



On Point

January 2022

We need your help.

This is YOUR Neighborhood council. And by that, I mean Point Richmond's.

As stated on the website, the PRNC's mission is:

To serve the people of Point Richmond in a non-partisan, non-commercial manner and to work cooperatively with local, state, and federal governments ... to help residents determine the important needs and problems of their neighborhood by providing a place where ideas and information can be exchanged, problems studied, and actions planned. And, to promote a spirit of enhanced community.



According to point2homes.com, Point Richmond has a population of 4,162. And yet, by last count, there were only 350 members of the PRNC (77 paid) or about 11% of the total Point Richmond population.

This 11% of the population is voting on decisions that affect the other 89%, and just six members of the PRNC Board decide which topics to bring before the members.

Neighborhood councils are local politics at its most basic, and the most directly representative aspect of government. The decisions voted on here influence how the City of Richmond acts in the Point's interest.

By this logic, it's important to get as many of our neighbors involved as possible. As stated earlier, we need your help. Talk to your neighbors, tell them what the PRNC does (the website is a great resource for that) and try to get them involved too.

And while I've got your attention, several board positions are opening up. Being a board member is an educational, fulfilling, and enjoyable experience. It also gives you the satisfaction of knowing that more than just talking about politics, you could help make a difference.

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.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 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 Dec 8, 2021 | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | Police Report | 5 minutes |
| 7:37 | President's Report, Dave Bleckinger for Peter Thelin | 5 minutes |
| 7:42 | Nomination of PRNC Board Members, Dave Bleckinger for Peter Thelin | 10 minutes |
| 7:52 | Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan | 1 minute |
| 7:53 | Membership Report, Buzz Baylis | 1 minute |
| 7:54 | Chevron, Linsi Crain, Hakim Johnson | 20 minutes |
| | <i>Update on odors, hydrogen project, recent flaring, diesel spill investigation, and other timely issues.</i> | |
| 8:14 | 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 | |
| 8:24 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) | |
| | <i>No projects this month.</i> | |
| | <i>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at 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.</i> | |
| 8:25 | Personal Emergency Preparedness: Abbreviated Version | |
| | <i>Jim Yoke, Richmond Emergency Manager</i> | 15/5 minutes |
| 8:45 | 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 | |
| 8:59 | AC Transit Art Project, Pam DeWitt | 10 minutes |
| 9:09 | Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) | 6 minutes |
| 9:15 | In Remembrance and Celebration | 5 minutes |
| 9:21 | Adjourn | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Dec. 8, 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 October 27, 2021. Vote: all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

2. ***Police Report, no police representative attended.*** Sally Tobin talked about people who exercise at the Plunge. Some are mobility impaired and there are only 2 handicapped spaces in front of the Plunge. Others are using some parking spaces for car storage. Is it possible to check the licenses of the cars that have outdated plates?

There are apparently some car repairs going on in those parking spaces. Leisa Johnson said police are stretched and not able to look for license plates. You need to file a report for them to look at them when they have time.

Peter will write an email to the police.

3. ***President's Report, Peter Thelin: No report***

4. ***Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan: No report, treasurer not in attendance***

5. ***Membership Report, Buzz Baylis: We have 75 members who have paid their dues for this year. Dues are due on May 1st of every year.***

6. ***Update on parklets and traffic calming near the tunnel. City of Richmond, Joe Leach.*** Joe apologized for being at a bit of a loss. The parklet guru is Denee Evans. As for tunnel safety, we are working on city-wide lighting and streetlight inventory. We are going to move the lights in Dornan Tunnel from the crown of the tunnel to the bike path side. They will be easier to maintain. This is a 2nd quarter project for funding. We also may move the electrical cabinet to the bike path side. We are looking for an amber colored light.

Bruce Beyaert asked if it's feasible to add LED lights for less maintenance. He does not want to shut down the bike lanes. Joe agreed. Yes to LED lights.

Joe explained that for maintenance and staff, having lighting over bike path is more expedient. In the middle of the tunnel is a challenge for staff, because of the traffic, exhaust, and fumes.

June represents the Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition and asked about the lighting. Cool lighting is unhealthy for animals and plants, not only humans. It should be less than 3000 Kelvins. People on Oregon Street had a problem with the Plunge lights coming on in the middle of the night. The lights need to be directed downward.

June asked about traffic calming. Someone lost both of his legs when he was hit by a car coming out of the tunnel. We still have side shows. We talked with Dane about putting something in place to have people slow down. Either before the tunnel or after the tunnel.

Joe said he was not aware of that. He is still learning and has been here for 8 months. Dane left in May, and we have been challenged to replace him. Another staff member left last week. It is a difficult time to find qualified staff. I am now hiring consultants.

Leisa Johnson said people speed through the tunnel and in front of Miller Knox Park. They continue speeding around Brickyard Cove. The City Council gave direction to implement preventive measures. Can you talk about that? We have been requesting help for years about sideshows and racing.

Joe said you are absolutely correct. The Council has given me direction. We are challenged to address the issues in a timely manner. It's really staff and consultants. We can't get studies off the ground to help us with traffic calming and speed control. The last thing I want to do is litter Richmond with lots of stop signs and speed bumps. Traffic and transportation are not my forté. Our goal is to look at the streets with a holistic approach and engage neighborhood councils. We can develop a street master plan. Maybe we can address this in the first quarter of next year and put quick-build roundabouts in various locations.

Leisa said most people have been complaining about these things for years.

Phil asked if Joe is asking for opinions about amber lighting. It shows fewer shadows and it's easier to see what's happening. I am for the amber colored lighting. Sally agreed with amber colored lighting option.

Joe said there is now a sewer moratorium. Because of the assessment of the Keller Beach sewer main, there is a need to put a moratorium on sewer connections. There is a house on Western Drive that is in question. Any new development can't connect into the Keller Beach sewer main until we can rehabilitate it. This affects all the development along Western Drive and Ocean Ave.

Dave asked if it affects new developments in Brickyard Cove or Terminal One. No, it does not affect these new developments. Joe said there is a short-term fix to extend the life for 5 to 10 years, until we could relocate the sewer main. We need to do an assessment.

Cordell asked about staffing and if they are in the process of hiring wastewater staff. Joe said yes. They are hiring a City Engineer. He has meetings with consultants who are beginning the recruitment process. It is a 2-to-3-month process. There is also a position for a capital program manager to oversee our capital and development. That hiring process will start later this month.

Peter thanked Joe for attending. Joe said he gets about 100 emails per day. If something is urgent, put that into the subject line to bring it to the forefront. We are trying to do the best we can with the staff we have.

7. *Presentation of PRNC Website: pointrichmond.org, Dave Bleckinger*

Dave said that people can't always find the website. Point Richmond "dot com" is the PRBA. Point Richmond "dot org" is the PRNC. June maintains the PRNC website for us. If you go to the top you see headings. Scroll down to see contacts, photos, and links to the bylaws and purpose. It's not 100% percent up to date. If you have good photos send them in and we can add them to our scrolling photos. If you go to Membership you can pay your dues by PayPal. Or you can send in a check. June maintains the calendar that we share with PRBA. You can hover over the dates. There are attachments for LUDRC, the warehouse project and the quarry housing project. June and Dave provided some of the photos. You can use the Contact Us button and it will send an email.

Cordell said it looks better than the old one. It looks clean and easy to use.

8. *Community Briefs, Part 1*

- ***Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith, masquers.org.*** Frances said they will not have a New Year's Eve show. Carl Smith will be doing the summer project. Our next season starts in January. Masquers donated 2 season tickets to the Rotary. The first show is As You Like It. We are looking for sponsors for the shows. We are really depending on the ticket sales.

- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:** Cordell said that 27 people attended the last meeting. They talked about the Hilltop Development.
- **Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry and Maryn Hurlbut (510) 547-8111** Garry said they are refinishing the MLK Park tennis courts. They finished the inspection of the Plunge Gardens. The Hurlbut Benevolent Fund has 3 projects now. They are doing a food card giveaway. Last year they gave away 206 food cards, each worth \$100. It's for single parent families in Richmond (with children) who lost their job. This year they are planning to give away 350 food gift cards for people in need with children. They are working with the City on this.

The second project is to get dangerous trees on Nichol Ave. pruned so they are a safe distance away from power lines. Thanks to Phil for getting estimates. They're getting approvals from City.

Their third project is the Judge Carrol Park corner. They will have a design meeting with WWIC and Phil and anyone else who has an interest.

They are also working with the Rec and Parks Commission and the cities of Richmond and San Francisco re: Willie's 96 birthday in August.

If you want to get involved or give donations just contact Maryn.

- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us** Karen Buchanan said they had a visit from the Coast Guard. The ship is open on Sunday 10 to 2. Volunteers are now doing painting. There are some leaks from the rain. Ship is doing great. We had a movie in the theater.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani, pointrichmond.com/wwic,** Diane said bingo was a great success. Had a holiday celebration and singing. Will have a work day Dec 17 Friday, 3 to 5p.m.. We will add some new native plants. Maureen Decomb showed the plant signs. They have 13 plant signs to display on the back of the map garden kiosk. All of these photos are also available for the website. Next meeting is Feb 1st.

9. Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)

- **Brickyard Landing historic Chimney, Mike Carnall – not in attendance**
- **31 Idaho Street, June Hight** Charmain explained that LUDRC approved the plans as presented. June is working from home permanently now but they only have 850 square feet. She needs an office with space for books and computers. The foundation is 100 years old and needs to be redone. When they redo the foundation, they want to finish off a part of the basement. It will double the size of the house. There will be minor changes to the outside of the house. There are some new windows on the side. The driveway will hide some of those windows. The most dramatic change is on the back of the house with a glass enclosure and so light can come into the basement. The glass is with traditional materials.

A motion was made to accept the plans as presented, without amendments. Seconded.

Vote:

In favor: all

Opposed: none

Motion passes

10. Community Briefs, Part II

- **PR CERT, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com** PR CERT continues to meet the first Wednesday of the month for radio training and for our general meeting. We have also started meeting the first Sunday of the month for medical first aid training. Last Sunday we learned to make splints and slings. Come out and join us.
- **Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler pointrichmondbusiness.com** There was a band, the Red City Rollers, at Miller Knox Park. There was roller skating on a slab.
- **Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org** Karen Buchanan said they are planning to honor Jack the Mailman, at a luncheon in January.

- *Arts of Point Richmond*, Rita Gardner artsofpointrichmond.com. Holiday party was a success, per Karen Buchanan.
- *Magick Lantern*, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559 Not in attendance.
- *PRAM*, Chrissie Bradley, Not in attendance
- *HOA's in Point Richmond*, Not in attendance

11. Public Forum

- Cordell: some ideas on future topics. Speaker to talk about East Bay MUD. Proposed new water rates. John Gioia can talk about covid numbers and vax status. Hilltop mall new development.
- Karen Buchanan said we have a lot of vacancies on the History Board. If you know anyone who wants to serve please let us know. It is a 3-year term, meeting once a month, Wednesday afternoons. Board members also attend museum functions and help with fund raising.

12. In Remembrance and Celebration

Don Woodrow's wife Carol passed away. Sue is sending best wishes to Don.

Meeting adjourned 8:57

WANTED:

Volunteers to serve on the
Executive Board of the PRNC

Join our team!

Positions available:
President, Vice President, Secretary

Email pointrichmondneighborhood@gmail.com for more info



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND PAY YOUR DUES! The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are only \$20 per individual and \$25 per household. If this is a financial hardship, a waiver is gladly granted. Lifetime memberships are \$500. Pay online via PayPal at www.pointrichmond.org or mail your check and application to: **PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807.**

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*The next **Point Richmond Neighborhood Council** General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 26, 7:30 pm via ZOOM.** PRNC will send access info to members via email.*

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