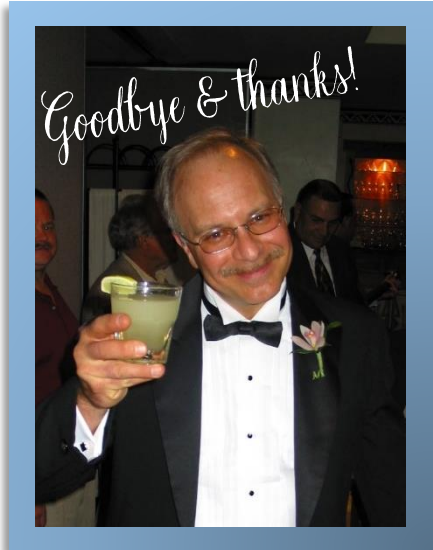




On Point

April 2022



I can hardly believe it's been four years.

Since I joined the Board of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council in May of 2018, we've had meetings go from in-person to ZOOM, seen the restoration of the Wig Wags, the filming of commercials, parklet issues that came and went, the redefining by BNSF of nuisance lighting and their attempt at a hostile takeover of Miller Knox Park. We've hosted multiple Spring Flings and saw rent control be instituted in Richmond. I've taken an aromatic tour of Veolia, learned that our Membership Chair's ancestors arrived on the Mayflower (way to go, Buzz!), witnessed the Masquers Playhouse reborn, watched the Arts of Point Richmond delightfully take art outdoors, seen the PRNC website really come alive, and have experienced the controversial opening of a bike path across the Richmond Bridge. I've watched our community weather the effects of a national pandemic and saw our

resourceful neighbors persevere. To my happy surprise, there are new (solar!) trash receptacles downtown in response to our litter complaints.

It's been my extreme pleasure to hold this office and watch the history of Point Richmond unfold before my eyes. I've never been the most organized person, as you would know if you attended any of our meetings. Still, I hope I've been able to help in some small way. Thanks for the opportunity to serve you.

By the way, it's going to be DUMPSTER DAY again! You'll be receiving detailed flyers in the mail but mark your calendars for May 21 from 8 am to noon. Dumpsters will be located at the 500 block of Wine Street, across from the entrance to the Washington School. Bring your disposable items, photo ID, and utility bill (or something) to show you're a resident of Point Richmond.

And if you're reading this before 11 am on Saturday, come on down to the **Spring Fling** at the Hurlbut Tennis and Garden Park behind the Plunge. Fun for all! And it gives me an opportunity to see you all in person – something I haven't done in a while.



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, April 27, 2022, 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)

PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

AGENDA

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| 7:30 | <i>Call to order and approval of minutes from March 30, 2022</i> | <i>2 minutes</i> |
| 7:32 | <i>Police Report</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 7:37 | <i>President's Report, Peter Thelin</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 7:42 | <i>Nominating Committee: Election of new PRNC Board Members for President, Vice President, and Secretary, Peter Thelin</i> | <i>10 minutes</i> |
| 7:52 | <i>Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan</i> | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:53 | <i>Membership Report, Buzz Baylis</i> | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:54 | <i>PRNC Spring Fling, Dave Bleckinger</i> | <i>10 minutes</i> |
| 8:08 | <i>Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)</i> | <i>14 minutes</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PR CERT, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com</i>
<i>Important Date: May 1, Emergency Drill, 11:00-1:00, in the park</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; Update of April 3 Art Walk</i> • <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559</i> • <i>PRAM, Chrissie Bradley, pram.net</i> • <i>HOA's in Point Richmond</i> | |
| 8:22 | <i>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) Charmain Tyler</i> | <i>1 minute</i> |
| | <i>Announcement of new LUDRC member, David Cole; no projects this month.</i> | |
| | <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.</i> | |
| | <i>The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting, at 6:00 pm.</i> | |
| 8:23 | <i>Chevron: New Project: Richmond Energy Plaza, Hakim Johnson</i> | <i>15/5 minutes</i> |
| 8:43 | <i>Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)</i> | <i>12 minutes</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Masquers Playhouse, Francis 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> • <i>Richmond Table Tennis, Peter Thelin, pthelin1@yahoo.com</i> | |
| 8:55 | <i>Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each)</i> | <i>6 minutes</i> |
| 9:01 | <i>In Remembrance and Celebration</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 9:06 | <i>Adjourn</i> | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Feb 23, 2022
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

PRNC Board Members present:

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

1. *Call to order at 7:34 and approval of minutes from Feb 23, 2022*

Meeting began at 7:32 p.m. Motion to approve minutes from January.

Vote: In favor: All, Opposed: None

2. *Police Report:* Not in attendance.

3. *President's Report, Peter Thelin*

Peter says he has 2 months left as president. Please look at his president letter in this month's newsletter. Ask anyone you know to print the attached letter and send it in. We want to barrage Public Works until they respond to the issue we have with the tunnel. During Covid we had a meeting at the tennis courts and we could hardly hear ourselves because of the noise of the cars roaring through the tunnel. There was once one accident with speeding cars where a fellow lost his legs. We need the city to do something.

Mary Lee Cole said she lives across from the school. She sees these speeding cars. They pull to a stop by the bank, and then try to go as fast as they can through the tunnel. Peter said you can send in an email or real mail.

Leisa said we need to fix the tunnel speed, and the side shows going on out at the port. The sideshows and donuts are issues right now. They don't have it figured out. If we want to focus on just the tunnel first, we can barrage the City. Do a change.org and you turn in the letter at the City Council meeting. Or do a Do-gooder and send it from school and PRAM. Michael Nye said when people lay on their horn it drives him crazy when walking through the tunnel.

4. *Nominating Committee for PRNC Board Members, Peter Thelin*

We have openings for president, secretary, and vice president. Volunteers can apply for one of these positions. The membership votes on this. If you don't make president, you might be a vice president or secretary. I will run for vice president. April is the month that we will vote. The new officers start working right away. I'll be here to help and give advice. Each candidate will have 3 minutes to speak.



Phil Rosenthal said he would like to be president or vice president. Secretary is not for him. He has extensive business experience and extensive public speaking experience. He lives minutes away. He has managed large businesses dealing with 8 to 10 million dollars a year. At age 19 he was the national sales manager for Calvin Klein. In Point Richmond, it's starting to be a much younger family-oriented town. What we really need to do is to persuade younger people to come to the PRNC. I am happy to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I can learn to edit what I say. I am a member of the Women's Westside Improvement Club.

Leisa Johnson said she is a scientist by training and ran her own lab. She stepped down from that and became politically active in the community, especially the city. She does some consultancy work with the city. She holds the city accountable to the residents and the community. Without our voices we won't be heard. We are in tough times in the city at large. We need to talk about how to better unite as a city. It has to start in our neighborhood. The neighborhood councils are a unique form of government. We are looking for ways to make the grass roots stronger to get our city to be better and stronger and more unified. She would like to be president or vice president. She does not want to be secretary because she already does a lot of writing.

Peter said we are still looking for a secretary. If you know anyone who would make a good secretary let him know.

We will have an official vote next month, at the April meeting.

5. *Treasurer's/Membership Report, Margi Sullivan*

We now have 97 paid members. We have a new lifetime member, Edie Sellers. We have had a lot of people paying dues this month. We have 2 \$22,000 in the bank. Sue talked about the Marketing Subcommittee, which is working to get more members. You will all be getting a flyer about a raffle drawing for all paid up members. You will have a chance to win an overnight stay at East Brother Lighthouse, or tickets to Masquers, or a private event at Margi's art gallery.

6. *Spring Fling, Dave Bleckinger*

Dave mentioned that there are 3 other nominees who initially raised their hands. We need to reach out to those people too.

Dave said our 3rd annual Spring Fling will be on April 16. We will start at 11:00 a.m. at Hurlbutt Gardens and tennis court. There will be free food, tennis, bocce ball, and free beer. We don't need a liquor license if you give the beer away. PRNC board members will be there so you can sign up to become a member. There will be a spring hat contest. We co-invite the members of PRAM who bring in those young families. It's a good way to communicate with the community. We can afford to do something for the community benefit.

My wife is locked in at the refinery. She said to tell you to call the police if you don't like the noise over at Chevron because of the strike.

7. **Community Briefs, Part 1**

- **PR CERT**, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com;

We meet on the first Sunday of the month for in-person first aid training. If anyone wants to join us you are welcome.

The courses for emergency preparedness are still being prepared and scheduled. We had a calendar of activities but the person in charge, Jim Yoke, has left his position. Now we are waiting for a new emergency manager for Richmond.

On May 1st we will have an emergency preparedness training exercise. There will be radio work, search and rescue, triage, first aid, work with fire extinguishers, and gas meter shut off training. Everyone is welcome to come and see what we do.

- **Point Richmond Business Association**, Cordell Hindler, pointrichmondbusiness.com

Tomorrow is an event at Little Louie's. Come and mix and mingle.

- **Point Richmond History Association**, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org

We will have our annual meeting this year, and we will meet in Masquers theater.

- **Arts of Point Richmond**, Mary Lee Cole, artsofpointrichmond.com

Sunday is our Art Walk. On May 15th we will have our annual business meeting.

- **Magick Lantern**, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559. Not here

- **PRAM**, Christine Bradley, pram.net; Not here

- **HOA's in Point Richmond**; Leisa talked about the Quarry housing development. They will need an emergency bypass at Canal for fire and police. They would only need to use it if there is no quick way for them to get to a fire. Mary Lee said there is a gate off of Canal. Leisa said the PG&E site is in the subcommittee phase.

Leisa wanted help with blocking off the old cafeteria building. It took someone illegally dumping who got caught in the act. They cut off a vehicle and hit it. They drove the wrong way and fled. I begged the City Council to close off that lot. They put up a wooden fence type of structure, and I am grateful for that.

8. **Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) Charmain Tyler**

No projects this month. Charmain said we need another person for the LUDRC. If you're interested in architecture, engineering, construction, or housing, let me know.

9. **Rich City Rides, Dani Lanis, Project Manager, dani@richcityrides.org, 415-967-8204.**

Dani is a project manager with Rich City Rides and he talked about what they do. He loves bicycling and has a love for the greenway. He lives in Richmond.

They create opportunities for the most vulnerable, provide free bikes, and have gifted more than 3,000 bikes. They will refurbish your old bike. They have selfcare classes and Sunday wellness rides. They loan bikes out. They have big rides for many people, often with themes like women, diabetes, earth day, or riding with pets.

They have a super shed at 16th St. and Ohio. They meet there for Sunday rides and give bikes away from there. They also have monthly park cleanups in city parks. They have done over 80 park cleanups.

If you want to make a donation go to the website, richcityrides.org. You can also sign up for activities.

On MLK Day they had 300 people and a food truck. They also have bike rodeos for kids and youth. There is a bike club for middle schoolers. They sometimes have popups with vendors showcasing locally produced goods.

Rich City Rides has been doing these things for 10 years and have given 788 bike workshops. In front of the Mom & Pop Art Shop in Point Richmond there is a pop up bike repair shop. It was set up because people needed repairs and couldn't bring their bike to the center of Richmond.

Cordell asked if they invite other businesses to help with the cleanup. Dani said that for everything they do, the public is welcome to participate.

Although they are a nonprofit, they also run the bicycle shop for a profit. There are two sides. If you want to buy a bike go to 15th St. and MacDonald. They are open Monday to Saturday.

Kathleen asked if they needed a permit when they have events at Unity Park. Dani said there is someone who deals with that at Urban Tith.

It is interesting that we bring volunteers and paid staff and resources from our own pocket to take care of the park and the cleanup. The city does collaborate. Usually the cleanup is the third Saturday of every month. We bring dumpsters. Republic Service is involved. It is very organized and they check everyone's IDs

10. **Community Briefs, Part 2**

- **Masquers Playhouse**, Francis Smith, masquers.org.
Not here. Rocket Man is playing on Friday and Saturday.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council**, Cordell Hindler, richmondneighbors.org; 27 people attended the last meeting. The police department came to talk and talked about crime trends. Denee Evans talked about a new type of car. The next meeting is April 11 on Zoom.
- **Richmond Tennis and Hurlbutt Benevolent Fund**, Garry and Maryn Hurlbutt, 501-547-8111; Not here. Garry is recovering from hip surgery.
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship**, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us; Not here.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club**, Diane Diani pointrichmond.com/wwic
Diane said the stepping stones were adjusted for the map garden and they moved the large boulders. They worked late on Thursday to be ready for the April 3rd unveiling. We will start to bring in new people. Fill out an application to sign up. We will invite men and women. We will have nominations for president, 2nd vice president, and correspondent. Next April 5, our guest speaker, is from East Bay MUD. We will have a big fundraiser on May 3rd. Our member Marli Prutten just had a baby girl today. Her name is Ava. Congratulations to their family.

11. **Public Forum**

- Cordell suggested topics: invite the new fire chief, Chief Montoya, and invite the new fire chief, Montoya, and invite the new interim city manager.
- Kathleen said there is an odd voter district now. We are linked to the Hilltop neighborhood. Is there any possible merit to meeting with our counterparts of neighborhood councils elsewhere? We can talk about how to come up with candidates. Will there be a forum for the candidates to speak this year?

12. **In Remembrance and Celebration** – none mentioned

Adjourn 9:07 p.m.

Check it out:



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DÍA EN EL VECINDARIO PARA TIRAR BASURA GRATIS

Point Richmond
Saturday, May 21, 2022 8am-12pm
Sabado, 21 de mayo de 2022 8am-12pm

or until dumpsters full/ o hasta que los contenedores de basura estén llenos.

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EVERYONE'S 2022 – 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE MAY 1! The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are \$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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***AND if we receive your membership dues by May 15,
your name will be entered for a chance to win a FABULOUS prize!***

*The next **Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 pm via ZOOM.**
PRNC will send access info to members via email.*

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