



On Point

June 2023

Howdy Neighbors -

Summer is in full swing and so is your board of directors! Two of our community projects are rolling at once!

The Ferry Point Tunnel art restoration project is nearing completion, with only the finishing touches remaining.

Special thanks to board members Margi Sullivan and Charmain Tyler who have spent *countless* hours coordinating with City staff, contractors and artist John Wehrle to rejuvenate the tunnel mural adjacent to the tennis courts.



The mural was dedicated in 1996 by the PRNC and other community organizations, businesses, and individuals, and is one of the most iconic pieces of art in Richmond.

On a smaller scale, we are close to finalizing the sprucing up of Janice Playlot -- Richmond's oldest park. There will be a community cleanup day to do some light weeding, cleaning and enjoy refreshments and kid's activities. You'll see a call for volunteers, so watch this space!

Regarding public safety...

We are also working on a crime and public safety meeting with RPD's Michelle Milam for mid-summer. This will include ideas on forming neighborhood watches.

We'll see you on Wednesday, June 28th at 7:30 via the convenience of 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, June 28th at 7:30 pm
 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 May 31, 2023, meeting minutes</i> | 3 minutes |
| 7:33 | <i>Police Report, Sergeant Melgoza &/or Officer Tagorda</i> | 15 minutes |
| 7:48 | <i>President’s Report, Philip Rosenthal</i> | 5 minutes |
| 7:53 | <i>Nominating Committee: Election of new PRNC Board Member for Membership Chair, Second Vice President; Philip Rosenthal</i> | 10 minutes |
| 8:03 | <i>Treasurer’s Report, Margi Sullivan</i> | 1 minute |
| 8:04 | <i>Membership Report, Buzz Baylis</i> | 1 minute |
| 8:05 | <i>Board Member Updates</i> | 5 minutes |
| 8:10 | <i>Open Mic Night</i> | 30 minutes |
| 8:40 | <i>Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)</i> | 14 minutes |
| | <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>Table Tennis, Peter Thelin, pthelin1@yahoo.com or Greg Larson, gdi1mail@gmail.com</i> ● <i>Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park, James Davis, jimmsjc@hotmail.com</i> | |
| 8:54 | <i>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler</i> | 5 minutes |
| | <i>Project: Community Update</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> | |
| 8:59 | <i>Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)</i> | 14 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>PR CERT, Charmain Tyler, charmain.tyler@gmail.com, (510) 334-7267</i> ● <i>Point Richmond Business Association, Karen Buchanan, 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>Parents, Resources and More (PRAM), Chrissie Bradley, pram.net</i> ● <i>HOA’s in Brickyard Cove, Community</i> | |
| 9:13 | <i>In Remembrance and Celebration</i> | 5 minutes |
| 9:18 | <i>Adjourn</i> | |





Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 31, 2023
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 7:30 pm

Board Members Present: Philip Rosenthal, President; Leisa Johnson, 1st Vice President; Buzz Baylis, 2nd Vice President & Membership Chair; Margi Sullivan, Treasurer; Peter Thelin, Secretary; Charmain Tyler, At-large Member

Speakers Present: Officer Cedric Tagorda; Linsi Crain, Public and Government Affairs Manager; Hakim Johnson, Senior Public Affairs Representative

Call to Order: 7:35 pm

Motion to Approve the Minutes: Philip; Buzz seconded; all approved

Police Report: Officer Cedric Tagorda



“April 30 to May 30, 2023: 255 calls per service which is a 23% increase compared to last year. The actual incident reports are from April 30 to May 30 is 31; and the incident reports from the previous 30 days, March 30 to April 29, is 10. So, March to April looks like it's increased a little bit. Catalytic converter thefts are still on the rise.

“We get calls at the Todd Hotel weekly. It's always been a problem and the person that manages the tenants is part of the problem. We've had numerous talks with him, yet the people there are loitering and drinking in front of the building. We had 15 or so calls in the past 30 days. The next location is 1500 Dornan Drive, the area behind the Plunge tennis courts, which accounted for like 12 calls for service in that area. Next is the Masa restaurant, but that's mainly audible alarms. They had a burglary there last month; someone broke in and took a cash register. We had nine calls for service at that restaurant alone, though eight of the nine were audible alarms from the business owner not deactivating the alarm system. Next is the Up and Under, which is usually just people being drunk and disorderly.

“Other than that, the area of Railroad Avenue and Tewksbury Avenue, which had four calls for service, is usually due to the homeless encampment by the railroad tracks. Caltrans has been called and they did clean up the area. We also had a homeless person die on Dornan Drive. The homeless gentleman made his way over to Tewksbury Avenue and Railroad Avenue and the bus stop. He passed away at that bus stop.”

Jesse West: “Michelle Milam would be a great person to talk to you about this. She facilitated the meeting about the homeless. We had a large community meeting with John (manager of the Todd Hotel) about five years ago and he agreed to all kinds of stuff, but it was all BS. I think he sees himself as a social worker. Before the pandemic, Michelle was talking with a county group about buying the building to use it for something better than what it is now. Maybe she could pursue that again. John does have siblings, who could be part owners. Perhaps if they could be contacted, there could be a threat of a lawsuit, for being a public nuisance.”

Sergeant Cedric Tagorda: “John will make false reports saying that someone's fighting or somebody has a gun to get us over there. Usually because someone was mouthing off to him, anytime he loses control. He thinks he's like the king at the Todd Hotel and when he loses control or somebody challenges him, he'll call us. But he's really the problem and he's been a problem for years.

“One of the things that Michelle and the police and fire department can do to entice owners to clean up their act is Code Enforcement until they realize that they need to clean up their act. I'm going to speak to Michelle about is getting Code Enforcement out there and start assessing fines.”



President's Report: Philip Rosenthal

“Our next meeting is going to be “open mic” format for community feedback. Leisa, Peter and Buzz will be talking to candidates to fill our Board vacancies. Regarding the homeless situation, there's been a preponderance of violent crimes and property crimes. Leisa and I have been working on this with the PRBA and City staff. Michelle Milam will be holding a meeting for the stakeholders. Anyone with institutional knowledge on the subject should contact Leisa or myself. We met with the Mayor and Police Chief, but part of that is going to be making our community aware of exactly who to call when they see people in need.

“For the time being, if you observe a situation, try to assess whether the person is having a mental health emergency or is intoxicated. Is it something you should call **911, RPD non-emergency call (510-233-1214)**, or the County's homeless and mental health outreach services - **CORE, 211.**”

Treasurer's Report: Margi Sullivan, “We have over \$22,000 in the bank.”

Philip: “There are plans for some of that money for our upcoming mural project, which is going forward. We are repainting the mural on the tunnel, and I am forever grateful to Charmain and Margi.”

Membership Report: Buzz Baylis

“We have 175 paid members and picked up about a half dozen members renewing this month via PayPal. And keep those emails cards and letters coming.”

Philip: “Remember you can go to our website and pay by PayPal, or by the magic of pen and papyrus you can mail to the PO box. Next, we have Linsi Crain and Hakim Johnson, Public Affairs representatives from Chevron.”

Guest Speakers from Chevron: Linsi Crain, Public and Government Affairs Manager; Hakim Johnson, Senior Public Affairs Representative

Linsi Crain, Public and Government Affairs Manager: “I have been at the refinery for about three years, and I live in Point Richmond. Can you see the screen? We've been visiting specific topics over the last three years. And now we'll give a general overview and cover a couple of different topics including the Chevron (service) station on Cutting Ave. Also, an operational update about monitoring flaring and County Warning System issues. And we'll touch on the energy transition as well. At Chevron, we start every meeting with a safety moment, or an operational excellence moment is the corporate term we use. We'll start this meeting to remind our neighbors that we do have a weekly siren test on Wednesday at 11:00 am. That is an important safety device that we'll use to contact you if there's a Chevron issue or any other issue. We work with the county on using that system.

“There are lots of ways to reach out to us, to learn more or to apply for a job. Our website as well as email **chevronrefineryinfo@chevron.com**. We have two different phone numbers dedicated to the public, one just for **General Inquiries (510) 242-2000**, and we get a lot of diverse questions. If you have any questions about **odors and noises call (510) 242-2127**, and you can call 24/7. You can find us on **Facebook** at Richmond Chevron. Most of the communications we've had include noise nuisances. We've had different pieces of equipment break. Not just the refinery, but also the Technology Center. It is time to replace a lot of the vents on top of the labs where they test new materials. We've been replacing squeaky air conditioner vents over the last six months.”

Hakim Johnson, Senior Public Affairs Representative: “You (PRNC) helped provide input into the design of the new Chevron service station back in 2020. October of 2020, the Planning Commission approved the resolution approving the project. Then there were transitions on City staff. But in April of 2020 we were able to provide the \$28,000 donation to TRAC for the bike lane improvements; and as of today, confirm that we're still waiting for some easements to be finalized with other partners. We anticipate construction to begin during the summer, which should take about 12 weeks to complete. There's a total of four pumps on either side.”

Susan Rosenof: “Following up on the diesel spill investigation from last year. There were unanswered questions, and what actions were taken to prevent it from happening again. Is there any update?”

Linsi: “It was corrosion in a pipeline not used often. We're not sure why it corroded. But there was one specific point that created the leak. There's a slew of different activities that have been going on since then to make sure all the pipelines in service are in better shape, and that they're tested and reviewed on an appropriate basis. They all have different schedules depending on kind of how old they are or what they're used for. We're applying different technologies to make sure that we can see corrosion earlier than last time. The county has finished their review of our investigation and has signed off on that review.”

Leisa: “We're concerned about changes in the Nixle alert system and that this wasn't broadly communicated to Richmond residents. Is that something you can touch on quickly?”

Linsi: “California is the world's third largest gasoline market, and the world's fourth largest jet fuel market. And will remain so for the next several years. We'll have to sell a lot more EVs to get out of that status. Richmond provides 60% of the Bay Area jet fuel and 20% of the gasoline for the cars on the road. We have lost too many refineries in California too early. And that's one of the reasons why gas prices are high. You can also thank Russian President Putin. California uses unique fuel blends; we are a refinery short in California for our isolated market. Since 2018, we've spent a billion dollars on a modernization project to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. And we continue to invest in our community. We have a workforce of 3,000. We also hired 120 new operators this year.”

“A breakdown of what a barrel of oil gets turned into at this facility: 44% gasoline, 42% diesel and jet fuel. Regarding air quality and flaring, we are overseen by 30 agencies. When we talk about air emissions and exposures, some of that work is going on within AB 617. And a community steering committee, with the focus on residents' exposures to those emissions, is just one of a few studies that have been done that's influencing the work for the community.”



Philip: “Linsi, could you explain what AB 617 is?”

Linsi: “It's an assembly bill that proposed creating environmental justice neighborhoods, looking at zip codes and socio-economic factors. It's an audit to determine how we can assess what the total emissions are, and work together to reduce them. Oakland has done something similar and now Richmond is in the process.”

Community Briefs

PR CERT: Charmain Tyler

“PR CERT is a Community Emergency Response Team to prepare for emergencies or disasters. We have emergency supplies prepared for use at any time. Exciting news, our first CERT training class since the pandemic. In nine weeks, we graduated 20 People in Richmond and two from Point Richmond. I would like to congratulate Shannon McLelland and Howard Lacheen for going to all the classes and completing the drill at the Richmond Fire Training Center.”

Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA): Karen Buchanan absent

Philip: “The PRBA approached us for help with the Fall Festival.”

Cordell Hindler: “The PRBA had their business mixer last Thursday at Feagley Realtors. About 30 people and El Sol catered. Another mixer coming up on June 22nd at Little Louie’s.”

Point Richmond History Association: Bonnie Jo Cullison, “Nothing to report.”

Arts of Point Richmond:

Mary Lee Cole: “Our banners are all around town. The banner project is complete for this year with all our artists represented. There will be a map so you can see whose banner is where. We have new exhibits in the Post Office windows, our gallery and El Sol; and a wonderful exhibit in Margi's gallery.”

Margi Sullivan: “Regarding the banners, there are 54 in town. The kids’ banner, which is called “taking it outdoors”, will be on display on the fences surrounding the Judge Carroll park and will be up in June. And congratulations to Kanoli and Sharon for that because they got us a grant and are working with the Washington Elementary School to be sure this happens. The watercolor exhibit will close on June 11th, and then a new one coming up in El Sol from July 18th to October 15th. The Mom & Pop Art Shop is going to be closing their event on June 30th. Lara’s Fine Dining has a new group of artists from June 24th to November 8th. And we’ll have music and artists and food on June 10th and 11th, from 1 to 5 pm. And Friday, June 9th is the first Music in the Point.”



Magick Lantern: Kate Spauling absent

Parents, Resources and More (PRAM): Chrissie Bradley absent

Philip: “Along with Women's Westside, at the beginning of fall there may be a cleanup and renovation of the PRAM yard. And we're hoping several community organizations will work together for manpower, fundraising, and some overlap on that as well.”

HOAs in Brickyard Cove: Leisa Johnson

“We will have an emergency evacuation drill on Saturday, July 15th for Brickyard Cove and all seven HOAs/entities out there. You'll hear more in the coming month.”

Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC): Charmain Tyler, “Nothing to report.”

Masquers Playhouse: Fran Smith

“Masquers will be starting their third production and the title is Roe, the short version of Roe versus Wade. It opens June 9th and runs through July 2nd; Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm, Sundays at 2pm. Admission for adults is \$30, and for students is \$27.”

Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC): Cordell Hindler

“This month's meeting had about 17 people on Zoom. Fire Chief Angel Montoya gave us a condensed presentation on the fire department. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 12th at 7 pm.”

Richmond Tennis: Garry Hurlbut

“Women's team won the East Bay championship. We played against Clairmont Resort and Spa, Berkeley Tennis Club and the Oakland Tennis Club. So it's a big honor for the women that achieved that.

“We did start cleaning up the tennis courts and the park behind them, and reached agreement with the City that we actually maintain that with the help from people in town. But there's the Hurlbut Garden Park and we will put up a sign sometime regarding the Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation.”

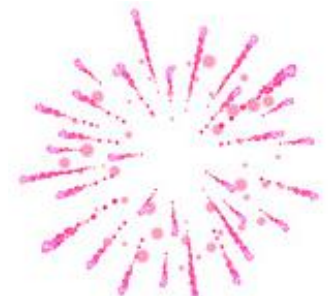
USS Red Oak Victory Ship: Graham Perrett

“Our next pancake breakfast is Father's Day. We're open on Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. Also, we're looking for volunteers. We lost a lot of the old crew during the pandemic. If you're interested in shipping or engineering, come and see our engine room. We've got some 1944 gas turbine engines and they're rare to see these days. Come down and volunteer in our engine room.

“We have a couple of videos about the ship on YouTube and what the Victory ships were like during World War II. And you can find us on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) at Red Oak Victory AK 235, which was a US Naval number.”

Women's Westside Improvement Club: Diane Diani

“We'll be meeting this coming Tuesday, June 6th, and have three open positions - Membership Chair, Secretary and Correspondent. We're also having our potluck luncheon fundraiser. This is our last meeting for our calendar year. We take July and August off, and come back Tuesday, September 2nd, because of Labor Day.”



Point Richmond Table Tennis: Peter Thelin

“I've been gone the last two Mondays, so no ping pong. But I'll be there next Monday. Come on down. It's fun.”

Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park: James Davis absent

Community Public Forum:

Cordell Hindler: “The RNCC will ask Chief Angel Montoya to speak about what's going on with the Fire Department. The Richmond Rotary Club weekly meeting is this Friday, June 2nd, at 12:30 pm at the Richmond Country Club; lunch is \$25. Our speaker for that meeting will be WCCUSD Superintendent Hurst to speak about public safety.”

Sally Tobin: “With profound thanks to Margi Sullivan, I'd like to announce the grand opening of an exhibit of Point Molate photographs that will be in the Point Richmond Gallery. The grand opening is Saturday, June 24th, from 1 pm to 5 pm; with showings on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm until August 6th. It's free! And I'd like to announce that on June 5th in the series speaking for Point Molate our speaker from the California Academy of Sciences is going to talk about sea slugs. He is a world-renowned expert. Email PamStello@gmail.com.”

Remembrances and Celebrations:

Garry Hurlbut: “My brother-in-law in Elk Grove, California, passed away far too early from cancer. His name was Doug Browe and we're all going to miss him. But he's left a lot of artifacts that we have in our house to remember him by.”

Michael Nye: “For those of you seeing Mindy and I walk with Pepper around town, Pepper is no longer with us and was the sweetest dog in the world. Big dog that just loves small dogs and everybody.”





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New Renewal Individual Household

Name _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

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Wednesday, July 26th, 7:30 pm via ZOOM.

PRNC will send access info to members via email.

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