential/>
- Garry Hurlbut wants to give a shout out to Phil. The day before Gary was going to go, Phil cleaned up the homeless man.

13. **In Remembrance and Celebration**

Karen said we lost a giant of the community: Joshua Genser. Apparently he died in his sleep unexpectedly and suddenly. The same day Bruce Harris also died. You might have seen him in Kaleidoscope and the Up and Under trivia nights.

Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.



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happy pumpkin spice season!

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