



# On Point

October 2021

*a possibly funny and hopefully useful President's*  
**Public Service Announcement**

October has arrived along with some much-needed rain. A blessed relief and hopefully the first of much more to follow, but along with the rain, something else to watch out for -- tires and even a thimbleful of water can be a nursery for mosquito larvae.



**Eliminate standing water where you find it.** Where you can't eliminate standing water, use a non-toxic vinegar solution. Make a solution of at least 15% vinegar, 85% water; the more vinegar the better. In about 18 hours, your standing water will be mosquito larvae-free.



If you're in the mood for even more fun facts about the mosquito, check out this hilarious yet extremely accurate video, done in the style of a National Geographic episode:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hz\\_DslzN2IA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hz_DslzN2IA)

If learning about mosquito larvae is not your idea of a good time, you might want to check out the **5th ANNUAL POINT RICHMOND HAUNTED HISTORY HIKE**, led by the Point's own Karen Buchanan. See flyer attached for additional info.

And as is usually the case, **there will be no PRNC meeting in November.**  
Stay safe!

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 27, 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 September 29, 2021* 5 minutes
- 7:35 *Police Report* 5 minutes
- 7:40 *President's Report, Peter Thelin* 2 minutes
- 7:42 *Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan* 1 minute
- 7:43 *Membership Report, Buzz Baylis* 1 minute
- 7:44 *Office of Emergency Services, Jim Yoke, new manager* 15/10 minutes
- What is the job of the OES manager?
- What public education is planned for disaster preparedness?
- 8:09 *Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)* 10 minutes
- *Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith, [masquers.org](http://masquers.org)*
  - *Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, [richmondneighbors.org](http://richmondneighbors.org)*
  - *Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry & Maryn Hurlbut, (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)*
- 8:19 *Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)*
- *Brickyard Landing Historic Chimney, Mike Carnall 10/5 minutes*
  - *Duke Energy Warehouse Project, Cutting and Canal, Eric Zell 10/5 minutes*
- Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at [rdساتre@live.com](mailto:rdساتre@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.*
- 8:49 *Chevron Update* 15/10 minutes
- 9:14 *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*
- 9:28 *Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each)* 6 minutes
- 9:34 *In Remembrance and Celebration* 5 minutes
- 9:39 *Adjourn*



## Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 29, 2021

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

### ***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. Peter asked for approval of minutes from August 25, 2021. Vote: all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

2. ***Police Report, no police representative attended.*** Frances Smith received a letter with threats and she called the police. There had been a large white van parked in front of her house for 3 months. It was towed away and she can now see out of her kitchen window.

Peter said at Point San Pablo Marina they had 2 accidents recently. Make sure you drive with caution as you come into Winehaven. There has been a lot more traffic since the barbecue opened up.

3. ***President's Report, Peter Thelin:*** Get out and enjoy the nice weather we have been having.

4. ***Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan:*** We have 4 new members and continue to get money from PayPal

5. ***Membership Report, Buzz Baylis:*** We now have 64 members. It is normally over 120 this time of year. We are at half of our usual target. It's probably because of Covid.

Bruce asked if there is an easy way to find out when dues are due. Buzz said that on the 1st of May everyone starts at zero, except lifetime members. Dave added that dues can be waived if you have a hardship. Mary Lee Cole reminded us that if you want to vote on any new developments, you need to be a member. Have your voice heard and be able to vote.

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

- ***Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith,*** she is hoping Covid will be gone by January so they can keep their production plans.
- ***Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:*** There were 20 people in attendance at the last meeting. County Supervisor John Gioia came and talked about Covid vaccination statistics. Next meeting is October 18 on Zoom.
- ***Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry and Maryn Hurlbut***  
You have to be fully vaccinated to play RTA now. The Women's team won the East Bay championship. Maryn said the RTA has been taking care of the property around the Plunge, called the Hurlbut Tennis Park. We are expanding our 501c3 to beautify Judge Carroll Park, across from the bank. We would like to have people's thoughts on that corner. The City will correct the irrigation systems. We have contacted WWIC to seek their help with the design of this garden. If anyone has any ideas please send an email to [richmondtennis@gmail.com](mailto:richmondtennis@gmail.com).

- *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett*

We will have a pancake breakfast during Fleet Week, from 9 to 12. The ship is open until 4:00 p.m. We are still working on having movie nights. Wine is \$3.00 and beer is \$2.00.

- *Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani*

Diane is back after hip replacement and is still recuperating. There is a meeting on Tuesday at 1:00. There will be a presentation on Ashby Village, how to age at home. They have a welcome project for people moving into Point Richmond. They will meet for gardening on October 2, from 10 to 12. On November 2, they will have a Bingo fundraiser.

## 7. *Land Use Design Review Committee (3 projects)*

### *Project 1: Quarry Housing, New Plan, Vallier Designs*

*Marcia Vallier, David Burton, Robert Stevens, and Terry Manly presenting*

About 3 years ago their project was approved, with condos in 3 and 4 story buildings. Now they are going to single family houses -- from 192 units to 77 units. Most other conditions are still the same. In 2017 they had condo units of 600 to 1500 square feet. Now houses with 1650 to 1850 square feet. Same Bay Trail configuration and same connection to East Bay Regional Park. In the new plan they have 3 building types, 3 elevations and each unit will have a 2-car garage. In front of the houses, there is a courtyard shared by 2 houses and entered through gate. There are different materials and roof lines to create interest. Backyards are approximately 10 feet deep.

We kept the frontage and the entry landscape the same. Along frontage is naturalistic open, grassy, with buckwheat plant. As you get closer to the houses it is a more defined plant. We are staying close to previous conditions that were approved. There will be evergreen shrubs in courtyards as buffer, and lower ground cover between walkways. There will be shrubs on either side of garages near garage doors. There is a small play area for children in the community. Walls will remain the same along the outside of the site.

### *Questions/Comments*

- Graham: Are you looking to City to provide you any funding or is this funded by yourselves?  
A: This is totally funded by ourselves.
- Cordell: What will the colors be?  
A: Muted earth tones, some pale greens and some beige.
- Bruce: Thank you for incorporating the Bay Trail requests.
- Rick Willis: What is the timeline for this project? Does the Laconia project affect you?  
A: Next 3 months will be approvals, the design will take 6 to 9 months, construction will take about 2 yrs. Laconia has diff. acre per unit count. Our project stays within its units per acre.
- Floy Andrews: What is the pricing?  
A: \$700,000 to \$900,000 range. Affordable houses will be incorporated in approved project.
- Feney: Have they done a traffic study?  
A: They will look at the EIR and impacts. They are going from 192 units to 77 so the traffic impacts will be lessened.

Charmain read the motion from LUDRC:

Motion:

**LUDRC approves this project, with limited approval. LUDRC wants to see a different access point, avoiding the difficult Seacliff Rd. access. LUDRC wants to see a redesign of how these houses look from the street. They should show a lot more of the house part and less of the garage from the street, so you can tell it is a house.**

### *Questions/Comments*

- Rick: Last time project was presented there was discussion of traffic calming on Seacliff Dr.  
A: Technical questions are going to arise out of EIR. Traffic calming requirements may be placed on project. Our goal is not to change outside, just reduce # of units.
- Rick: We need a speed limit sign before you get to the top of the hill.  
A: The approval did have signage.

Dave referred to the LUDRC motion and asked if anyone would like to make a motion to support the LUDRC position, or a different position.

**Rick made a motion to agree with the LUDRC position.**

**Charmain clarified that the motion was to improve the entrance to the project, and to make the house look less like a garage.**

### *Questions/Comments*

- Hakim Johnson: Are they considering all electric?  
A: They are not deep enough in the design process to know that yet.  
Dave said we have a motion and a second. Any other comments or alternate motion?  
An alternate motion was proposed.

**Alternate Motion: Include the change to the entrance off of Seacliff Dr. but exclude the condition that changes the front exterior of the house, to make them look like they have less garage, more house.**

**Vote:**

**In favor: 8**

**Opposed: 5**

**Motion passes.**

**Second vote**

**Amended motion, support the LUDRC motion, minus the change to the exterior of house.**

**Vote:**

**In favor: 8**

**Opposed: 3**

**Motion passes**

**PRNC general membership voted in support of the project, with one condition of changing the entry off of Seacliff Drive.**

PRNC will send this vote to the Planning Commission.

### ***Project 2: Brickyard Landing Historic Chimney, Mike Carnall***

Mike could not make meeting so Charmain read a summary. The 70-foot tall chimney at Brickyard is deteriorating and is a safety hazard. Brickyard hired structural engineers and architects to investigate. They had meetings with Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The structure has been red tagged by City and parts of the common use areas of Brickyard are off limits (the office, restrooms, locker rooms, swimming pool, and spa). The HPC approved the dismantling of the top half of the chimney for safety reasons, and because it could not be repaired on site. The bricks will be stored on site. Further analysis and discussions are needed to determine the final disposition of the chimney and surrounding kilns. We will have an update at our October meeting.

Comments:

- Fran: Whose property is it on? Fran explained that the Plunge was inspected and declared unsafe and the City was going to demolish it. We organized a nonprofit and fundraised enough money to rebuild it. It took 13 years to do it. It is part of Richmond's history. Many buildings in Richmond are made from bricks that came from the Brickyard kiln.
- Rick: He supported the Plunge. The kiln and chimney are on Brickyard Landing property. It is clear that the developer did not disclose that those historic landmarks should have been cared for by Brickyard Landing.

***Project 3: Application to be a culture facility, Suzie Hardt***

Suzie has lived in Point Richmond for 18 years. They recently purchased a building that used to be a Baptist church, which later became a live/workspace. Suzie and her husband are ballroom dancers and teach private lessons. She would like it to be zoned as a cultural facility. People in the neighborhood are happy to have a place to dance or do yoga or other activities. We would like to grow gradually and provide the community what they would like to have.

Comments:

- Mary Lee: What a great idea. Such an interesting structure.
- Garry: That would be a great addition to Point Richmond.
- Cordell: Would you follow Covid protocols? A: Yes. masks and social distance.

**Motion: To support application for new zoning as a cultural facility.**

**Vote:**

**In favor: All**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion passes**

***8. Chevron Update, Hakim Johnson and Linsi Crane***

They have not completed investigations of diesel spill and would prefer to come next month to talk about findings. There are no remaining clean up activities. Linsi: We have had some noise complaints from Point Richmond. Please call 510-242-2127 if you have noise or odor complaints. Our team cares about the inconvenience to our neighbors. We have noise measuring equipment and can drive to your house. We need you to call so we know that there is something happening.

Floy Andrews: We look down on the wharf and see a lot of activity. It's nice to hear that you want to hear from us.

Linsi: There is always a lot going on. We have divers out there and we are also drilling at wharf.

Bruce: It does work. Call the number and they contact you.

Hakim: There has been some retrofitting. We put in new piles last year.

Linsi: you can go to [richmondairmonitoring.org](http://richmondairmonitoring.org) to see Chevron's air monitoring activities. We will come back in October and get more info to you, including the investigation report.

## **9. Community Briefs, Part II**

- **PR CERT, Charmain Tyler**

We have been reviewing lists of medical supplies for the container. We have ongoing radio communications training, and we are learning a lot as we go. Join us on the 1st Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. With Richmond CERT we have been having discussions with the new Emergency Services Manager, Jim Yoke. He will come to talk with us about emergency preparations for the City of Richmond.

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

There will be a walk for the over-the-hill gang in Marina Bay.

- **Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison**

No report

- **Arts of Point Richmond, Rita Gardner**

Mary Lee Cole said the City has some money for grants and they have asked the Taking It Outdoors banner project if they want to apply. This art has cheered us up during these dreary months and more banners will be going up. 50 artists are represented. Community support for this project is important. Can Peter send a letter of support to Kenoli O'Leary?

Discussion about point of order. You have to have it on the agenda to vote on it so we could not vote on this at this general meeting. You need to notify 7 days in advance to put it on the agenda for a vote. You just can't bring something up from the floor.

It was decided to vote on this at the Board meeting on Thursday. The letter will still get to Kenoli in time for him to send it in for the Grant application.

- **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding**

No report

- **PRAM, Chrissie Bradley**

No report

- **HOA's in Point Richmond**

Bill Monsen, from Waterline, said they are trying to clean up the beach and along the Bay Trail. This Saturday will be a Waterline clean up.

## **10. Public Forum**

- Cordell has a couple of ideas for the agenda. John Gioia and the County Health Officer can talk about the Covid statistics. Also, we can talk about how the youth can beautify seniors' yards. Also, "Our Town" is showing Friday at 7:30.

- Graham wants to ask if anyone has an issue with Air B&B's, especially when the hostess is off site? We do not have an ordinance in Richmond about this. We have had a couple of incidents that were left to neighbors to sort out.

Mary Lee said to report it to Air B&B. They do not want problems. Express your concerns.

Graham said the owners have moved away and now they rent it out as often as they can. We have had so much noise that one neighbor went to stay in a hotel when he couldn't sleep. We want to know if this is a PRNC issue. No one seems to think it is a PRNC issue.

## **11. In Remembrance and Celebration**

Florence Wilson will be 91 years old on October 6th. Send out good wishes to Florence.

## **12. Adjourn 9:30 p.m.**



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# Haunted Halloween History Hike

SAT. OCTOBER 30 4:30 TO 6:30 PM



- Hike is dog- and kid-friendly
- Kids 12 and under are free!
- Adults: \$20 in advance, \$25 same day
- For more info and to buy tickets, go to



<https://pointrichhalloweenhistoryhike.eventbrite.com>

or scan the QR code below with your  
smartphone camera.

Meet in front of the Point Richmond History  
Museum at 137 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Washington Ave.







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***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting is Wed., October 27, 7:30. PRNC will send ZOOM access info to members via email. Reminder – No Meeting in November!***

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