



On Point

December 2021



It's the Season!

Whichever holiday you celebrate, Point Richmond is a festive place to be this time of year! From our annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Shoot (no actual turkeys were harmed in the making of this event) and the Nov. 27 lighting of the holiday tree, to various gallery and crafts events by the **Arts of Point Richmond** and the **Grape Nest Wine Bar**, there is plenty to see and do.

And if you're looking for something really different, take a tour of local artist Jimmie Robinson's **Fairy Houses on Washington Avenue**. Some images below:



Whatever you do, have a safe, healthy time with your friends and neighbors and have a **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** from your friends at the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council!

Peter Thelin

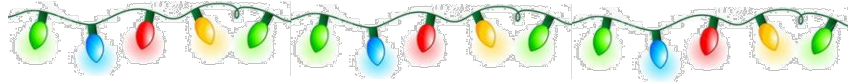
President: Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

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, December 8, 2021, 7:30pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

AGENDA



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| 7:30 | Call to order and approval of minutes from October 27, 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 | City of Richmond, Joe Leach | 10 minutes |
| | <i>Update on Parklets and traffic calming near the tunnel</i> | |
| 7:54 | Presentation of PRNC website: pointrichmond.org Dave Bleckinger | 15 minutes |
| 8:09 | Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each) | 10 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith, masquers.org• Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, richmondneighbors.org• Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry & Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111• USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us• Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani pointrichmond.com/wwic | |
| 8:19 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brickyard Landing Historic Chimney, Mike Carnall• 31 Idaho Street, June Hight | 5/5 minutes
5/5 minutes |
| | <i>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.</i> | |
| 8:39 | Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each) | 14 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | |
| 8:53 | Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) | 6 minutes |
| 8:59 | In Remembrance and Celebration | 5 minutes |
| 9:04 | Adjourn | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 27, 2021

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

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7:32 p.m. Peter asked for approval of minutes from September 29, 2021. Vote: all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
2. **Police Report, no police representative attended.**
3. **President's Report, Peter Thelin:** trying to get a hold of Joe Leach re: tunnel lighting and traffic calming on Garrard. Any more interest re: parklets. Emailed several times and then found his phone number. Left a message. No reply yet.
4. **Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan:** As of August, there is \$17,000 in the whole account. We paid for a new Zoom account and renewal of our domain for 2 years.
5. **Membership Report, Buzz Baylis:** We gained 3 or 4 renewals. The total is 74 members. That's about half of the normal membership that we usually have at this time of year. Peter asked how people can find out if they are paid up to date. Buzz said they should send email to pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com.
6. **Office of Emergency Services, Jim Yoke, New Manager, jim_yoke@ci.richmond.ca.us, 510-685-6402.** Jim set up a slideshow and spoke about his office. He is housed in Fire Department and reports to fire chief who reports to city manager. Jim is responsible for management, development, implementation and coordination of emergency preparedness and response operations of the city. Develops and administers division goals, objectives, policies, procedures, budget, and action plans. Provides emergency management leadership and technical review at the city, county, state and federal level. Prepares public education programs. Works with other jurisdictions, industries, school district and community groups such as Homeland Security, FEMA, and neighborhood councils.

These are the public education programs for preparedness:

- Basic emergency education, BEE, for elementary schools
- Teen CERT, delivered to high schools
- Youth ham radio training, delivered to high schools
- Listos, to be delivered to the Latino community
- Personal emergency preparedness - PEP, adult audience, at citywide locations and at requested presentations around city
- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) presentations to be delivered in relevant locations with follow up prevention and mitigation activities
- Sound the alarm events with American Red Cross

Public education, next steps:

Update the curriculum, and stay remote for now, especially in schools.

Q: Cordell: Is the basic emergency program for all ages?

A: PEP is for adults. There are different programs for different age groups

Q: Peter: Would a wildfire be a big issue for Point Richmond?

A: Some areas of Point Richmond are vulnerable to wildfires. The storm has dampened the concern for fire, more rain is unknown. Big risk is earthquakes. We have not had a significant one since 1989, Loma Prieta. Talk to grandma and grandpa, not mom and dad. Huge risk. Richmond is close to the Hayward fault. 1868 was the last one. We are on overtime for this one.

Q: Peter: What do you recommend?

A: We need to be aware of the risks and know how to plan. Sometimes you can't drive. Transportation and communication will be issues. Look out for needs of seniors. Store supplies.

C: Peter: I live on a floating home. Events like the storm are more of note to us because our house could blow into the levy. We have hand-held VHF radios. We have a generator for power. We have stocked for an emergency. Others should do the same sort of thing.

A: Jim said to think of the city leadership on down, and from grass roots on up. The City has to be organized and trained. They need to work together. I deal with both.

Q: Peter: We have an oil refinery here. They must have earthquake preparedness. Is it vulnerable?

A: It makes me nervous. Remember San Bruno. It's not just facility, but also product being transported. Vulnerability of infrastructure is an issue. 1989 earthquake was 60-70 miles away. What will happen to areas where freeways are on top of each other? Loma Prieta was a big quake but not The Big Quake.

Q: Leisa: if the infrastructure bill passes, will the City request money for funds for the highest pressing infrastructure risks, including sea level rise? Are you putting a plan together for these types of funds?

A: I don't know the answer. I can come back with answers.

C: Leisa: We need to be proactive with this now.

C: Peter: I have been working for Lawrence Livermore. We had a quake drill that shut down the facility. Jim said he has been an observer at some of those drills. Peter added that many of the employees go through the CERT program.

Jim would like to come back and spend more time in the future. There is a lot going on.

7. *Community Briefs, Part 1*

- ***Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith, masquers.org.*** Masquers is planning a New Year's Eve performance.
- ***Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:*** 26 participated at the last RNCC meeting. East Bay MUD spoke about water. The next meeting is Nov 8 at 7 pm.
- ***Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry and Maryn Hurlbut (510) 547-8111*** Thrilled that we got kids back and doing lessons on Plunge courts. The Hurlbut Benevolent Fund will work on corner at Judge Carrol Park. The weeds are gone and the irrigation is working again. My last meeting on the board was this month. It was an honor and privilege to be on the board. We have the most active neighborhood council in the City.
- ***USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us*** We have movies with warfare and the sea, tomorrow, the 1941 version of Wolfman. It's a great cast. 7:00 p.m. It will set the tone for Halloween. We are open on Sundays. We had our last pancake breakfast during Fleet Week. Vaccine and masks are required.
- ***Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani, pointrichmond.com/wwic,*** The second bingo will be Nov. 2. It will be fun and fabulous. Get tickets at Methodist church on Saturday. Prizes will be local gift certificates. One card \$15. Play 6 games. Raise money for local charity.

8. *Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) Two projects:*

- ***Brickyard Landing Historic Chimney, Mike Carnall,*** He had to leave. He will be here for the December 8th meeting.

- **Duke Energy Warehouse Project, Cutting and Canal, Eric Zell.** Eric said they came to show thoughts of proposed project at Cutting and Canal. They went through the LUDRC and want to go through Design Review Board in November. Jason said that small part of team is here. They own and manage industrial space across U.S. and are dedicated to partnering with community.

Teresa: site plan. Modified corner and pulled building out closer to street. Created pedestrian plaza. Improved architecture/landscape. Red bricks and poured concrete: strong and natural. Main entry has brick portal. Wide monument stair inside main entry where office space will be.

Shawn Taylor talked about landscape design. Focus on corner plaza -- ties arch to site. To enhance intersection and capture local vibe. Raised planting beds and trees will provide scale with higher canopies. Non-fruiting date palms and will be maintained by Duke Realty.

Charmain stated LUDRC approved project as presented in earlier LUDRC meeting.

Q: Graham: Some industrial materials had been dumped on the ground at that site. Have you done any tests to assess the toxicity of the land?

A: Jason said they have started doing the testing as part of the environmental process. We will make sure the site is remediated as needed.

Q: Graham: Have you done any tests already?

A: Jason said yes. We have been working with the city. There are some documents that require a little bit of work.

Q: Cordell: It looks good. Where did the idea come from?

A: Teresa Goodwin: one of the employees is a sailor. We spent time in Point Richmond drinking coffee and taking in the surroundings. We wanted to make that corner impactful.

Q: Peter: Was the Craneway a part of the influence?

A: Teresa said yes. We want it to feel like it fits the culture here.

Q: Leisa: She participated in the DRB meeting in March. These designs make a refreshing change. Anything that can help with lighting is appreciated. When you drive south on Canal, that left turn lane is a waste of space. Can you work with the city? The leaves in the medium were never abated, and your property is right there. The plants and weeds are 6 feet tall.

Q: Floy Andrews: asked about electric vehicle charging. Will building be all electric?

A: Teresa replied that the building is all electric.

A: The City requires all new lights to be shielded downwards. For safety and security.

Q: Spencer Allen: What about native plants for monarchs? They want milkweed.

A: Shawn answered that we will have some pollinators and a few native. Different plants.

A motion was made to approve the project as designed. Seconded.

Vote

In favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion passes

9. ***Chevron Update, Linsi Crane***

We did a lot of fire hazard mitigation in last few months. Call our phone number if you have questions. This weekend we had some operational issues -- flaring. That has stopped as of 8 p.m. last night. We lost power. That was to protect neighbors and us. There were odor concerns. Before storm there were complaints on NextDoor. A lot more odors happened when the storm happened. We have been constantly monitoring. Fenceline and community monitoring. We have lots of diff air monitors. Independently managed. Fire dept checks in person around schools and homes. They go out for odor complaints. We did not see any air quality issues. We picked up odors from other businesses or the estuary. Our measurements were well below health standards.

The diesel spill was in February; report released today. There was small leak when they did test. 5 different types of testing. The key things in KQED story are to update inspection protocols and review structure of pipeline and infrastructure in wharf area. There are some technology questions. Also updating training and reinforcing and improving. It will take a long time to have it all done by the end of 2022. We have already started with easiest things.

I didn't bring an engineer today. I didn't know the report would come out today. Energy transition project is an opportunity to lead in renewable and hydrogen. Grey hydrogen is made from natural gas. We are going to employ green hydrogen, from renewable sources.

Peter asked her to come in December to discuss more about renewable energy. Are you importing natural gas for the hydrogen project? Linsi said they already make a lot of hydrogen. We are working on ways to get renewable natural gas through refinery. We did it in SoCal by partnering with agricultural businesses. Peter asked if the flaring is natural gas. Linsi said it depends. Some of the flaring is hydrogen. It's better than releasing it into the atmosphere or having too much pressure.

Leisa asked if there are any changes for Chevron regarding responding to any future spill. A: much later than people reporting smelling it. That was hours earlier. How do you coordinate with other agencies? How can we prevent it in the future? How do we get a more timely response in the future?

Linsi said if the wind is in the wrong direction we may not smell it on the wharf. We also need a technology update and more human intervention and training. Maybe our phone numbers to neighbors. When we call land activate, our response to the Coast Guard is to immediately come. The Department of Fish and Wildlife, local fire department, and County Health also come. There is a group of people with same training. We all drill and work together.

Floy asked if City Council discussed green hydrogen. What percentage will Chevron be using? If it is 51% it is made with renewal. A: Linsi said new hydrogen will be 100% green. Goal is toward more green agriculture waste. We will capture the emissions, which is blue hydrogen. The green project we now is the solar project. The hydrogen is grey.

10. Community Briefs, Part II

- **PR CERT, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com**
We requested grant money for our container. We will add supplies we keep in our medical backpacks. We continue radio drills. We have been using a repeater with GMRS radios. Please join us on first Wednesday of month at our container at 11:00 a.m. Contact me if you are interested in attending meeting, which is at 7:00 p.m. on first Wednesday of the month. On Wed., November 10, we will have a Richmond-wide Zoom meeting to explain what you should keep in your emergency go bag.
- **Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler pointrichmondbusiness.com**
PRNC is invited to an in-person mixer at the Baltic Spice House. It is \$10 and you need proof of vaccination.
- **Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org**
Chevron Long Wharf is older than the 1920's, maybe more like 1905. I have seen photographs and it has always been there.
- **Arts of Point Richmond, Rita Gardner artsofpointrichmond.com. Not in attendance.**
Mary Lee Cole said City has money for grants and asked the Taking It Outdoors banner project if they want to apply. More banners will be going up with 50 artists represented. 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 agenda for vote. You just can't bring something up from floor. It was decided to vote on this at 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 MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559**
Films have become unaffordable from streaming platform. No films since spring. New year --

working out requirements of getting back to Community Center. Cordell asked what kind of documentaries will be shown. Kate said she can't reveal yet. Just getting the films together.

- **PRAM**, *Chrissie Bradley*, Not in attendance
- **HOA's in Point Richmond**, Not in attendance

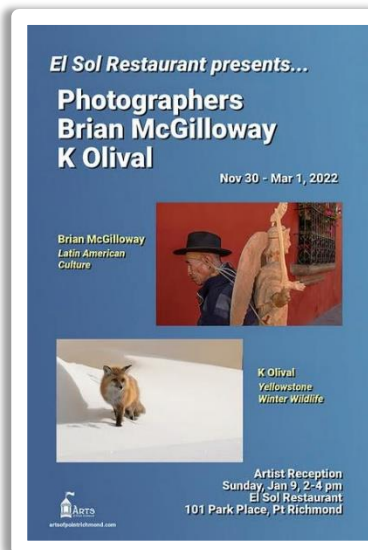
11. Public Forum

- Cordell has possible future agenda topics - John Gioia can talk about Covid vaccine statistics and East Bay MUD can talk about water rates. He invited PRNC members to Our Town at the Contra Costa Civic Center.
- Mona Favorite-Hill said the Marin water project will impact the city of Richmond. It is not an East Bay MUD project. We are not selling water to Marin. If they commit to any type of community improvements, someone has to see that they follow through. We can come to any meeting and will be available. EBMUD has program to replace plantings.
- Leisa said there is going to be an ad hoc committee that will participate with Marin with representation. There will be a rep from the Point Richmond area.
- District elections are just around the corner. Other neighborhood councils are forming a community mass. The first map reviews will be reviewed in January. Please review with me. The board will decide if this will be on the December agenda. Because of the census we need to have better maps for the next 10 years.

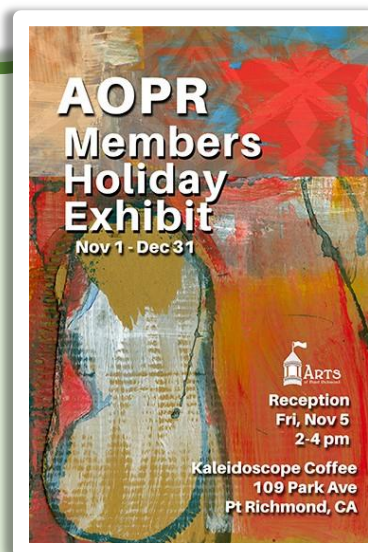
12. In Remembrance and Celebration

- Garry said he unfortunately has remembrances. Paulo Yambao, tennis player, had cancer, and passed away in October. He also has a niece in Florida who got involved in a motorcycle accident and died last weekend. She was like a daughter to Maryn. As for celebrations, Garry's CrossFit instructor had a son.
- Peter: One year since Sue had her stem cell transplant. Sue has to get all childhood vaccinations again.

13. Adjourn 9:32



The Arts of Point Richmond Invites you to see their latest exhibit at El Sol Restaurant, featuring photos by Brian McGilloway and K Olival. Artist Reception is on Jan 9th, 2 - 4 PM.



This exhibit by Arts of Point Richmond runs at Kaleidoscope Coffee from November 1st - December 31st, and features artwork by 35 artists.



The Arts of Point Richmond features photographs by Bob Colin through January 4th, 2022, at the Post Office on Washington Ave.



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