



On Point

May 2023

Howdy Neighbors -

We are facing both good and challenging times in The Point these days, as the weather tries to decide if summer is on the way or we are going to hang on to the last bit of cold weather.

The Hurlbut Foundation has sponsored its semi-annual garden cleanup surrounding Plunge, helping to keep our beloved landmark tidy and safe.

The Richmond Tennis Association's (RTA) Woman's 40+ (Intermediate Players) team took the East Bay Championship and was yet another example of Richmond Pride!

In more challenging news...

The influx of mentally ill unhoused people has become a concern for the neighborhood. There are an estimated 14 new unhoused folks living in town these days, with several incidents of violence and harassment in the neighborhood. Drug sales downtown and in some adjacent areas have become visible and abundant.

Several residents are working with the police department, the city manager's office, Caltrans, CORE, County Health and Supervisor John Gioia's office. It isn't easy, and neither the City nor the County seem equipped to address the influx.

The usual challenge exists: How do we remain compassionate and try to find help for those in need whilst balancing public safety on the streets? The issues and solutions are complex.

Please report issues to 911 or Richmond Police non-emergency at (510) 233-1214, ext 0. We hope to see a community meeting on this issue very soon.

National Night Out plans are beginning to take shape, and we would love to have your organization or business join us. It is a casual block party on August 1, 2023 (details to follow).

We'll see you on May 31st at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

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 May 31st 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 April 26, 2023, meeting minutes | 3 minutes |
| 7:33 | Police Report, Sergeant Melgoza & Officer Tagorda | 15 minutes |
| 7:48 | President's Report, Philip Rosenthal | 5 minutes |
| 7:53 | Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan | 1 minute |
| 7:54 | Membership Report, Buzz Baylis | 1 minute |
| 7:55 | Chevron, Linsi Crain & Hakim Johnson, Update and Q&A | 15/30 minutes |
| 8:40 | Community Briefs, Part 1 (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, Karen Buchanan, 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 | |
| 8:54 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler | N/A |
| | <p><i>Project: none</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting, at 6:00 pm.</i></p> | |
| 8:54 | Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each) | 14 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, pthelin1@yahoo.com or Greg Larson, gdi1mail@gmail.com• Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park, James Davis, jimmsjc@hotmail.com | |
| 9:08 | Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents & Businesses | 10 minutes |
| 9:18 | In Remembrance and Celebration | 5 minutes |
| 9:23 | Adjourn | |





Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 26, 2023
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Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 7:30 pm

Board Members Present: Philip Rosenthal (President), Leisa Johnson (1st Vice President), Buzz Baylis (2nd Vice President, Membership Chair), Peter Thelin (Secretary)

Speakers Present: Sergeant Donald Paxton, Sergeant Enrik Melgoza, Supervisor John Gioia (Contra Costa County), Christy Saxton (Director of Health, Housing and Homeless Services, Contra Costa County), Lavonna Martin (Deputy Health Services Director, Contra Costa County), Vivien Feyer (Human Rights and Human Relations Commissioner), Michelle Milam (Crime Prevention Coordinator, Richmond Police Department)

Call to Order at 7:35 pm

President's Report: Philip Rosenthal

Regarding the Janice Playlot project. The tree trimming company trimmed the palm trees. Beginning early to mid-summer, we'll have a community cleanup day to spruce up Richmond first park.

Treasurer's report: Buzz Baylis (filling in for Margi Sullivan)

Account Balance: \$19,000

Debits: \$4,150 to Janice Playlot; \$450 for Spring Fling; and \$227 for business license.

Membership report: Buzz Bayless

170 paid members, 2 or 3 a day via PayPal

Motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting and seconded, all approved.

Police report: Sergeant Patchin, Sergeant Enrik Melgoza

Total calls:

Past 30 days (3/19/23 to 4/18/23) = 192; Previous 30 days (2/17/23 to 3/19/23) = 168; 14% increase

Past 30 days (3/19/23 to 4/18/23) = 192; Same time last year (3/19/22 to 4/18/22) = 222; 13% decrease

For a copy of RPD's comprehensive statistical report from 3/19/23 to 4/18/23, please contact Leisa Johnson @ prnc.firstvp@gmail.com

Election Committee: Peter Thelin

The committee is actively interviewing potential new board members.

Guest Speakers for County Homeless Update: Supervisor John Gioia (Contra Costa County), Christy Saxton (Director of Health, Housing and Homeless Services, Contra Costa County), Lavonna Martin (Deputy Health Services Director, Contra Costa County), Vivien Feyer (Human Rights and Human Relations Commissioner), Michelle Milam (Crime Prevention Coordinator, Richmond Police Department)

The County provided an update on Richmond homelessness and answered questions from the community.

<https://www.counties.org/home-plan>

They discussed outreach, shelter capacities, interim housing, and permanent housing efforts.

There are currently 14 core teams. Richmond has 1 dedicated two-person team to support the Castro Street encampment, which is funded by a grant. Richmond and CORE are currently rebuilding a Richmond-specific team with new staff members and more hours. CORE is also trying to increase pay to help with retention.

Another resource is Partners in Health, (844) 844-5544.

The County has 2680 beds: 780 interim (shelters), 245 transitional, 1655 permanent.

A recording of the Zoom meeting will be available on YouTube starting in early June. We will let the PRNC know as soon as it goes live. The plan is to upload all historical meetings from 2023 and future meetings to a newly created YouTube PRNC channel.

Point Richmond CERT: No one to speak.

Point Richmond Business Association: Karen Buchanan

PRBA had a meeting on April 13th for the preliminary planning for the Fall Fest in October. And we are having a mixer on May 25th at Little Louie's.

Point Richmond History Association: Karen Buchanan will be a docent for a walking tour, Saturday, May 6th.

Arts of Point Richmond: No one to speak.

Magick Lantern: No one to speak.

HOA's: Leisa Johnson

The appeal for the PG&E residential development is currently scheduled for May 16th, before the City Council. I encourage everybody who has concerns about that project to please write to the Council and/or attend in person. The Richmond Fire Department is in the process of scheduling their second ever citywide evacuation drill, this time for the Brickyard Cove community. We're looking at Saturday, July 15th.

LUDRC: No projects this month.

Masquers Playhouse: No one to speak.

The next upcoming play is "ROE" by Lisa Loomer, running from June 9th to July 2nd. Tickets are \$30, \$27 for students and seniors. Season tickets are now available and are \$120 for five shows.

RNCC: Cordell Hindler – We had 50 people on ZOOM, next meeting is May 8th at 7:00 pm.

Richmond Tennis and the Hurlbut Benevolent Fund: No one to speak.

Red Oak Victory: Graham Perret

The first Red Oak Victory 2023 Pancake Breakfast will be May 14th, Mother's Day. Other breakfasts will follow on June 18th (Father's Day), August 20th, September 17th, and October 8th (Fleet Week).

Point Richmond Table Tennis: Peter Thelin - Nice turnout, lots of fun. Small attendances, but still worthwhile.

Women's West Side Improvement: Doreen Leighton



We have 35 members. We were very happy with the Art Stroll and Spring Fling. We had a rummage sale at the same time and made a good amount of money which we're giving to PRAM, the Bay Area Rescue Mission and the Richmond Emergency Food Pantry. Our next meeting is May 7th and Sergeant Eric Oliver of Richmond Police will talk about email fraud.

Rosie the Riveter: James Davis

This is a National Historical Park, and it represents the United States in terms of its the entire country in terms of its historical commemoration of the civilian experience in World War Two. The museum is located at 1414 Harbor Way, near the Craneway. We're open 7 days a week 10am to 5pm We're only closed three days of the year for the major holidays and here's the big thing, it's free.

Public Forum: Cordell Hindler - Everyone is invited to the Richmond Rotary Club weekly meeting in early June at the Richmond Country Club and it's only \$25.

Remembrances and Celebrations:

Linda Newton's husband, Chris Newton, passed away last week.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID UP? 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 paid-up 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 _____



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