



On Point

May 2022



Well, Spring is here...and so are some changes in the PRNC Board of Directors. My name is Philip Rosenthal and I am pleased to be the new president.

Unfortunately, due to COVID protocols, the usual black-tie inaugural ball will need to wait for another time. So back into the closet go our tuxedos and gowns.

I would like to start by thanking Peter Thelin, the previous president, for his help with the transition and for filling the role of secretary. Peter takes over for our previous secretary and super-volunteer Charmain Tyler, who has graciously offered to stay on as Officer-at-Large, thus sharing her staggering institutional knowledge and fantastic organizational skills.

And special thanks go to Dave Bleckinger (The Spring Fling King), who served as first vice president with great dedication and an easy-going demeanor. Dave is replaced by the intrepid Leisa Johnson. Leisa is well known as a researcher, and certainly knows as much about city policy and staffing as many members of city staff and management.

Margi Sullivan and Buzz Baylis continue their terms as treasurer and second vice-president, respectively. Sue Rosenof will take a break from Officer-at-Large, as will Garry Hurlbut. This will leave one at-large position to be filled alongside Charmain. Sue has offered to assist with the graphics and marketing, and a "shout out" goes to June Hight who continues to update the website.

The end of May brings many activities, including the **Free Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 21st.**

Line up alongside the ball field on West Cutting. Dumpsters will be located on Wine Street in front of Washington Elementary.

Volunteers are needed to assist with directing traffic.

The upcoming general membership meeting is Wednesday, May 25th at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Hope to see you there!

Philip Rosenthal
President --
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD DUMPSTER DAY!

Point Richmond
Saturday, May 21, 8 am to noon
or until dumpsters are full.

DUMPSTER LOCATION:

500 block of Wine St. by Washington School.
Enter on W Cutting Blvd.

Metal recyclables accepted. Bring proof of residency, no businesses. If you are a senior or disabled, you can request curbside assistance by calling 510-231-3010 before noon May 18th.

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.

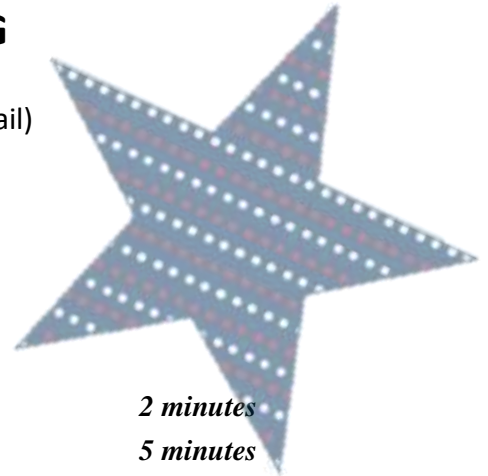


GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 25, 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 April 27, 2022 | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | Police Report | 5 minutes |
| 7:37 | President's Report, Philip Rosenthal | 5 minutes |
| 7:42 | Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan | 1 minute |
| 7:43 | Membership Report, Buzz Baylis | 1 minute |
| 7:44 | Trash/Dumpster Day Recap, Philip Rosenthal | 2 minutes |
| 7:46 | Next Month's Fire Marshall Visit, Leisa Johnson | 5/5 minutes |
| 7:56 | Community Briefs, Part 1 (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, Mary Lee Cole, 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 | |
| 8:10 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler | 5 minutes |
| | <i>Project: 495 Western Drive, deck project</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 PRNC General Membership meeting, at 6:00 pm.</i> | |
| 8:15 | Hidden City Ballroom-Suzie Hardt -HiddenCityBallroom@gmail.com | 5/5 minutes |
| 8:25 | Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each) | 10 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masquers Playhouse, Francis 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 | |
| 8:35 | Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) | 6 minutes |
| 8:41 | In Remembrance and Celebration | 5 minutes |
| 8:46 | Adjourn | |





Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 27, 2022
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com



PRNC Board Members present:

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

1. *Call to order and approval of minutes from March 30, 2022*

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

Vote: In favor: All, Opposed: None

2. *Police Report:* Not in attendance.

3. *President's Report, Peter Thelin:* One big topic that I have been letting slide is in person meetings. People have asked when we are going to have in person meetings. Some people do not have a computer. This is my last meeting because I am terming out. I have learned so much. It has been really rewarding for me. I am sure that you will be in good hands moving forward.

4. *Nominating Committee, Charmain Tyler:* This is PRNC's annual meeting. Every year some of the board positions come available. This year it is the position of President, Vice President, and Secretary. The nominating committee has met and have 3 nominees to recommend. The PRNC members will vote for these positions. You do have to be a member to vote.

Here are the nominees for these 3 positions:

For president, Phil Rosenthal

For vice president, Leisa Johnson

For secretary, Peter Thelin

Dave will handle the actual election and voting. Dave thanked the nominating committee for the 3 nominees for the 3 positions for the board. He checked the by-laws, and it does say that nominations can come from the floor at the last minute. Are there any members who would like to nominate someone for any of these positions?

There are no further nominations. The nominations are closed. We will now vote.

If you are in favor of Phil Rosenthal for president, raise your hand.

Vote: In favor: All; Opposed: None. Phil will be the new PRNC president.

If you are in favor of Leisa Johnson for vice president, raise your hand.

Vote: In favor: All; Opposed: None. Leisa will be the new PRNC vice president.

If you are in favor of Peter Thelin for secretary, raise your hand.

Vote: In favor: All; Opposed: None. Peter will be the new PRNC secretary.

Peter thanked Dave for being an incredible vice president and thanked Charmain for being a wonderful secretary. Garry and Charmain really helped. And June and Hilary. There are so many great talented people in The Point. Margi added that Charmain did a great bunny hop at the Spring Fling. She was amazing.

5. *Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan*

We are in great shape financially. I will be picking up the check tomorrow for the \$2500 from the Gateway Foundation. Along with the Mechanics bank, and the new memberships, that brings the total to around \$22,100. Peter reminded us that we will get money from the cannabis company by this time next year.

6. *Membership Report, Buzz Baylis*

Adding to the joyous news from Margi, we picked up 40 new-to-us members. We've had about 30 renewed. With our mailing, the Art Walk, and the Spring Fling, we have had a good month. Phil said thank you to Charmain and Margi and said that 3 of his neighbors signed up just after the Spring Fling. All 3 of them are young families.

7. *Spring Fling, Dave Bleckinger*

This was our 3rd annual Spring Fling. Dave said he was very busy with the events and serving food. Thank you to all the board members for contributing. We had between 80 and 100 people attending. We couldn't do it for a couple years, then had to push it off for one week to get better weather. We got new members and had a lot of positive feedback from everyone. This is a community event. If you like it you can join, too.

We had a tennis demo, live band, free pizza, oranges, and apple sauce. Free beer, juice, and water. We had face painting. The kids participated in egg hunt and 2 kinds of egg races. We had a hat contest. Someone said we should have an adult and kid division for the hat contest. We also had a raffle. There were many generous donations. East Brother donated the beer. It was a fantastic event. Thank you all for attending. We had 15 pizzas, 40 waters, 50 juices, bags of oranges, and a bunch of smashed eggs! Peter said it was entertaining to watch Dave give complicated directions to the kids.

Garry said it was great to see the young people out. Phil said it was surprising to see how many kids participated in the tennis demo. It was great.

Dave added that Garry and Maryn made the venue available and made sure it was all cleaned up and ready. Phil strung up the little flags. Charmain decorated with the pompoms. Sue did the graphics for the signs and flyers.

8. **Community Briefs, Part 1**

- **PR CERT**, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267 charmain.tyler@gmail.com;
Sunday, May 1, Emergency Drill, 11:00 to 1:00 in the park. We will be working with radios, search and rescue exercises, triage, and first aid. We will have a training fire extinguisher to practice using, and a training gas meter to practice gas shut off. You can be involved in the CERT drill activities, or you can volunteer as a victim. PR CERT = Point Richmond Community Emergency Response Team.
- **Point Richmond Business Association**, Cordell Hindler, pointrichmondbusiness.com
Karen Buchanan is on the Board of the PRBA and she spoke. The next mixer will be Wednesday, May 18, at 4:30, at El Sol. The Baltic Spice House is permanently closed. There was a dispute between the partners. It's now available for a new restaurant.
- **Point Richmond History Association**, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org
Karen Buchanan spoke about the annual membership meeting on the 3rd Sunday in May. This is the first in person membership meeting in 2 years.
- **Arts of Point Richmond**, Mary Lee Cole, artsofpointrichmond.com
The AOPR continues to thrive. First annual stroll was on April 3. It was a lot of fun and very successful. Margi's gallery had a spectacular opening. We got new members. 17 fresh new Taking It Outdoors banners were installed. We are working on the kids' Taking It Outdoors with Washington School. People are bringing in a lot of art material for the kids. We have great photos on website. We're putting together a policy for solo and small group shows. A new artist will be showing in Kaleidoscope.
- **Magick Lantern**, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559. Kate is astounded at being able to open the second Saturday in May. The enormous amount of effort was helped by my going to Margi. It was going to be \$751 for the Community Center. I have been working on this for almost a year. A fee waiver was proposed but it did not go through. And now we have a place at the Methodist Church. Thank you to Margi for helping me get over this. I don't yet have a picture picked out. We are still negotiating.
- **PRAM**, Christine Bradley, pram.net; new president is Katherine Otis. Mom of one and new homeowner in PR. Working with Washington School, doing crafts after school. We hope to do a relay race this summer and use the park without dogs. We would like to hold events at the school. Open to co-sponsoring an event with PRNC.
- **HOA's in Point Richmond**; Leisa Johnson said the major thing is about PG&E development. The DRB should have been tonight. The application was incomplete so DRB chair postponed it. I will let you know when it comes back on the agenda. There is going to be a lot to address.

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

There are no projects this month. Charmain announced a new LUDRC member, David Cole. He has been on committees, organizations and boards before and was President of Masquers. He and Mary Lee have participated in PRNC and have been members.

David said he has always been interested in architecture and learning more about it. He understands property issues and view issues. He has lived in different places in Point Richmond and knows some of the neighborhoods in different areas. Welcome

David Cole to the PRNC LUDRC!

10. **Chevron: New Project: Richmond Energy Plaza, Hakim Johnson** Hakim sends Peter a text if there is something going on at Chevron. He is here to talk about the Richmond Energy Plaza, exciting for Richmond. Chevron has been taking on new projects and moving toward net zero to reduce emissions. A big component is the hydrogen plant. There is a green hydrogen project going on at Republic Services site. Richmond Chevron is on the brink of leading on alternative fuels. The fuels need to be able to be distributed to vessels, cars, passenger vehicles, trucks. The Energy Plaza is a renewable natural gas and hydrogen station.

Olu Adeoye was introduced. He has been with Chevron for 4 years. A mile north of the refinery is an old fertilizer plant that has been closed. We want to put in a beautiful facility there to refuel 100 small vehicles per day, like UPS or USPS vehicles.

John Sakamoto, the project director, was introduced. He showed some slides showing a conceptual view with vehicles fueling compressed natural gas under one canopy and smaller commercial vehicles fueling with hydrogen under another canopy.

This site is located off the Richmond Parkway near Castro Street intersection. The site is empty and the prior structures and equipment are gone. The vehicles that come to the new site might be Toyota Mirai, which uses hydrogen fuel.

Q & A:

Kate: How long does it take to fill up a car? It seems there is more opportunity for trucks than cars.

Olu: The predominant passenger vehicle now is the Toyota Mirai. We can fill one kilogram per minute. The storage in the Mirai will be 6 kilograms, so that would be 6 minutes. For the larger trucks, they will have 30 kilograms of storage and it will take 20 to 30 minutes to fill us. Both will be able to be fueled simultaneously.

Leisa: Is the fueling time the same for natural gas and for hydrogen? What is the timeline for building this facility?

Olu: The fueling time for hydrogen will be 5 or 6 minutes. The basis of the design is to be similar to regular gas fueling.

Dave: How is hydrogen going to be sourced? What is footprint in compared to gas car?

Olu: There will be less carbon dioxide in the environment. Worst-case scenario, get hydrogen from fracking. You will have carbon dioxide in that process, but less than from burning gasoline in vehicle. We would buy from companies that are producing hydrogen. Chevron is investing in a bio-methane project in Richmond. The methane is from landfill. Some will come to facility also. That will have negative carbon effect.

Hakim: There are existing 3rd party suppliers out there now. We will also have joint partners. The emissions from using hydrogen are zero emissions from the fuel.

Peter: Speak to the conversion or equivalency of kilograms vs. gallons of gas.

Olu: If you put everything together including cost, the closest measure is using 5 gallons of gas. On advanced model, you can compare 18 miles to one kg. Moves faster. It's quieter. There is more fuel efficiency. With 5 kgs you can go 80 miles per kg, about 400 miles for a full tank, using the Toyota Mirai as example.

Phil: Is Chevron's attempt to capture methane going to be at our own methane processing place? Or does it have to be transported?

Hakim: This is still being explored at this time. It is not a reality yet.

Olu: We are looking at supporting a local place for hydrogen production.

11. **Community Briefs, Part 2**

- **Masquers Playhouse**, Francis Smith, masquers.org. Not here.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council**, Cordell Hindler, There was a big turnout of about 52 people. The Finance Department talked about the budget process. The Arts and Cultural division from city manager's office also spoke. The next meeting is May 9 at 7 pm via zoom. Phil asked if there was funding for art projects in each neighborhood? Yes. Maybe we need funding for an art mural. Maybe that is something that we could tap into.
- **Richmond Tennis and Hurlbutt Benevolent Fund**, Garry and Maryn Hurlbutt, 501-547-8111; John did a great job at the Spring Fling working with the kids. He does lessons for youth and adults. If you need lessons, call me. We did finish the courts at MLK park. Resurfaced 2 courts there. We do a lot of summer work there with the kids. Maryn is coordinating Willie May's Day, May 21st, and Hands Across the Bay. He is 91 years old. We are dedicating a plaque at Nichol Park. He did a lot with the March of Dimes with kids in Richmond. Maryn is coordinating with Mayor Breed from SF and Mayor Butt. Willie Mays Park will be dedicated.
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship**, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us; Karen Buchanan spoke. We are kicking off the pancake breakfast for Mothers' Day. The ship is still floating. We need to get the ship dry docked and we will be doing fundraising for that. They are still welding the rough spots.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club**, Diane Diani pointrichmond.com/wwic Mary Lee Cole reported. There will be the annual fundraiser this Tuesday, Bunko. It's crazy fun. Money from fundraiser goes to general fund. The money goes to local St. Vincent de Paul to help homeless people, and the Richmond emergency food pantry. We continue to have garden days. We had 10-15 people sign up for new membership. Phil has been weeding out the tree wells by the library. There is a program where the city will reimburse for bagged mulch. I remember the park chair saying there was some money for supplies.
- **Richmond Table Tennis**, Peter Thelin, pthelin1@yahoo.com Point San Pablo Yacht Club on Mondays from 5 to 8 o'clock. Cheapest drinks in East Bay. Some enthusiastic players. People are learning fast. No charge but donations are accepted. It's good exercise. You can bring food to share. You don't have to play. Just come and talk and make new friends.

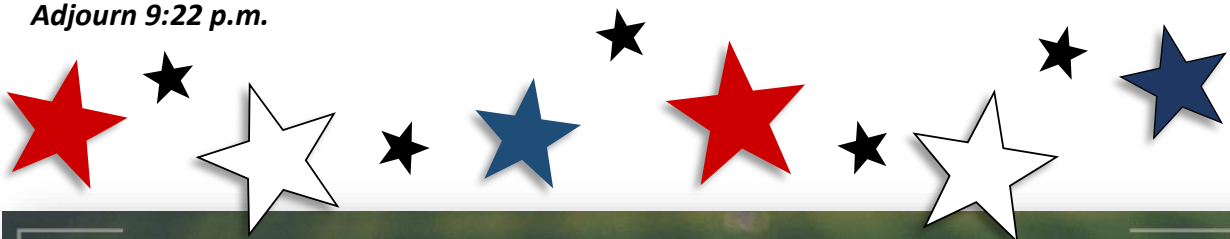
12. **Public Forum**

- Cordell - future agenda - invite someone from Finance re: how the budget process works. Another idea is to invite the arts and cultural manager to speak about public art. I have their emails.
- Phil - the Bay Area Explorers Guild made a tiny replica of explorers' guide for the point fairy houses. I will donate to the history association. They are now on google maps. The guide is from Jimmy Robinson.
- Mary Lee said that Jimmy Robinson is a shy guy but it would be great if he could come to talk about this project. Little Point Richmond is on line. Peter spoke to him and asked him to come, but he did not want to come to PRNC.

13. **In Remembrance and Celebration**

Peter thanked Dave Bleckinger and Charmain Tyler for everything they have done in their roles. I am looking forward to seeing what Phil and Leisa will bring.

Adjourn 9:22 p.m.



WILLIE MAYS DAY

SATURDAY
MAY 21, 2022
10AM-2PM

NICHOLL PARK
BASEBALL DIAMOND #1
RICHMOND, CA

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for a celebration as we rename our baseball diamond in honor of the Baseball Hall of Fame legend, Willie "The Say Hey Kid" Mays!

PARADE 10AM

CEREMONY 11AM

YOUTH BASEBALL EXHIBITION GAME 12PM

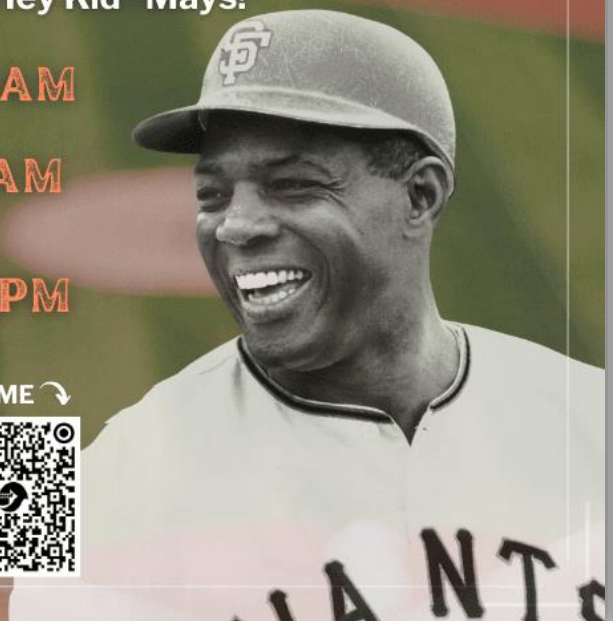


For more information on the event and how to join the parade:

tinyurl.com/williemays2022

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EVERYONE'S 2022 – 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE 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.

New Renewal Individual Household

Name _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____



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