



On Point

November 2022

THE HOLIDAY SEASON...

is in full swing with the lighting of the tree in the town triangle. The celebration took place at sunset on November 26th with the choir caroling, the joyous voices of children and some new lights on trees in front of the Point Richmond Gallery and on West Richmond and Park Place. Volunteers from Woman's Westside Improvement and the PRNC tidied up the area as the Methodist Church warmly kicked off the festivities with its celebration.



The Arts of Point Richmond will be holding its popular art show and sale at the community center on Saturday, December 3 from 11:00 to 4:30. Free admission and a great opportunity to choose artfully made gifts for the holidays.

The combined November/December PRNC meeting will be held on December 7 via Zoom. We are scheduled to have the new city manager Daniel Chavarria and other city staff on hand to discuss the bike lane projects and the effects it is having, and will have, on our neighborhood. In the meantime, specific public works comments can be emailed to: Daniel.Chavarria@ci.richmond.ca.us

December meetings come at a busy time, but please try to attend so that your voice can be heard regarding the drastic changes that are planned for Point Richmond and Brickyard Cove.



May the wind be at your back...

Writer and sailor Webb Chiles said: "A sailor is an artist whose medium is the wind." Our community lost one of its most avid sailors and artists with the passing of **Jim DeWitt** on November 19th at the age of 92. He was known in the Bay Area sailing world as a racer and sailmaker and even more so as an internationally renowned painter, famous for his vibrant and dramatic impressionist paintings, most frequently illustrating the excitement of a sailor's journey. He was a beloved member of the community and we express our condolences to Jim's family.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL, and we'll see you on December 7th.

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.



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December at 7:30 pm

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 October 26, 2022 meeting | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | Police Report, Beat Officer | 10 minutes |
| 7:42 | President's Report, Philip Rosenthal | 5 minutes |
| 7:47 | Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan | 1 minute |
| 7:48 | Membership Report, Buzz Baylis | 1 minute |
| 7:49 | Discuss Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, Street Safety | 15/45 minutes |
| | <i>Director Daniel Chavarria (Public Works), Director Lina Velasco, Patrick Phelan, Denee Evans</i> | |
| 8:49 | Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each) | 12 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• Table Tennis, Peter Thelin | |
| 9:01 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler | N/A |
| | <i>Project: none</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> | |
| 9:01 | Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each) | 14 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PR CERT, Charmain Tyler, charmain.tyler@gmail.com, (510) 334-7267• 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 Brickyard Cove, Community | |
| 9:15 | Public Forum (3 speakers, 2 minutes each) | 6 minutes |
| 9:21 | In Remembrance and Celebration | 5 minutes |
| 9:26 | Adjourn | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 26, 2022

PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

Present; Phil Rosenthal, Leisa Johnson, Buzz Baylis, Margi Sullivan, Peter Thelin, Charmain Tyler

call to order; minutes accepted.

Philip Rosenthal; Welcome Sergeant Patchin and Captain Stonebreaker.

Captain Stonebreaker; We have a new program Peregrine -- look up your neighborhood and see how many calls to police in a 30-day span of the Point Richmond area. It says you had a total of 15 reports, one pursuit and a couple of mental health (5150) calls. Also loitering and four stolen vehicles. That's the monthly average. We are understaffed right now. In 2006, the recruiting officers said we were down 50 officers. Now it's around 37. We are recruiting and want to get back community policing with officers on bicycles, on foot, out of their cars and contacting community members. We still train our newer to get to know our community.

09:10 Sergeant Patchin; The industry standard for reporting crimes has shifted. It was called the UCR – Universal Crime Reports. In the past, if we had a home burglary and the house was vandalized and the car stolen, the top-level crime (the home burglary) is what would be reported under UCR. Not the vehicle theft and vandalism: meaning that just one crime was reported. But effective as of last year, we moved over to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This entailed a complete revamping of our system to be in national compliance. Now everything will be captured within the reports, not just the residential burglary. If there are 20 crimes that occurred, then we need to report all 20 crimes.

That is why you might see a difference in the reporting. This being new, our crime analyst section still uses UCR because that's what the way the system was set up. In January, it's going to start reflecting that NIBRS standard, not the UCR standard.

In the past, if we had a shooting that occurred during a robbery and a car was stolen, the UCR would only record the robbery and not the weapon and vehicle theft. Now all of the crimes are listed in the report.

13:45 June Hight; Regarding an incident at the local school, I read on Next Door.

Sargent Patchin; This was a 5150 report. We recommend Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (taller fencing). One of our officers can do a report and help with what they need to do to make this safer if something was to happen.

16:36 Leisa Johnson; Could give an update on the carjacking that happened behind the Baltic Kiss and the sideshow on Cutting and Canal?

17:18 Captain Stonebreaker; What happened behind the Baltic Kiss is a vehicle theft reported to us as a carjacking, but it doesn't meet our definition. According to the stolen vehicle report, the owner parked their car, came back the next morning and it was gone. The owner wasn't present so it wasn't a carjacking.

18:43 Leisa Johnson; Can you give a brief update on the last two sideshows?

18:49 Captain Stonebreaker; There was a sideshow at South 23rd and Cutting (a block from police dept.). Officers attempted to disperse them and followed some cars out to make sure that they weren't going to be doing any other nefarious activities. We're not going to catch them when they overwhelm us by numbers. We don't have the staff. Our goal is to catch one of them at least. So as the officers were following a car, it peeled off and pulled into the police department parking lot. So, they realized they made a bad move, and decided to make a bad situation even worse. A passenger jumped out of the car and scaled the fence, into our secure lot. He then ran through that lot and went "holy crap there's a lot of police cars here, this isn't good".

He scaled the inner perimeter fence and ended outside our locker rooms. Police officers exited the building to assist him with his tour of our department. He threw a loaded firearm into the bushes and was taken into custody. We were able to walk him to our jail instead of driving him.

Simultaneously, associated with the same sideshow, another car drove to the dead end of Marina Bay and ended up at Vincent Park. Once cornered, the officer conducted a traffic stop on that vehicle, and a passenger jumped out and ran off. The driver threw a loaded firearm out of the window, which we were able to recover, and took the driver into custody. So, we got two firearms off the street, impounded their cars for 30 days and two people were going to jail.

25:26 Amanda Bruun; A question about the reporting changes. How they're going to compare year over year so that going forward, the numbers don't look severely inflated.

25:46 Captain Stonebreaker; If you go to the open data portal, there is a disclaimer that will address that issue. You will see inflated numbers because we're going to be reporting more accurately. There's going to be a natural increase in the number of crimes reported. The only way to parse out the data would be looking at the number of cases versus charges year over year and look at how many actual crimes are reported. That's a great question. We're winging it here and everybody knows it. It's going to look inflated. We're going to research each year.

27:40 Sargent Patchin; I wouldn't expect a huge uptick in violent crimes because those Part One Violent Crimes are already being reported. You will see an uptick in property crimes, vandalisms and burglaries that were associated with those violent crimes that previously were reported.

28:11 Peter Thelin; Are these sideshows unique to Richmond?

Captain Stonebreaker; The sideshows come down from Sacramento. These groups don't just pick on Richmond, They're on social media platforms. These guys all know where to go. They convoy to Oakland, San Francisco, or another target location. We're just as much in the mix as any of those. They work their way up and down the 880 corridors. I'm sure Sacramento has made some Richmond driver arrests. It's widespread. No real target location.

30:31 Sargent Patchin; There's nothing special about Richmond, it's just a city by the Bay.

32:51 Peter Thelin; Are these private cars or is a percentage stolen?

33:01 Sargent Patchin; I have seen videos of them renting a U-Haul pickup truck. They take plates off cars too.

34:48 June Hight; A couple of years ago, we did a scavenger hunt. We're going to do it again, trying to make it a tradition. We need neighbors to decorate, I will post on the PRNC website in our chat function. Open to kids from anywhere but limiting hunt to Point Richmond.

35:48 Philip Rosenthal; I spoke with Shonda White about the Community Center. It will be made available to nonprofits but will have to be open to the public at no-charge.

We will send out surveys to determine what's important for meetings, directing comments to city staff and city council so everything will be in public record.

The next meeting in early December will focus on bike-lane traffic safety issues again. There's been concern about the Cutting Ave bike lanes. We can't cover everything in one meeting and need to focus on one or two events.

There is a new notice board next to the Community Center, across from the Baltic. It has a lock and is only available to public notices. Contact me or the librarian.

Treasurers report: Margi Sullivan; We have about \$20,000 in the bank.

Membership report: Buzz Baylis; We have 135 dues paying members and 10 renewals this month.

Bruce Brubaker; Bruce Beyaert is at the T-One meeting tonight. So, I am substituting for him.

Philip Rosenthal; There's been concern about pedestrian safety in the tunnel. It's a tight squeeze and more bikes will be using the tunnel as we add new residents from Brickyard Cove.

Jan Brown, a wayfinding designer helping with safety signs. We felt the original signs didn't emphasize safety as the number one concern and that the community should vote her new sign ideas.

Bruce Brubaker; TRAC and Bruce Beyaert have been working with the Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for about a year to address cycle conflicts. Bruce is also running the Bay Trail network and gets emails from people concerned about bike conflicts and safety. We're working in the Marina Bay Area to let everyone know that they should respect each other on the trail. As part of that effort, Jan has developed a set of Bay trail signage that has been installed in the Marina Bay Area. Philip met with Bruce about the tunnel. It's pretty narrow. There has to be a strong effort for bicyclists and pedestrians and those walking with dogs and all respect to each other.

Jan Brown; I was asked to participate as a graphic designer in response to the research and collaborative work of the Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. After the pandemic everybody was hitting the trails. They wanted two signs; one larger with instructions and located at the hubs of intersecting pathways and the other smaller sign with simple messaging for those who missed the first one. Your situation at Ferry Point tunnel is a challenge. Starting with the simplest, is a 24 by 24-inch sign it would have the same common ground theme and then number two uses the diamond shape and also explanation of what the caution is about (two-way bicycle and pedestrian trail). And is a smaller size, 18 by 24.

Active (paid) members will be voting on and ranking the signs by a raise of hands.

No hands for number one, no hands for number two 14 hands for number three. That was unanimous.

We would love to see that concept with possibly changing the verbiage or including of riding single file and a sidewalk painting or stenciling. Follow up with an email Bruce?

Bruce Brubaker; Yes, we'll need to follow up with the city regarding pavement painting, so there's more to do, but this this was a pretty good and strong direction. Thank you all.

Community briefs.

Masquers Playhouse. [Karen Buchanan](#); We had a fantastic closing weekend. Three sold out shows. The next show Amelie opens November 10.

[RNCC: Cordell Hindler](#); 24 attendees, one presenter, Eva Mann, who and talked about Code Enforcement like blighted properties. The business was the chair of nominating committee reading names of people for offices next year. The next general meeting would be November the 14th, 7pm via zoom. The RNCC holiday dinner is either going to be at the Senior Center or the Rec Center.

Richmond tennis, Garry Hurlbut; We took a team to the Nationals where our top women's team won the Northern California championship. It was a great experience for everybody who played. We finished right about the middle of the pack. Lastly, we are working with USCA Rec department, hoping to set up a robust youth program. Since COVID, the US program has kind of died off and we're trying to get that going again using volunteers from RTA.

[1:29:23 Red Oak Victory Karen Buchanan](#). The movie tomorrow is "Whiskey Galore". It's about what happens when there's a tragic whiskey shortage, an all-Scottish cast, it should be fun. And I heard rumors of actual whiskey being served on the ship if you get there early enough.

Women's Westside Improvement [Mary Lee Cole](#); Discussing plans for redeveloping a plot next to library and across from Baltic Kiss. It would need financial and physical help from our local community to make it a reality. Gardening work is ongoing; pruning large plants and weeding and the vines have been trimmed. If you can, come work in the garden. Due to COVID the garden was a drawing point for people to come together and visit and even now they're still bringing in their lunches.

Point Richmond Table Tennis. Peter Thelin; We've been doing really well. People really like the bar; the drinks are pretty cheap. Andrew and Daniel Butt have joined the yacht club, and occasionally the Yacht Club members will play. So even if you don't know how to play ping pong, you might just enjoy dropping by we'll teach you. Mondays 5:00 till whenever people get bored. It's at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club on Cutting.

LUDRC Charmain Tyler; The PG&E folks listened pretty carefully at our last LUDRC meeting and I think they could hear the concern of the community. The amount of fill that they want to truck in in order to accommodate the greatest number of housing units. This causes a conflict. They've come to the LUDRC three times. But there are environmental studies being requested so we will be having this conversation again next year.

CERT: Charmain Tyler; CERT is purchasing various medical supplies. We're getting backpacks so that they can hold medical supplies and we can deploy them in case of a disaster. We're also using it for training.

We had evacuation drill and had a 40% turnout which is really big. I was very happy it went so smoothly.

If there is a disaster, take care of yourself first. Secondly, take care of your family. And third, take care of your neighbors. If you have to leave your house in a big hurry, grab your laundry basket. There will be clothes that fit for the season, and bottoms and tops that probably go together.

PRBA: Cordell Hindler; The PRNC is invited to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce luncheon on November the third which is next Thursday. The featured speakers are mayor Gabe Quinto and Karen Pinkos, the city manager.

Magick Lantern. Karen Spaulding; Olga, the Ukrainian gymnast last month at the Methodist Church was well attended and one of the members brought a Ukrainian woman who wanted to see what the film was about, which is 2013 when the Russians made the first attack on Ukraine and so it was interesting talking to her about her experience from Ukraine. November 12th, we have a French drama thriller movie. Our films are always second Saturday of the month.

Public Comments.

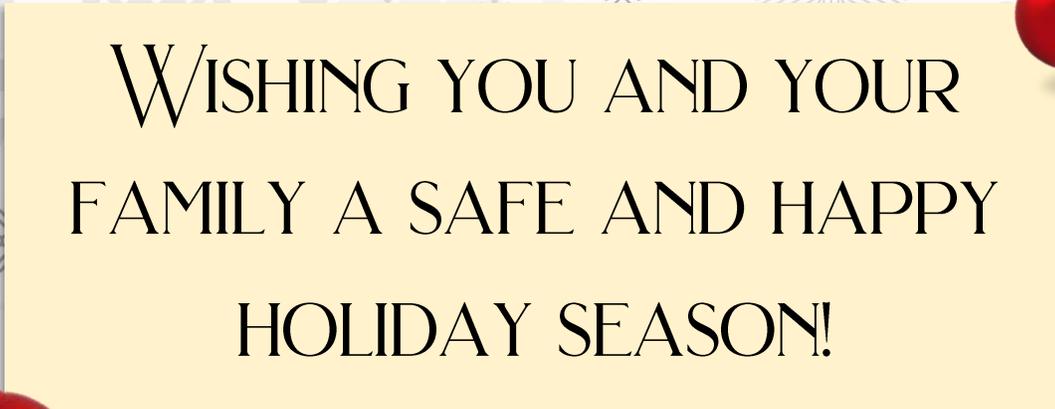
Cordell Hindler; We ought to invite Tamra Walker to talk to us about employment and training in the city because they just had a job fair earlier today and it was a big turnout.

Karen Buchanan; I just want to do announced my haunted Halloween history hike is this Saturday.

In Remembrance and Celebration

Sue Rosenof; I'm sorry to inform the membership that one of our past officers, second vice president Art Mowry passed away a few days ago. He was quite a great character. Really nice, man.

Philip Rosenthal;
Happy Halloween everybody. Be happy!



WISHING YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY A SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON!

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. **REMEMBER: you need to be a member to vote!** Pay online via PayPal at www.pointrichmond.org or mail your check & application to: **PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Pt. Richmond, CA 94807.**

New Renewal Individual Household

Name _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____



*The next Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting is **Wednesday, Dec 7, 7:30 pm via ZOOM.***

PRNC will send access info to members via email.

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