



On Point

June 2022



So, one month down and 23 to go as PRNC President. So far, it's been a fruitful time, with lots of support and many questions (both *to me* and *from me*)!

Your voice in the city of Richmond.

Since it was established in 1956, the Neighborhood Council system has given the citizens of Richmond a voice with which to communicate with the city council and staff. It's an uncommon system of two-way communication and although it's not always perfect, it does help get things done. With so many new residents to our neighborhood and some dramatic political and financial questions facing Richmond, it's important to understand what the PRNC can do for you and how your participation matters.

You choose the issues that matter to you.

The board doesn't vote on which issues are discussed at meetings — YOU do! Whether it's to advise the city on local issues, support a project like safety or traffic calming, or discuss voting districts, the PRNC decides which issues are important to our community, then communicates the general membership's opinions to the appropriate city officials. We set the agenda by considering requests, scheduling Land Use Design Review Committee projects, and often feature important guests from city staff or the community. This month, for example, we have a timely presentation from the Fire Marshal. On the lighter side, we have Community Briefs from clubs, organizations, and condominium homeowner associations. Questions can be answered — often on the spot — by your neighbors.

We hope to see you at our next meeting!

So get involved and join the discussion! Ask and answer questions and let your voice be heard by the city. It's easier (and safer) than ever right now, with meetings held via Zoom that you can attend from a computer or cell phone. During the meetings you can cook dinner, tuck the kids into bed, wear your pajamas, or "come as you are." Tell your neighbors and we'll see you on June 29th at 7:30 pm.

THIS JUST IN: *This Wednesday, June 22nd* at 6 pm via Zoom, the Richmond Design Review Board will hold a study session to discuss changes to the ongoing Terminal One Project. To join the call, click on the following link: <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/12116>

ALSO: There is an affordable housing opportunity for those Richmond residents 62 and older. Pre-applications can be found at www.contracostahousing.org and must be submitted by Thursday, June 30 at 4 pm. For more information, please email ie@contracostahousing.org or call 925-957-7087.

Philip Rosenthal

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, June 29, 2022, 7:30pm

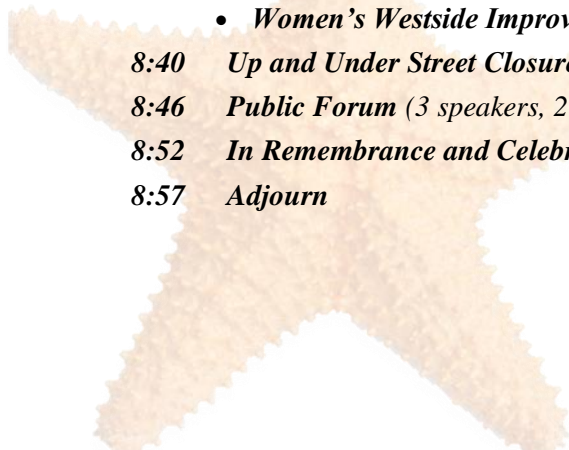
Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)

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AGENDA

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| 7:30 | <i>Call to order and approval of minutes from May 25, 2022</i> | <i>2 minutes</i> |
| 7:32 | <i>Police Report</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 7:37 | <i>President's Report, Philip Rosenthal</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 7:42 | <i>Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan</i> | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:43 | <i>Membership Report, Buzz Baylis</i> | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:44 | <i>Fire Marshall Visit, Leisa Johnson</i> | <i>15/15 minutes</i> |
| 8:14 | <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>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>PRAM, Chrissie Bradley, pram.net</i>• <i>HOA's in Point Richmond</i> | |
| 8:28 | <i>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler</i> | <i>n/a</i> |
| | <i>No projects: 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 PRNC General Membership meeting, at 6:00 pm.</i> | |
| 8:28 | <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>Point Richmond Table Tennis Club, Peter Thelin, 2510-326-8108</i>• <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us</i>• <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani pointrichmond.com/wwic</i> | |
| 8:40 | <i>Up and Under Street Closure Nate Trivers/Ernest Lumpa</i> | |
| 8:46 | <i>Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each)</i> | <i>6 minutes</i> |
| 8:52 | <i>In Remembrance and Celebration</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 8:57 | <i>Adjourn</i> | |





Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 25, 2022

PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

1. **Call to order and approval of minutes from April 27, 2022**

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

Vote: In favor: All, Opposed: None

2. **Police Report:** No officer in attendance.

3. **President's Report, Philip Rosenthal:** Phil introduced himself and is thrilled to take over from Peter Thelin who volunteered to take over the Secretary position. The PRNC will be taking off the month of August – there will be no general meeting. Trash and Dumpster Day was a huge success thanks to the help of Philip, Peter and Sue, Eddie Sellers, and Andrew Cohn. As we prepare for next year's event, there have been requests from the community that we try for after Memorial Day due to yard sales. Philip supplied pastries from Roma Cafe. Philip spoke about the request by the Up and Under restaurant for a street closure of Railroad Avenue on July 16th, from 12 o'clock noon to 4 o'clock for a street party. Without signoff from all of the affected neighbors it was decided to decline the request at the present time.

4. **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.

5. **Membership Report, Buzz Baylis – not in attendance**

6. **Leisa Johnson** spoke about next month's visit from Fire Marshal Gowen (Chief Montoya has prior commitment and is unable to attend) on June 29. He will speak about annual fire safety review re: vegetation in Richmond area and to review fire department's current schedule, abating city-owned properties in high fire hazard severity zones. (The Point has two of the six zones listed). Prepare questions and concerns to present to the fire marshal. For instance, how does the Richmond fire department and East Bay Regional parks fire department work together? And about the overlap with BNSF property to ensure that all the areas are covered?

7. **Community Briefs, Part 1**

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

We had an exercise drill on May 1st with scenarios about emergencies sending teams to resolve issues. It was quite successful and we learned a lot. They are trying to set up emergency training drills for twice a year. And they have regular training on the first Sunday of every month at Judge Carroll Park.

- **Point Richmond Business Association**, Cordell Hindler, pointrichmondbusiness.com not here

- **Point Richmond History Association**, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org not here

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

I hope everyone is enjoying the Take It Outdoors banners around town. When school's out there will be more banners on display on Cutting Ave. There were over 30 banners installed by a team of 56 kids and a ceremony where each kid got a "certificate of completion". It was hugely popular with staff and parents and the school and brought a lot of resources in including art materials for teachers to use. May 31st a new display will be installed in the Post Office windows, celebrating Point Richmond's own David Moore; 50 years of Art.

- **Magick Lantern**, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559. May 15th's movie "One Last Deal" was a good show and the movie was well received. Next month (June 11th) is an Icelandic film called "Rams". Very unusual film about two brothers who have an interesting relationship in their farming activities. The Magick Lantern's new location is the First United Methodist Church on Martina Street.

- **PRAM**, Ronan, pram.net; Field Day event, June 11th: a special day of games and activities for children and members of the community, including a barbecue and refreshments. Will be updated on PRAM website.

- **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.

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

The LUDRC reviewed construction at 495 Western drive. The property owners are Mr. and Mrs. Corshun and were represented by the Divan studio. They want to alter their windows and put a deck over their driveway. The LUDRC liked the plans and there are no objections from the neighbors. The LUDRC voted to accept this project as planned, with no conditions. A vote was taken to accept the Land Use Design Review Committee's recommendations and approve this project. All in favor. None opposed.

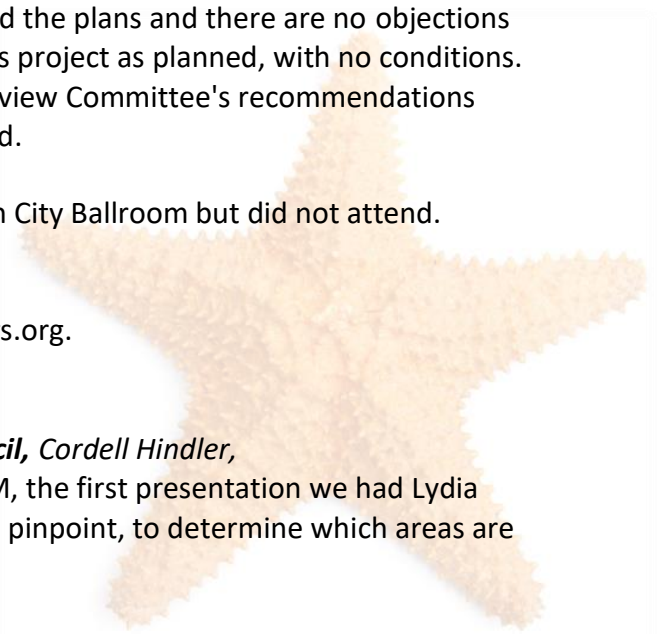
9. **Suzie Hart** was scheduled to present for the Hidden City Ballroom but did not attend.

10. **Community Briefs, Part 2**

- **Masquers Playhouse**, Francis Smith, masquers.org. Not here.

- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council**, Cordell Hindler,

The RNCC had about 31 participants on ZOOM, the first presentation we had Lydia Elias; travel-safe Richmond and an interactive pinpoint, to determine which areas are



the most problematic. Patrick Phelan talked about asphalt art. Jan mentioned President's Binders career fair at Hilltop Community Church in June.

- **Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund**, Gary Hurlbut
Saturday, the Benevolent Foundation partnered with San Francisco. The Parks and Rec Commission talked about creating a Walk of Honor around Nichol Park and there is an obelisk by the ball field. It shows Willie and has a QR code that kids can go up show all the statistics. Larry Baer from San Francisco Giants spoke for Willie, who is 91 and was advised not to attend because of COVID concerns. Michael Mays came from New York and Tom Butt spoke and gave him the keys to the city to Willie. There was a parade down McDonald Avenue.
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship**, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us; not present
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club** Marie Lee Cole pointrichmond.com/wwic
Last month we had a fun Bunco game at the Methodist Church and picnic in the garden. The money raised went to the Richmond emergency food pantry. People are excited about other projects including the Rose and Map garden. Meets the first Tuesday of every month. Meeting in person, around 11:30 at the Methodist Church..
- **Richmond Table Tennis**, Peter Thelin, pthelin1@yahoo.com
Table tennis every Monday at 5 o'clock until 8, at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club on Cutting Ave. Go to the gate and press the button to get in. We've had anywhere from four people to 20 people, they're inexpensive drinks. Somebody usually brings snacks and there's snacks at the bar. Very cheap snacks and it's a lot of fun. Everybody goes really easy because most people are just starting out.

11. **Public Forum**

- Gary Hurlbut will host a meet and greet with mayoral candidate Shawn Dunning June 4, from 3 to 6 at Up and Under. There'll be appetizers, beer and wine.
- Cordell Hindler suggested to invite the City Manager to talk about the city and the budget. Also to invite Lydia Elias the Senior Planner to come and talk about Travel Safe Richmond.
- Margie Sullivan: the Point Richmond Gallery is opening the backyard for a picnic Sunday, June 12, from 2 to 6 and will have a Frank Sinatra singer, just a place to crash and relax.
- Philip Rosenthal: Drawings for 3 donated prizes for those members who pay their dues in a timely manner.
 - **1st prize** is an overnight stay for two at the East Brothers Light House.
Winners: Donald Smith and Gloria Haley
 - **2nd prize** are 2 tickets to a live production at Masquers.
Winners: David and Mary Lee Cole
 - **3rd prize** is an elegant private artist and wine reception for 8, Sponsored by Point Richmond Gallery. Winner: Will Wenham.

11. **Remembrance and Celebrations**

Mary Lee Cole, remember the children in Uvalde.

Philip Rosenthal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 and Peter Thelin seconded.

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 _____



*The next **Point Richmond Neighborhood Council** General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 pm via ZOOM.** PRNC will send access info to members via email.*

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