



On Point

Nov/Dec
2023

THE HOLIDAY SEASON..

Fall is in the air and most of us are happy for cooler weather after such a hot summer. It does seem to be getting dark around lunchtime, so please consider some subtle outdoor lighting to throw a glow onto the sidewalks.

As in the past, we will combine the November and December meetings into one on Wednesday, December 6th. We are scheduled to hear from Jeremy Maxwell, the manager of Auto Warehousing, who will describe the business, discuss how many employees work there and answer questions and address concerns.

Republic Urban Housing Development Update...

On November 13th, Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD) was informed by Councilmember Zepeda that PG&E had terminated their contract with Republic Urban Properties (RUP) for a proposed residential housing project on PG&E's land in Brickyard Cove.

RUP formally notified the City and BCARD on November 17th that they would not be moving forward with their housing project or the City Council appeal hearing on January 16th. BCARD is awaiting formal confirmation from the City.

Reflecting on 2023...

The PRNC board has worked hard this year. We have seen baby-step improvements in traffic calming efforts and hope to continue the momentum with more substantial improvements. We have sponsored and participated in several downtown festivals and events and will continue to support an increase in activities in our community.

We are constantly working with police and fire to bring our public safety concerns to the attention of the City. Likewise, we are in constant communication with the Public Works department to keep the maintenance needs of our neighborhood in front of City staff and management.

We are also in regular contact with Councilmember Zepeda, who, although he has a surrealistic number of neighborhoods in a vast district, always responds to our calls in a timely manner.

The holidays are upon us, and for those who celebrate them as religious, festive, both...or not at all...I think I share the universal wish that our neighbors find calm, joy, and peace as winter settles in.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL; we'll see you on December 6th 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.

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 6th 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 October 25, 2023, meeting minutes | 3 minutes |
| 7:33 | Police Report, Sergeant Melgoza &/or 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, Eric Napralla | 1 minute |
| 7:55 | Auto Warehousing Company – update | 10/10 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jeremy Maxwell, Terminal Manager (Honda Port of Entry) | |
| 8:15 | Board Member Updates (1 minute each) | 7 minutes |
| 8:22 | Community Briefs, Part 1 (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 | |
| 8:36 | Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler | 5 minutes |
| | <i>Project: Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer System Update</i> | |
| | <i>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at rsatre@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 .</i> | |
| 8:41 | Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each) | 14 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Richmond 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, Margi Sullivan, artsofpointrichmond.com▪ Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559▪ PRAM, Layla Dima, pram.net▪ HOA's in Brickyard Cove, Community | |
| 8:55 | Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents & Businesses | 10 minutes |
| 9:05 | In Remembrance and Celebration | 5 minutes |
| 9:10 | Adjourn | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 25, 2023

PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com



Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 7:30 PM

Board Members Present:

President: Philip Rosenthal

First Vice President: Leisa Johnson

Second Vice President & Membership Chair: Eric Napralla

Treasurer: Margi Sullivan absent

Interim Secretary: Anna Ortiz

Officer At-large: Charmain Tyler

Officer At-large: Peter Thelin

Speakers: Officer Cedric Tagorda; Councilmember Cesar Zepeda; Najari Smith, Rich City Rides

Attendees: Francis Smith, Garry Hurlbut, Jim Davis, Diane Diani, Jim Cheshareck, Graham Perrett, Sally Tobin, Jessie West, David Cole, Paula Lavine, Karen Buchanan, Jeff Ritterman, C + C Erickson, Bonnie Jo Cullison, Layla Dima, Jacob Jones, Vivien Feyer, Kathryn Dienst, Howard Elfant, Mindy Pines, Amanda Bruun, Janet Ferraro, Sarah Wally, Cordell Hindler, Sami I Am

PRNC YouTube Channel, Meeting Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPjX6MfcNIs>

Note: Video timestamps provided below denote when an item initiates

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

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- Minutes from September 27, 2023 meeting
 - Correction noted – Women’s Westside Improvement Club (WWIC): Club membership is \$20 per year for members and \$10 per year for friends of members.
 - Motion to approve minutes (Philip) and 2nd (Leisa)

Police Report: Sergeant Cedric Tagorda

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Crime Analysis Statistic - Report time frame: 9/28/23 - 10/24/23

- 14 incident reports
- 208 (aggregate) calls for service (mainly suspicious vehicles or persons)
- **Top 5 locations:**
 - Baltic Kiss (13 calls)
 - 53 Vine Ave - residence (7 calls)
 - SureStay hotel (6 calls – unwanted persons)
 - Mechanics Bank (6 calls – unwanted persons; parking issues)
 - Tewksbury/ Castro (5 calls – commute traffic, unwanted persons, homeless)
- Anytime a vehicle is involved in a carjacking, the Police Department receives an alert.
- Gary Hurlburt: Are businesses having more issues with shoplifting? (i.e. we’re all aware of what’s been happening in the news, people just walking in and taking items).



- Per Sergeant Tagorda, many times officers' hands are tied. It has gotten worse in Richmond as shoplifting is up everywhere in the Bay Area. For example, Walgreens on Macdonald is thinking of leaving.
- There have been reports of thieves going out the fire exits at Grocery Outlet and Marshalls with armfuls of merchandise.
- In general, Police Officers will not chase these thieves as, if they were to get hurt during the pursuit, they could sue the PD.
- The Police department is hiring several new officers and will have them in training shortly; also looking to hire another five by end of year.
- There was a car going the wrong direction on 10/17 on I-580 near Canal around 8 or 9 PM; 20 Sheriff officers responded.
- Leisa Johnson: Sergeant Patchin posted on NextDoor that RPD will be increasing/enforcing ticketing and/or towing of abandoned and illegally parked vehicles throughout the City.
 - RPD works with the County's Coordinated Outreach Referral Engagement (CORE) to offer services and help relocate people sleeping in their vehicles. By law, they cannot have them move if they can't offer them a place to stay. Currently, all but one shelter is full.
- Philip Rosenthal: Area in front of the Plunge has had consistent drug dealing. Along Railroad Ave there is a truck belonging to the owner of the Todd Hotel with expired registration tags. There is also what appears to be a very large, abandoned vehicle by the school on East Richmond Ave.
 - If permitted, given our Police cannot be everywhere at once and are addressing more urgent matters, members of the Point Richmond community are open to assisting our PD by leaving Police-sanctioned notes and/or 72-hour notices to move on illegally parked or abandoned cars in our neighborhoods.

President's Report: Philip Rosenthal

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- **Crime:** NextDoor, Facebook and other Social media to be used to pass on Crime & Safety meeting information from Crime Prevention Manager Michelle Milam (meeting 11/6 at 7 PM via Zoom).
 - Discussing crime in general
 - How to respond to drug and mental illness calls. A list of contacts re who to call when responding to these events will be provided as it is critical that the correct procedures are followed.
 - Late this year/early next, PRNC will provide information to Point Richmond both via mail and on-line.
 - How to organize formal/informal Neighborhood Watches and what we can do safely as citizens.
- **Judge Carroll Park:** Discussions with Parks dept. to make it a little more flexible. They may have funding for a separate dog park and a separate soccer field.
- **Ferry Point Tunnel - Call for Sponsors.** Sponsorship opportunities for new interpretive display signage to be installed in front of the Ferry Point Tunnel.
 - This new sign will highlight the history of the tunnel, a significant landmark in Richmond, and the names of generous sponsors who made the mural and signage a reality. It will also include the background of the PRNC and its significant contributions to the community.
 - The signage will enhance our sense of community and add to the general knowledge of this historic part of Richmond.
 - For more information contact Philip Rosenthal at (510) 593-9017 or prnc.pres@gmail.com, or Margi Sullivan at (415) 286-6298.

THREE SPONSORSHIP TIERS AVAILABLE			
	Friends & Family \$500	Lifetime Supporter \$750	Patron of PRNC \$1,500
Add your name to the Sponsor List	✓	✓	✓
Includes lifetime PRNC family membership		✓	✓
Includes personal or company logo			✓



- Jessie West: Can the City improve or replace the current “Turn On Lights” sign at the tunnel as it appears to be faded and can be difficult to see. Jesse will send a photo to PRNC who will email Public Works.

Treasurer’s Report: Leisa Johnson for Margi Sullivan

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- \$12,000 currently in PRNC account. There are still a few bills coming in for Spring Fling and Halloween.

Membership Report: Eric Napralla

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- 170 paid members; flat growth through September.

Conversation with our District 2 Councilmember: Cesar Zepeda

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- The PRNC appreciates Cesar taking time to attend this meeting.
- Graham Perrett: What is the follow up on the Keller Beach Sanitation System project?
 - The “Sewer Subcommittee” meets monthly; last shared that staff is committed to bringing a consultant in to do a peer review to look at all options as the Bay Keepers letter offers different options to consider.
 - The City is hiring a person to better communicate/connect with the community.
 - Cesar would like to add a City Council item to not move forward with any one option until all options have been reviewed. He will apprise the PRNC when it will be on the Council agenda so the community can attend or call in to voice their opinions and obtain answers to outstanding questions.
 - The community’s concern - if the pipeline breaks in the imminent future, the City may choose to go with the only solution they’ve examined thus far.
- Garry Hurlbut: There were some mature trees that were considered for cutting; could any be saved and/ or possibly replaced?
 - Cesar spoke with Prologis and, per their report, the trees were to be looked at by an arborist. They were deemed not healthy and would later be replaced.
 - They removed 12 - 15 trees; may be planting 30 - 40 (along the sidewalk and within parking areas).
 - The trees on the median, except for one, should have been left alone.
- Regional Measure (RM) 3: Finance a comprehensive suite of highway and transit improvements. Roughly \$170M in funds to be released to Richmond in January 2024:
 - \$10M going toward bike lanes
 - Caltrans conversation(s) likely to come in November re bike lanes and potentially using Zipper lane to open/close.
 - PRNC would like our bike lanes redone to where they were when they were originally approved.
 - Some funding will be used for Bridge restructuring/ toll lanes to make it easier for people to cross and not having cars merge.
 - Richmond will be partnering with Marin County re the back-up issues on 580; would like to see equity between Richmond and Marin with relation to the amount of money each is receiving from RM 3 (Marin receiving more) when dealing with this issue.
 - Roughly \$75M to be used toward Richmond Parkway- will want community feedback and a plan will eventually be drafted and shared.
 - PRNC would like to know when there is a call for feedback so the community can attend and share their perspectives/ concerns.
- Leisa Johnson: There was another Veolia H₂S alert tonight; there have been several H₂S spikes & alerts over the past few months that Veolia has not adequately addressed.
 - Cesar is in constant communication with City staff and Veolia re: this ongoing problem. The City and Veolia are still performing infrastructure upgrades to the plant.
- Jeff Ritterman: Any plans to repave City streets?
 - The budget is \$4M; it could cost up to \$40M to repave the entire City. It may be brought up during the next budget session.



Rich City Rides: Najari Smith

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- Currently have a petition circulating online to keep the walking trail on the bridge; 2,600 signatures to date.
- RCR has been advocating for bike/walking trail on the bridge since its ribbon cutting. There is a need to make the barrier more visible.
- Would like to see Richmond maintain this Regional asset, as it connects to the Bay Trail
- RCR is in support of a Zipper lane and more parking spaces; we have a safety crisis
- Seeking a letter of support for the RCR campaign – supporting a bike trail on the bridge. In general, the large number of cycling groups coming through Point Richmond have been good for local businesses.
 - What % of petition signatures are actually coming from Richmond residents?
 - Does RCR receive funding from the State but not from the City?
 - Najari will come back with firm numbers.
- Jessie West: Concern about potentially providing a letter of support at this time. This should be a considered only as the result of a vote. Will add to agenda at a future meeting.

Community Briefs

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- **Richmond CERT:** Philip Rosenthal for Charmain Tyler
 - CERT Team continues to do volunteer work.
 - Still working on setting up next meeting date.
- **Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA):** Karen Buchanan
 - Fall Fest this Saturday 10/28 from 12 – 5 pm
 - 7th Annual Haunted Halloween History Hike - Tickets required (almost sold out)
- **Point Richmond History Association:** Bonnie Jo Cullison
 - Happy to include not-for-profit information for the Newsletter (will email Gary for next one for Nov/Dec).
 - Thank you to the PRHA for compiling interesting history and great photos for the Ferry Point Tunnel project.
- **Magick Lantern:** Kate Spaulding
 - October movie “The Quiet Girl” had great turnout; no title yet for November movie.
 - Moving forward with hosting in the Methodist Church.
- **Parents Resources And More (PRAM):** Layla Dima
 - Will be looking for grants soon.
 - Thank you for signage at the Crosswalks. No haunted house this year. Reminder about 4 – 6 PM Potluck party and costume contest followed by Trick-or-Treating
- **Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC):** Charmain Tyler, Rod Satre
 - LUDRC looking for two (2) new members with appropriate experience (building, construction, ports, etc.) to join their Board.
- **HOAs in Brickyard Cove:** Leisa Johnson
 - Request Jacquelyn Majors provide an update at 12/6 meeting re: what is happening at Ferry Point Sewer Lift/Pump Station. Leisa to send email.

- **Masquers Playhouse:** Francis Smith
 - The People vs. Mona (last play of the season) to run Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. Friday 11/3 - Sunday 11/26/23. \$30 adults + 10% discount Seniors/Students.
 - This is a love story, murder mystery, courtroom shenanigans, fate-of-a-small-town-hanging-on-the-verdict musical. Mona Mae Katt is accused of murdering her husband on their wedding night. The resulting trial brings out the worst and the funniest of the citizens in the tiny town of Tippo.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC):** Cordell Hindler
 - Interest in attending the West County Waste Water District meeting; discuss roles and share staff reports.
 - RNCC discussed membership and upcoming Holiday Party on 12/11/23. Venue to be finalized next month.
- **Richmond Tennis:** Garry Hurlbut
 - Big tree now gone from park; finished Fall clean up (leaves near bank).
 - Pickleball coming to town. Put tape down at the courts behind the Plunge so can also be used for pickleball. Encourage folks to try it out to see if they like it.
 - The Tennis Youth Program is back up again with membership growing. Three teams: women's, men's and mixed team; all three won their division.
- **Public Comment regarding the City Council's Palestinian resolution**
 - Garry Hurlbut read into the record a public comment that he and Maryn submitted to the City Council.
 - Jeff Ritterman, a Human Rights and Human Relations Commissioner, noted that the Commission passed a more balanced and less divisive resolution on October 23rd.
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship:** Graham Perrett
 - Built in 87 days, the SS Red Oak Victory was one of 747 ships, built in the Kaiser - Richmond Shipyard, within 4 ½ years. She served as a cargo vessel for WWII. Richmond played a huge part in supporting the war effort.
 - **Movie Nights** are back for Fall - enjoy a classic WWII related film and participate in a discussion of the movie before and after the showing.
 - Ship opens at 6:30 PM and movie starts at 7:30 PM. Admission is free (a \$10 donation suggested).
 - November: Thursday 11/16/23 we will host the 1946 film The Best Years of Our Lives.
 - December: Thursday 12/14/23 we will host the 1945 film Christmas in Connecticut.
 - On 11/1, we will be moving to their Winter schedule: Open every Sunday for tours from 10 AM - 3 PM.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club (WWIC):** Diane Diani
 - Members worked on all 4 community gardens.
 - Recently the Board discussed outdoor lights for the Holidays.
 - Meeting Monday 11/13/23, 11 - 11:30 AM with PRNC and PRBA to discuss cost.
 - Philip reaching out to Public Works re the median's ground level lights that were discovered. Hoping they/City electrician can share what needs to be done to get this lighting working again.
 - Also take a look into the Welcome to Richmond sign, which hasn't worked for years.
- **Table Tennis (Ping Pong):** Peter Thelin
 - Ping Pongers welcome to show up weekly on Mondays (any time after 5 PM) at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club at 700 West Cutting Blvd. Their Clubhouse in Point Richmond is adjacent to marinas/boat services and offers wonderful bar service.
 - Some new members because the Galileo Club's bocce ball league season just ended.



- **Rosie The Riveter National Historical Park:** Jim Davis
 - Every Friday there is a special live guest from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (real Rosies)
 - There's a presentation about Filipino History During WWII on Thursday 11/9/23, from 2:30 - 3:30 PM.



Public Forum

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- **Cordell:**
 - Consider Dr. Hurst present at a future PRNC meeting re: what the district has planned (i.e., timely given current issues and new PTA at Washington).
 - Consider Ms. Garcia from CCC come present to PRNC re: the courses they have available for retirees and continuing students.
- **Leisa:**
 - Thank you to Cesar Zepeda for all of his time & effort trying to unify the community the past week.

Remembrance and Celebrations

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- **Karen:** Carlos Ricco passed away October 18, 2023, at the age of 62.

Meeting Adjourned:

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WISHING YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY A JOYOUS AND
BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON!





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 _____

The next Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting is

Wednesday, January 31st, 7:30 PM via Zoom

PRNC will send access info to members via email.

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