



On Point

February 2022



**Are you executive material?
How would you like to be called
President? Or Secretary? Or Vice
President?**

Well, the PRNC has an opportunity for you!

I am terming out as president of the PRNC, but my loss could be your gain. It has been almost four years since I

was elected President of the PRNC, and the experience has been an honor for me and very educational. As president, I led the meetings and was the spokesperson for the general membership, wrote letters to the Community Development Department (communicating the decisions of the Land Use Design Review Committee) and I was often the contact person for the Department of Community Safety. A surprise to me was that my signature was required when filmmakers and advertisers wished to film in our community. I also had businesses contacting me looking for letters of recommendation to the Liquor Board. As you can see, the PRNC President is the liaison between our beloved neighborhood and a myriad of other groups.

At the same time as I am stepping down, our esteemed and illustrious secretary, Charmain Tyler, will also be moving on, and if I've learned anything, it's that the PRNC secretary is probably even more important than the president. Without the minutes, I would be at the mercy of my sieve-like memory. The secretary curates the agenda I so often take for granted. I don't mean to be dismissive of the other board positions; each is a vital and crucial cog in the finely tuned machine staffed by dedicated volunteers.

Being a board member has been a fulfilling and enjoyable experience and has given me the satisfaction of knowing that more than just talking about politics, we have made a difference. In fact, I would like to remain on the board—if the membership will have me—serving in the capacity of Vice-President and also help ease the transition of the next administration.

If you have any questions about any of the available board positions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

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, February 23, 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 Jan 26, 2022 | 1 minutes |
| 7:31 | Police Report | 5 minutes |
| 7:36 | President's Report, Peter Thelin | 5 minutes |
| 7:41 | Nominating Committee for PRNC Board Members, Peter Thelin
<i>President, Vice President and Secretary positions are open</i> | 5 minutes |
| 7:46 | Nomination to fill one open LUDRC position, Peter Thelin | 3 minute |
| 7:49 | Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan | 1 minute |
| 7:50 | Membership Report, Buzz Baylis | 1 minute |
| 7:51 | Chevron, Linsi Crain, Hakim Johnson
<i>Update on odors, hydrogen project, recent flaring, diesel spill investigation, and other timely issues.</i> | 10/10 minutes |
| 8:11 | Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith, masquers.org</i> • <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, richmondneighbors.org</i> • <i>Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry & Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111</i> • <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us</i> • <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani pointrichmond.com/wwic</i> | 10 minutes |
| 8:21 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)
<i>Project: Terminal One/ Laconia redesign, Gail Baca, Bob Kagan.</i>
<i>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.</i> | 10/15 minutes |
| 8:36 | New marijuana business, James Lee, Better Business Bureau
<i>This is a new business to go in at the old General Warehouse next to Riggers Loft.</i> | 10/10 minutes |
| 8:56 | Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PR CERT, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com</i> • <i>Point Richmond Business Association, Cordell Hindler, pointrichmondbusiness.com</i> • <i>Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org</i> • <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Mary Lee Cole, artsofpointrichmond.com</i> • <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559</i> • <i>HOA's in Point Richmond</i> | 14 minutes |
| 9:10 | Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) | 6 minutes |
| 9:16 | In Remembrance and Celebration | 5 minutes |
| 9:21 | Adjourn | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Jan 26, 2022
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

PRNC Board Members:

- Peter Thelin, President (not in attendance)
- Dave Bleckinger, Vice President
- Buzz Baylis, Membership Chair
- Margi Sullivan, Treasurer
- Charmain Tyler, Secretary
- Sue Rosenof, Officer-at-Large (not in attendance)



1. ***Meeting called to order*** at 7:32 p.m. Dave asked for approval of minutes from December 8, 2021.
Corrections to minutes:
Bonnie Jo Cullison: The History Association is not giving the mailman a luncheon, the PRBA is.
June Hight: The notes on her LUDRC project should read: sunroom is either going to be a sunroom with glass, or, if that is cost prohibitive, instead of glass, it will look like the rest of the house.
Motion to pass approval of minutes with 2 amendments
Vote: all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
2. ***Police Report, no police representative attended.***
3. ***Nomination of PRNC Board Members, Dave Bleckinger for Peter Thelin***
In April we will have our annual election for board members. We have openings for president, vice president, and secretary. Peter has termed out as president after two consecutive terms. He said he would be available to be the vice president. That leaves two positions - president and secretary. We are still looking for people to step up.

Charmain gave a summary of the secretary position. The secretary takes minutes for the general meeting and the board meeting and is responsible for getting the newsletter out.

Dave gave a summary of the president's responsibilities. He or she resides over meetings and attend the board meeting and general meeting. All board members help to bring together the agenda, as well as bringing guests to speak. The president takes on a bit more of the communication with the community. We have a great group. Some of us have been here for five years, and we need a little break. It's not a reflection on the process. It's just time to step back and let others take over.

If anyone wants to nominate themselves they can. You can attend one of the board meetings to see what happens. That is a good opportunity, if you are thinking you might be interested.

The following people expressed an interest:

Ann Wizer

Floy Andrews

Phil Rosenthal (Will be traveling for 4 months, but available on Zoom.)

Leisa Johnson



Q: Kathleen: What is the board's calendar?

A: Dave: 10 months out of the year. The July meeting is a vacation, and we combine the November and December meetings.

Q: Leisa: What is the expectation if you have to miss one or two meetings? What if you can only serve for one year?

A: Dave: We have had people leave in the middle of their term, but we encourage people to stay for the two years. Don't hold back for that. If you miss a meeting or two, other board members can take over. Sometimes board members miss two meetings in a year.

Charmain added that the current board members will train new people on how the PRNC runs.

Dave will reach out to each of the nominees to invite them to the next board meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan:** The membership has \$5,164 in the bank.
5. **Membership Report, Buzz Baylis:** We have 85 dues-paying members. Our new year starts the first of May. We have had some issues with PayPal and hope to have it resolved quickly. It might be more complex when paying for the second time on the website.
6. **Chevron, Linsi Crain and Hakim Johnson – not in attendance**
7. **Redistricting, Floy Andrews** Talked about the maps for redistricting. They are putting our district in the same district as the Annex district. We would be voting on a new person. It is something that we should all be aware of. On Tuesday, February 1, the City Council will be looking at this. It will be finalized sometime in April.
8. **Use of the Sure Stay Hotel, Leisa Johnson** This is a critical topic and requires a special meeting. There have been discussions behind closed doors for a developer to purchase the Sure Stay Hotel, and the city be a partner in that development. They were illegally placing confirmed sex offenders at the hotel. I am waiting for answers from the city to get clarity on many questions. How is there going to be accountability? June gave an update regarding what happened at the City Council meeting.

Leisa said several parents and neighbors called in throughout the city. The hotel is located 250 feet from school and park. There are three sex offenders at high risk for recidivism. People aren't really listening fully. The Council did not take a vote on this. The city attorney needs to weigh in on this. There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed.

Jesse said she has an equally large concern about the city, the county, and the developer. It's unlikely that there will be regular support services for them. When Daniel Barth first got involved with Point Richmond, I got very involved. It turned out to be a personal disaster. I learned that trying to befriend someone caused others to lash out. They have drug addiction and mental illness. I have no problem with them being in a supported environment with services. We have all talked to the police about what is offered to them. These people have a real intense community. When they leave it, they recreate it. Daniel spent years running the shelter services in Berkeley. Without social services on board and on site, this is going to be an absolute disaster. Leisa thinks a lot of people agree with Jesse. The city has to get buy in from the PRNC and the PRBA and the school.

Philip said he has seen the history of them and he knows what the sex offenders did to children. This is an example of mismanagement. Most homeless are not sex offenders. In an ideal world, unhoused families could be given a room at the Sure Stay. We could put an elderly person or a family on the verge of a housing crisis in there. We could even give vouchers for local restaurants. They could bring their kids to the school and into the YMCA while their parents worked. Families need some support. There is no way to keep drug dealers and those with mental illness out. This is a business that puts millions into our community. Everything is wrong with this proposal. We are simply asking for people to get the help they need. The two major nice hotels in Richmond are now housing homeless people.

Cordell was watching the City Council meeting. The idea of having a hotel for druggies and hookers. He does not support this project.

Graham said he was horrified that there are 3 convicted sex offenders near the school. Leisa has given the questions to Dave and Peter. We cannot have the Todd Hotel and the Sure Stay both with people with major issues. We need the necessary supportive services. There are a lot of questions. There are about 108-110 rooms in the Sure Stay. The County did not inform the Richmond police so they could do their own checks. There is a delay of 5 to 30 days on the DOJ website. Graham said there are no police around to sort it out, even if we do get the information.

9. *Community Briefs, Part 1*

- ***Masquers Playhouse, Frances Smith, masquers.org.*** We finally reopened. We had a joyful production of *As You Like It*. Set in the Summer of Love in an SF park. It was a great show. It has taken us 6 years to reopen. Next is *Rocketman*, and a season of cute, funny, educational plays. The audience said it was a great show, and they loved it. We are planning to December. Our new theater manager is Michael Sully. Tickets are \$30, and Thursdays, pay what you can.
- ***Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler:*** The first meeting of the year 27 attended. Our new fire chief presented. Next meeting Feb 14.
- ***Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry and Maryn Hurlbut (510) 547-8111*** They are playing on the courts behind the plunge, and they now have a sign-up system. Reserve a slot and put your name in. There are some placards displaying some of the winning teams.

The RTA will refinish the courts at MLK Park and change the fencing. For the youth tennis 40 kids came out each day for a full month.

Regarding the Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation, we led a food drive and gave food cards out to 200 single parent families. It's been difficult for city to trim trees on Nichol Avenue. Phil got people to move their cars and help organize. Maryn financed and made this happen in 5 days. We are so grateful to her eliminating this fire hazard. The city didn't have the money. I am grateful. Maryn is unstoppable. Julien Tree Care was outstanding. They did a super job. Gary will have a left hip replacement soon.

Cordell asked about the Snow Ball. Kids have a ball in the auditorium and give out scholarships to the king and queen. Maryn and Garry have been involved in it for a few years. Garry will talk about it at the next meeting.

- ***USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us***
We are open one day a week, Sunday, between 10 and 3. If it's a nice day please come down and visit us. Down below decks we are going to be very careful with Covid still with us. We might schedule a pancake breakfast and maybe movies. I will know more after our upcoming meeting. Cordell asked if they will do movies from the 40's. Graham said they will choose movies around the time of World War II.
- ***Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani, pointrichmond.com/wwic.***
We are still meeting. About 10 or 11 women come to meetings out of 29 members. We need a membership drive. Our business meeting will be the first of February. The community is invited. Our next weeding day is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 15 from 10 to noon. Please come and help in the Rose Garden. We are planning a baby shower for the end of March.

10. *Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)*

No projects this month

11. ***Personal Emergency Preparedness: Abbreviated Version, Jim Yoke, Richmond Emergency Mgr.***

The Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) program has 3 sections: risks, hazards, and how to plan. Know the risks, plan for them, prepare a kit.

In Richmond, the risks are earthquake, the oil refinery, wildfire, tsunami, and various risks at home and work. The California geologists are working with city re: climate and sea level rise. They are saying that our tsunami risk is increasing.

What are the hazards of earthquakes? Structural and non-structural. Is the building well made? Building standards have been improved after we have had earthquakes. The bigger concern is that things are going to fall on top of you. Go home and do a hazard hunt in your house. What are the hazards in this room? Can we move something to make it more safe? The worst room in the house is the kitchen. In a 7.5 everything will be flying through the air - plates, glasses, etc. In one house the refrigerator walked all the way across the room.

The Hayward fault is known as the worst fault in the U.S. because it is so long overdue. The last one was in 1868, and they usually have a big one every 140 years.

If your house is OK after a disaster, you can camp at home. Everything in your home is part of your supply kit. If you have to evacuate, then everything inside your car is part of your supply kit. If you have to go on foot then you are hiking out and you have to put everything you can into a backpack. That includes food, water, blanket, walking shoes, cash in small bills, spare eyeglasses, etc. The list is very long. You will need important documents, medical documents, the title to the house, insurance documents. You can put all this on a flash drive.

After a disaster, you may be assigned to a shelter, where the Red Cross has taken over a gym, for example. People will be really upset and emotional. Maybe their house or car is destroyed. Maybe they lost one-of-a-kind things that represent their family history, and maybe multiple generations. We need to make things ready ahead of time. Make sure we have accounted for those special keepsakes.

Phil asked Jim to speak about pets. Jim said that over the last decade, more emphasis is now on pets. Sometimes people won't evacuate without their pets. You have to practice evacuating with your pets ahead of time. Dogs and cats need to know how to be crated. Some people have to deal with larger animals, like horses. Try putting your horse into a trailer in the dark when there is no light and there is a fire burning nearby. The shelters usually do not take pets. Make sure there is a location for small pets near to the shelter you go to.

Graham thanked Jim and said he keeps a pair of boots and a pair of gloves under his bed. One of the common things that happens is broken glass. You have to have gloves to move things.

Jim said to also add a flashlight to his gear and commented on the Cal Berkeley football stadium. It is always being renovated because it is on a fault. Part of the stadium is moving one way and another part is moving the opposite way.

How do we get the full presentation of the Personal Emergency Preparedness course?

Jim will be creating a schedule of classes and trainings that will be given over the next 3 or 4 months. It will be on Zoom with different time schedules available.

Phil asked if these were archived somewhere to watch at any time, or on social media?

Jim said they will eventually be.

12. *Community Briefs, Part II*

- **PR CERT**, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com When she gets the schedule of classes from Jim she will distribute to PRNC members. PR CERT is meeting once a month for emergency first aid training and continuing with their radio communications training.
- **Point Richmond Business Association**, Cordell Hindler pointrichmondbusiness.com
There will be a walk at Pt. Pinole.
- **Point Richmond History Association**, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org
Bonnie said they now have a very active Facebook page. There are fun conversations from former and current residents. It's interesting and informative. Please join our Facebook conversation.
- **Arts of Point Richmond**, Rita Gardner artsofpointrichmond.com. Mary Lee said they have 6 different venues coming up with a new outdoor art banner. April 3 is Art Stroll around Point. (see flyer attached) Maps will be given out at Indian statue. There will be people to guide you and tell you what to see. It will be at restaurants and the Mom and Pop Art Shop.

Margi's Point Richmond Art Gallery will be opening in March, and from 2 to 5 on April 3. Margi added that if businesses want to have a poster, please let us know. They will do posters with the 3rd and 4th graders at school to put on the fence. There is a grant from the city for this project.

Floy said they are reaching out to communities outside of Point Richmond. Mary Lee mentioned they have members from Marina Bay and the Iron Triangle, all over Richmond.

- **Magick Lantern**, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559
Kate said they applied to use the Community Center once a month. The director retired and left nothing in place. They said we have to pay \$750 for first month. We went to the interim director and back to City Council. We finally got a clerk's attention. The Community Services interim director will consider it, but it is still on hold. We are talking with Masquers to use the theater when they are not in production. We are still looking for a place. Margi offered an outdoor venue at the gallery for outdoor showings.

Phil suggested appealing to Parks and Landscaping in the City. Kate did try them, but they were not receptive. She can try again.

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

13. *AC Transit Art Project, Pam DeWitt*

- A group of community members tried to get art put on restroom at AC transit bus turn around. AC asked for grant and it did not fly before. The process entails getting permission from AC Transit. It has been months. Jim DeWitt has a huge colorful mural with sailboats, wig wag, and Hotel Mac. It could go on two sides of restroom and cover building. Vinyl wrap will be created to face bus circle and Tewksbury. It can stay up for 6 months. Pam said she would be responsible to maintain. It can be cleaned off or patched, if needed. That form of vinyl can last for 10 years. Jim will be 92 in February. He said we can use his art. We are waiting for AC Transit to say yes.

Karen Buchanan has a connection for the bus turnaround and will connect with Pam. Kathleen asked if there is a deadline. Pam did not know. She will have 6 months once the contract is signed. The city wants it to happen.

Jesse asked if it was special paint. Pam said it is a vinyl wrap.

Floy said she has a contact on the AC Transit board. She will email Pam.

14. Public Forum

- Shawn Dunning is from North and East and is a mayoral candidate. He wants to know what's important to us and is focused on listening and bringing people together. The city did a survey and less than 500 people responded. I have some experience with conflict resolution. Phil gave a shout out to Shawn. He is glad he is running.
- Cordell said there is an environmental community grant up for grabs. It is for up to \$50,000. The deadline is Feb 13 to apply.
- Cordell suggested we invite the new fire chief to come to talk and hear his vision for the Fire Department. John Gioia can speak on Covid status in the county.

12. In Remembrance and Celebration

Three people have passed away recently:

- Richard Lompa passed away 2 days ago.
- We lost Mike Parker, Margaret Jordan's husband. He was an inspiration for our community.
- We lost Jay Francis 10 days ago. He was a character around town, one of the sweetest guys ever.

In celebration, Dave said his family all got covid over the last few weeks. The vaccine stopped us from having bad symptoms, and we all are fine now.

Meeting adjourned 9:45



POINT RICHMOND

ART STROLL

Washington Ave.
@ Park Place
Pt. Richmond 94801

Pick up an Art location map here

Art Venues:

- Kaleidoscope Coffee - Dee Bell solo exhibit
- El Sol Restaurant - Brian McGilloway / K Olival
- Post Office window - Bill Johnston, Jr.
- AOPR members art on banners
- Mom & Pop's Art Shop
- Point Richmond Gallery and MORE!

Sunday, April 3, 2022 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm



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