



# On Point

April 2024



**Hello Neighbors...** April showers are already bringing May flowers!

## Emergency Services

This month we will host the new Emergency Services Manager, Richard Diaz. Mr. Diaz will introduce himself, explain his duties and take questions.

I have reached out to Mr. Diaz and requested that he do a ride-along with me to show him, in person, the concerns that have been raised by numerous residents, business owners and employees and shared by the board.

In the past, I have done these ride-along tours with staff from Public Works; Councilmembers Zepeda, Bana and Willis; and members of TRAC. There have been some improvements and some support from staff and Council, but the lack of an Emergency Services Manager has been an obstacle. We look forward to having Mr. Diaz on board.

## New Board Member

We will also have a vote for a new vice president as Leisa Johnson is terming out. I have volunteered to stay on, should no volunteers come forward to run for president.

## Neighborhood watch

Michelle Milam and I are finalizing the meeting to establish neighborhood watch and block captain "training". We appreciate your patience and will send a separate email with that information soon.

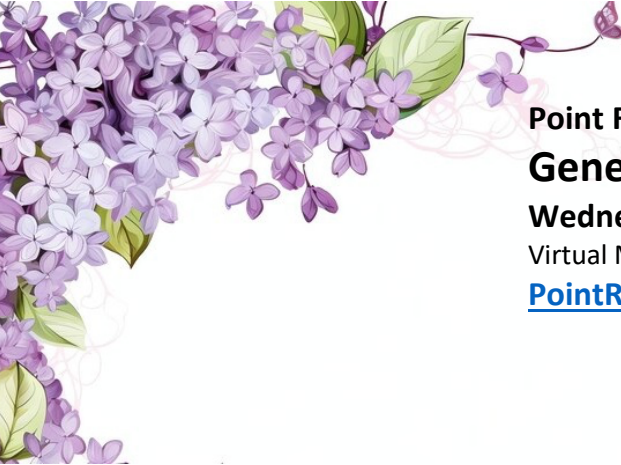
We'll see you on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM via the space-age miracle that is Zoom

## Philip Rosenthal

President -- Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

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**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 24th at 7:30 PM**  
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)



## AGENDA

<b>7:30</b>	<i>Call to order and approval of March 27, 2024, meeting minutes</i>	<b>5 minutes</b>
<b>7:35</b>	<i>Police Report, Officer Tagorda &amp;/or Sergeant Moody</i>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>7:45</b>	<i>President’s Report, Philip Rosenthal</i>	<b>5 minutes</b>
<b>7:50</b>	<i>Treasurer’s Report, Margi Sullivan</i>	<b>1 minute</b>
<b>7:51</b>	<i>Membership Report, Eric Napralla</i>	<b>1 minute</b>
<b>7:52</b>	<i>Guest Speaker: Richard Diaz, Richmond Emergency Services Manager</i>	<b>10/15 minutes</b>
<b>8:17</b>	<i>PRNC Board Member Election: First Vice President</i>	<b>5 minutes</b>
<b>8:22</b>	<i>Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)</i>	<b>14 minutes</b>
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<b>8:36</b>	<i>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler</i>	<b>5 minutes</b>
	<i>Project: Update on Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer System progress, if applicable</i>	
	<i>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at <a href="mailto:rdsatre@live.com">rdsatre@live.com</a> (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>	
<b>8:41</b>	<i>Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)</i>	<b>14 minutes</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Richmond CERT, Charmain Tyler, <a href="mailto:charmain.tyler@gmail.com">charmain.tyler@gmail.com</a>, (510) 334-7267</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Point Richmond Business Association, Karen Buchanan, <a href="http://pointrichmondbusiness.com">pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></i></li> <li>▪ <i>Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <a href="http://pointrichmondhistory.org">pointrichmondhistory.org</a></i></li> <li>▪ <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Margi Sullivan, <a href="http://artsofpointrichmond.com">artsofpointrichmond.com</a></i></li> <li>▪ <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, <a href="http://MagickLantern.org">MagickLantern.org</a>, <a href="mailto:magick-lantern@att.net">magick-lantern@att.net</a>, (510)232-2559</i></li> <li>▪ <i>PRAM, Layla Dima, <a href="http://pram.net">pram.net</a></i></li> <li>▪ <i>HOA’s in Brickyard Cove, Community</i></li> </ul>	
<b>8:55</b>	<i>Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents &amp; Businesses</i>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>9:05</b>	<i>In Remembrance and Celebration</i>	<b>5 minutes</b>
<b>9:10</b>	<i>Adjourn</i>	



# Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 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*

**Secretary:** Anna Ortiz

**Officer At-large:** Charmain Tyler - *absent*

**Officer At-large:** Peter Thelin



**Speakers:** Veolia: Monty Dill, Thomas Stickles, Chandrasekar Venkatraman, Rodrigo Belisaro Vignau

**Attendees:** Sergeant James Moody, Officer Cedric Tagorda, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Jim Cheshareck, Jessie West, Michael Nye, Sarah Wally, Bruce Beyaert, Karen Buchanan, Kate Spaulding, Sally Tobin, Frances Smith, Martin McNally, Jeff Ritterman, Yvonne McHugh, Chuck Weisselberg, Diane Diani, Cordell Hindler, Karen Buchanan, Graham Perrett, Vivien Feyer, WW's phone, WB

**PRNC YouTube Channel, Meeting Link:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_peJ9xcz1Pg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_peJ9xcz1Pg)

**Note:** Video timestamps provided below denote when an item initiates

## Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

7:33 PM, 00:00:00

- Motion to approve February 28, 2024, meeting minutes by Philip, seconded by Leisa.

## Police Report: RPD absent – no report

00:00:42

- Philip – Police Chief is enthusiastic about meeting with the PRNC. Philip shared that our beat officers are doing a good job.
- Officer Cedric Tagorda (Beat One – Point Richmond): Date range: 2/24/24 to 3/25/24
  - **Top 5 locations in Point Richmond:**
    1. 900 block of West Cutting Blvd
    2. 100 block of Park Place
    3. 100 block of West Richmond Ave
    4. 500 block of Vine Street
    5. 200 block of Water Street
  - **Calls for service:** 230 calls (up 20% from last month); top 5:
    1. 27 security checks
    2. 19 audible alarms
    3. 12 suspicious persons
    4. 11 disturbance calls
    5. 10 suspicious vehicles
  - **Incident reports:** 30 reports (up 87% from last month); Top incident reports include:
    - 8 thefts

- 5 vehicle thefts
- 3 batteries
- 2 recovered vehicles
- 1 robbery
- 1 auto burglary
- 1 burglary
- 1 DUI
- **Philip:** Number one complaint is regarding the new influx of unhoused persons finding their way in via bus to Richmond from Oakland, Berkeley and Marin. Has caused nuisance issues. Downtown Pt Richmond businesses communicating directly with Michelle Milam (on homeless task force) re concerns over clients/customers being harassed. Philip will also share any feedback he receives.
  - County already sent CORE out to set up some outreach/medical vans (Philip saw today). Will try to engage these residents see if they can get them some help. Many of them are in very, very bad shape.
- **Officer Tagorda:** Immediately following yesterday's walk, Michelle Milam reached out to CCC health services for engagement to organize services to address this influx of unhoused persons. Pleased to meet many of the residents and business owners yesterday. Will continue to coordinate with CCC health services.
- **Kate:** Where can we see the 30 incidents?
  - RPD website – you can see them there and even filter by types of crimes, areas, etc. You can enter various parameters. Go to Crime Stats.
- **Leisa:** Have they installed any additional block cameras in the City or in our area?
  - Still in process; does know department got several in. Where they are going to be placed has not been divulged.
  - It is going to take a while to get them all installed.

**President's Report:** Philip Rosenthal

**00:11:08**

- Spring Fling was an enormous success, despite the intermittent rain. The kids had a blast!
  - The Librarian was kind enough to host the Egg Hunt in the Library; parents and volunteers hid over 600 eggs amongst the books.
  - Arts of Point Richmond came out and made a good showing and made sales. We hope for better weather for future events.
- We are still searching for a VP position as Leisa will time out in May; we currently have 2 applicants which the Board will consider bringing to your attention. We welcome volunteers and are always looking for varied skill sets: computer literate (a plus); every little bit helps us all out and the time commitment isn't huge. Feel free to reach out to Philip or the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Philip Rosenthal (for Margi Sullivan)

**00:13:42**

- \$22,000 currently in PRNC account. Given this amount, we are going to be able to sponsor some of the key activities for our community and encourage you to share with the PRNC projects you'd like us to participate in.
- City has a grant available to active neighborhood councils for projects and we'll come to you with more info.
- One project that might be useful is the possibility of the PRNC starting a non-profit as many of our community organizations are struggling with non-profit status. Currently the RNCC's non-profit status is on hold due temporarily due to a paper glitch.
- We are expecting a generous check from Chevron for the underwriting of the Spring Fling and the Tunnel Mural Project where we are doing the interpretive signage.
- Spent \$353 on 3 new, more sturdy, larger signage/sandwich boards

**Membership Report:** Philip Rosenthal (for Eric Napralla)

**00:16:08**

- 175 paid memberships



- We hope to see jump in membership as people pay their dues this coming May.

**Veolia Discussion:** Monty Dill, Thomas Stickles, Chandrasekar Venkatraman, Rodrigo Belisaro Vignau **00:16:40**

- **Monty Dill:** General Manager WPCP in charge of operations and maintenance for the Richmond Wastewater Treatment Facility which the Veolia contract operates.
- **Tommy Stickles:** Assistant Manager WPCP
- **Chandrasekar Venkatraman (CV):** President of Capital Program Management
- **Rodrigo Belisaro Vignau:** Senior Project Manager, Capital Program Management
- Veolia shared PowerPoint presentation (see PRNC YouTube video for full presentation). A few highlights:
  - We operate/maintain the treatment plant. It has many processes.
  - Water Pollution Control Plant
    - Headworks: coarse & fine screening + grit removal (i.e. sand & coffee grinds – damage equipment)
    - Primary treatment
    - Aeration + secondary treatment
    - Disinfection and de-chlorination: can't go into the Bay; there is a limit on how much allowed
  - Sanitary Sewer
    - 194 miles of collection piping (see our trucks and camera equipment)
    - 12 lift stations
  - Storm water systems
    - 186 miles storm pipes (storm water brings in a lot of debris)
    - 9 lift stations
    - 2 GSRDs (gross solid removal devices – remove debris from drains)
    - 13 small trash capture devices (smaller than GSRDs)
  - Staffing: 35 folks on site, including 3 people from CPM group (who manage all projects)
  - There are 5 Departments:
    1. Administration
    2. Environmental Lab
    3. Plant Operations
    4. Plant Maintenance
    5. Collections and Systems Maintenance
  - Flow Diagram schematic shared showing various WPCP systems, unit processes and indicates their complexities; it's not a simple matter of water in/water out. Treatment has to happen in between. There is a "wet portion" and a "solids portion".
  - Aerial photo of treatment plant shared (flows coming in/out). Shows how flow enters and exits the facility, biological treatment, clarifiers, contact basins for chlorination and discharge point, as well as where West County's flow comes into the facility and then discharges.
  - Discussed some of the Capital Program Management (CPM) construction projects and improvements currently underway. One by one we are upgrading various portions.
    - Grit and Aeration upgrades (WWTP critical improvements)
    - Sodium bisulfate/ sodium hypochlorite (SBS-SHC) upgrades - to disinfect the water and strip out excess chlorine
    - Sludge Thickening, Phase II project

**Community commentary/ questions for Veolia:**

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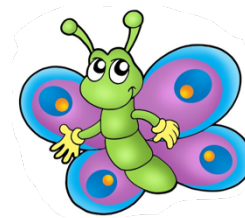
- **Philip:** Who regulates what ends up in the Bay (i.e. is there a water quality board)?
  - **Veolia:** Yes, the Water Resources Board (part of state water resources control board); they regulates the permit Veolia operates under.



- **Jessie:** Recalls that the outflow into the Bay was moved further out from Keller several years ago. Fascinating processes you've shared. Understand there has been some retrofitting of sewer system; is there any comingling - sea water intrusion still a problem?
  - **Veolia:** Yes, typically with the sea water intrusion; if it goes into the storm drain, not as much of an issue. But if it enters the sanitary sewer system, it can enter the treatment plant.
- **Jessie:** Several years ago you were building an underground 100-year tank?
  - **Veolia:** Our "wet weather system" handles high flows into the treatment plant. It's a storage system and pumps which help divert overflow into a 5 million gallon tank which gives the plant time to deal with the overflows. It will then be sent into the facility for treatment.
- **Philip:** Will be accepting Monty's invitation and set 2 dates for 2 small group plant tours for community members so technical questions can be addressed then. Will send out emails to PRNC membership.
- **Philip:** Had requested Veolia to better communicate with Richmond residents, particularly the 3 neighborhoods surrounding the plant. Community questioning how can Veolia reach out to the community independent of the Neighborhood Councils? While there are about 7,000 residents there are only about 400 or 500 on our mailing lists so not all will receive an update. The City wants Veolia to be able to tie in with Emergency Services to blanket the community.
  - **Veolia:**
    - We check in with and communicate via Richard Diaz, the City's Emergency Services Manager and, more recently, with Councilmember Zepeda.
    - Focusing on City emergency services for messaging to residents as Veolia does not have access to direct citizen communication portals. There is always a risk of alarming the community for non-urgent matters given not all of the work done is urgent/emergent. Believes what we have been doing since last December 2023 seems to be working very well by now looping in Councilmember Zepeda.
- **Philip:** The plant it not staffed on nights and weekends? But a manager is supposed to come back if there is an incident. What is the turn around time; is someone always on call?
  - **Veolia:**
    - Someone is always on call 7 days p/week, 365 days per year. There are people on call in 3 areas: Operations, Maintenance and Collections team. So, in with any event there are people ready (even at midnight) to deal with storm, sanitary, treatment and/or odor issues.
    - It would be very expensive to staff the facility 24 hours p/day. Monty and Tommy always available if needed. Also, all managers and their supervisors live in the immediate area and could be on site within 30 minutes.
- **Philip:** If folks still have technical questions, they are welcome to join one of the Veolia tours.
- **Leisa:** Provide an update on capital improvements remaining and what are their timelines to complete? Are there any others after these two? And how long will it take (i.e. 10 yrs, 20 yrs?) and is there a long-term plan to help set expectations. There is a very expensive tax on our annual bill that is paying the bonds associated with this treatment plant so would be good to have an idea timeline.
  - **Veolia:**
    - Grading/aeration - Started construction in 2021 and are 99.5% completed; wrapping up now.
    - Sludge project - should be wrapping up 1st or 2nd quarter of 2025.
    - After these, others are planned but currently have not scheduled; working with the City to identify any other opportunities
    - No exact answer re timeline for future projects; will depend on when they start. Currently doing a seismic study of the plant which is also producing its own set of items now to consider. Once determined, typically construction could take 2 to 3 years for some of the most complex projects.
- **Leisa:** Article in the Mercury News re potential cost of \$4K p/household because regional water boards that seek to protect the SF bay are potentially asking for \$11 billion worth of upgrades to wastewater treatment facilities across the Bay Area to upgrade them prevent toxic algae blooms and protect the fish.

- **Veolia:** We are aware. Have some other ideas to avoid & are discussing with the City. There could be a suitable buyer for treated water and an opportunity to monetize as an asset instead of pumping it into the Bay.
- **Leisa:** Given West County's flow comes into ours; could it be a collaborative approach to monetize this?
  - **Veolia:** Agreed, it could be.
- **Sally:** Far enough in planning to have a timeline for reductions of fertilizers that promote the algae blooms?
  - **Veolia:** Regional boards discussed a 10-year timeline, very aggressive. All the dischargers in the Bay Area are struggling with how to meet this requirement and not break the bank. More to come.
- **Graham:** For your future plans, where does the Keller Beach Sanitation upgrade fit into all this if at all? If working on improving the input/outflow, would think this would factor into all of this.
  - **Veolia:**
    - City of Richmond interested in replacing sewer lines at about 1% per year which is industry standard. We have a program where they replace sewer lines as well as look at capacity; they work with the City to replace those line. Once the City's Keller Beach study is completed, they would work with the City on those eventual plans.
    - Organizing a dedication ceremony for the projects that are wrapping up. Will communicate those dates to Philip.

## Community Briefs, Part 1



00:57:22

- **Richmond CERT:** Charmain Tyler absent; no report
- **Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA):** Karen Buchanan
  - No report.
  - Wyvonne Brown, owner of Beauty By Nature, will be taking over for Karen moving forward.
- **Point Richmond History Association:** Bonnie Jo Cullison absent; no report
- **Arts of Point Richmond:** Margi Sullivan absent; no report
- **Magick Lantern:** Kate Spaulding
  - Movies are **second Saturday night** of each month at the Methodist Church. Next is 4/13/24 at 7:30 PM, "Aurora's Sunrise", an animated documentary about a woman who escaped the Armenian genocide in the early 1900s. Very beautiful but difficult story.
- **Parents Resources And More (PRAM):** Layla Dima absent; no report
- **HOAs in Brickyard Cove:** Leisa Johnson
  - Councilmember Zepeda working closely with Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD) and City to see if we can salvage the project at Terminal One with the current developer who owns property.
  - Preliminary meeting as a first pass with BCARD and Brickyard community to review Jonathan Livingston's design plan. If community feedback is positive, Councilmember Zepeda will take project back to the City Council/City Attorney to discuss a possible path forward. The community must be on board.
  - It would also go before the LUDRC and PRNC for a formal review just like any other project.
  - **Philip:** Talking to Jonathan Livingston who was on the Design Review Board for years. His design is very much in keeping with the community's feedback. If this developer pulls out, we have no idea what will happen.

## Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC): Leisa Johnson (for Charmain Tyler)

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- **Philip:** Reminder, going forward we will want to agendize the progress on the Keller Beach sewer project. There are no updates this meeting.
- **Philip:** Leisa will discuss the possibility to take a vote to support the City investigating, with Council member Zepeda's help, the intersection at Brickyard Cove Way/Dornan
- **Leisa:** Shared rendering (see PRNC YouTube video for complete schematic and comments). Highlights
  - First reviewed at LUDRC meeting at end of Feb. Looking for something much safer than what we have currently. Diagram shows "triangle" area where the pumping station is.
  - City has been listening to the community. Has engaged Marcia Vallier to address a short-term solution.
  - Jonathan Livingston's design took community's complaints and concerns and any future development into consideration. Introduces a calmer and safer intersection; good for walkers, bicyclists and drivers.
    - Will make this a better entry way into Brickyard Cove and the Bay Trail
    - Will need a civil engineer to look at design and determine where it's appropriate for a stop light, safest spots, etc. for a preliminary analysis.
    - Will need a discussion with East Bay Regional Parks given part of this will be on their land (to recreate/put back that curved road, would need to obtain some of this land from EBRP).
    - All of this will take time for review, funding considerations, etc.
  - Looking for PRNC vote that would empower Councilmember Zepeda to go to City Council to request that City staff issue a request for:
    - 1) Dept of Public Works to draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a civil engineer to supply a preliminary drawing/design of road/Bay Trail alignment; to outline the constraints where grading, drainage and safety issues could be problematic. Will just need a simple drawing and can use current rendering as a guideline (hopefully keep under \$10K).
    - 2) City Council to vote to direct staff to initiate conversation with EBRP to allow encroachment onto their land and facilitate conversations to see if they are willing to move ahead.
- **Graham:** Will there be a roof or canopy covering the generator sticking above the low wall? Someone told him now considering putting a canopy over it. If they are, we should make an effort to encourage this.
  - **Leisa:** Marcia Vallier is still working closely with Public Works and is tentatively scheduled to come back to speak at the April LUDRC meeting. If there really is a canopy plan, she will be aware of this and can speak to it. Marcia is not responsible for design of pumping station, only how to improve it aesthetically.
- **Philip:** Made motion for active PRNC members to vote on request for PRNC to write a letter to the City for them to consider items 1 & 2 above. Leisa seconded that motion.
  - **VOTE:** A unanimous vote was reached with 22 votes for "all in favor".
  - **Outcome:** Motion approved.
  - Philip will post letter on the PRNC website.

## Community Briefs, Part 2

01:24:37

- **Masquers Playhouse:** Frances Smith
  - Moving along and getting ready to announce upcoming new season. The Crab feed tickets are sold out.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC):** Cordell Hindler
  - Nine people attended our last meeting. Michelle Milam gave a broad overview on crime prevention.
  - Reminder that the Neighborhood Councils can use the community center at no cost.
  - Under new business – mention to Board to have our new Port direction come speak.
  - On Monday April 8 at 7pm the City's Finance Dept will come to discuss the City's budget.



- **Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund:** Garry Hurlbut absent; no report
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship:** Graham Perrett
  - **Spring Swing Dance:** Saturday 4/20 from 6pm - 10pm; Tickets are \$30 in advance & \$35 at the door.
    - Live music by the Georg Cole Orchestra
  - **Pancake Breakfasts:** Coming back in 2024.
    - **Sunday May 12 – Mother’s Day** from 9am - 12:30pm: cooked/ served from the ship's galley. Freshly made pancakes, sausage, bacon and scrambled eggs; Mimosas available for an extra fee. \$15 adults and \$5 for children 8 and under.
    - Breakfast accompanied by live music, **The Sites Show**, described as "a fun blend of North and South American Rock 'n Roll".
    - Plus, the ship’s original 1944 radio room will be in operation to **send free Radiograms to friends and family** around the world.
  - **Movie Nights (Spring):**
    - Enjoy a classic WWII related film & participate in a discussion of the movie. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Current series will highlight the wartime films of Humphrey Bogart.
      - 4/18: Action in the North Atlantic
      - 5/16: To Have and to Have Not
      - 6/20: Casablanca
    - Ship opens at **6:30 PM** and **movie starts at 7:30 PM. Admission is free (a \$10 donation suggested).**
  - Ship continues to be open on Sundays for guided tours; Admission is \$12.
  - Ongoing discussion re: future plans if the ship will be moving/docked at another location in Richmond (Ford Peninsula, opposite the Craneway). The Navy apparently has its sights on former Shipyard 3 as a result the Red Oak would need to move. A long term plan.
- **Women’s Westside Improvement Club (WWIC):** Diane Diani
  - Planted 30 new plants and mulched around The Sentinel statue, all before the Spring Fling. The gardens have never looked better, just beautiful.
  - Next meeting is Tuesday 4/2 at 11:30 AM at the Methodist Church. Speaker Barbara Wallace, Director of Donor Engagement, to discuss the Bay Area Rescue Mission.
- **Ping Pong:** Peter Thelin
  - Ping Pongers/non-Ping Pongers welcome. Both Singles and Doubles played. Everyone is welcome to show up weekly on Mondays, any time after 5 PM and it’s FREE. Great opportunity to socialize while getting a little exercise as well. Or just have (an inexpensive) drink at the bar.
  - Point San Pablo Yacht Club is located at 700 West Cutting Blvd. Their Clubhouse in Point Richmond is adjacent to marinas/boat services and offers an inviting ambiance, warm fireplace and wonderful bar service.
  - This is a hidden little gem in Richmond that everyone should go visit.
- **Rosie The Riveter National Historical Park:** James Davis absent; no report

## Public Forum

01:36:22

- **Leisa:** Richmond was awarded a \$750K grant from the State of California, Governor’s Office of Planning and Research for Local Government: Connecting Neighbor to Neighbors. The City is one of 9 agencies selected through a statewide competitive process.



- The grant is to mitigate community isolation, increase volunteer participation and improve social bonds in neighborhoods. Implementation should begin this May or June and will extend through January 2026.
- The grant will support staffing to implement/oversee the project and administration. Through Community Services Department, Recreation Division, staff will work with the RNCC to engage 20 active neighborhood councils to:
  - Conduct Neighborhood surveys/ workshops to set priorities and plan projects within the grant scope
  - Complete 4+ projects in each of the 20 neighborhoods and 4 multi-neighborhood projects
  - Complete a final neighborhood survey/case study to close out the grant.
- The PRNC is one of the 20 active Richmond neighborhood councils selected to receive grant funds.

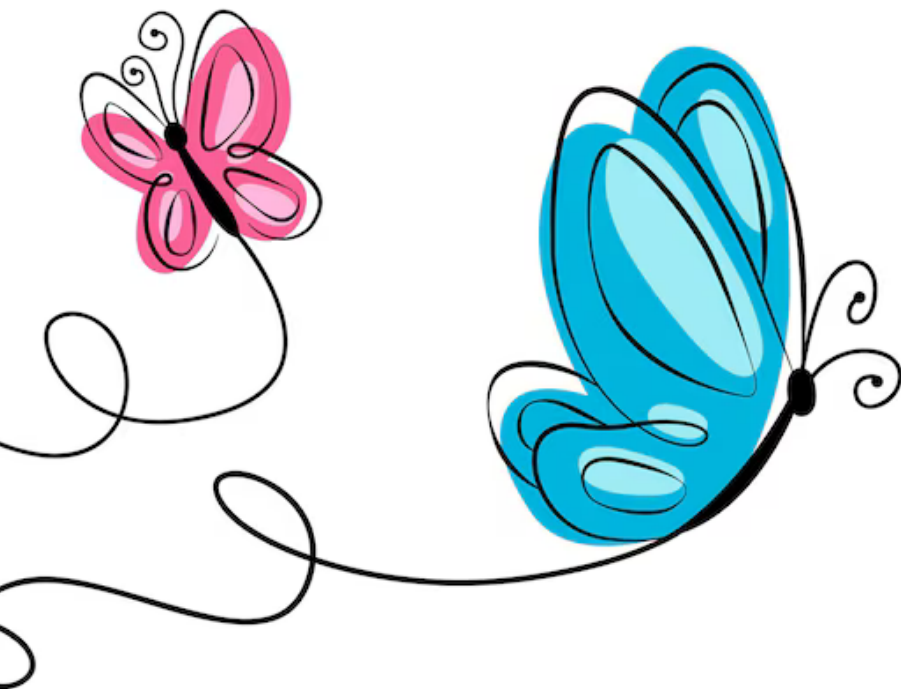
**In Remembrance and Celebrations**

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- None

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**9:13 PM = 01:40:58**



**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.

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**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM via Zoom**

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