



# On Point

June 2024

## *Howdy Neighbors...*

It's summertime and the PRNC is in full swing. In addition to our regular General Membership meeting on June 26th, the month will end with a very important SPECIAL MEETING in conjunction with the Santa Fe Neighborhood Council.

On **Saturday, June 29th**, we will host “**Coffee with a Cop**” and **Neighborhood Watch Meet-and-Greet** at the Point Richmond Community Center/Library from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. This is your chance to ask anything of the officers and express your concerns in an unscripted presentation.

If available, Chief French might drop in. Please share this with any organization that you belong to, as well as business contacts.

The PRNC is again a sponsor of the **Point Richmond Music Festival**, which starts on the **Friday, June 28th**. Here is the schedule: <https://pointrichmondmusic.org/2024-schedule/>

Also, Kate Spaulding is directing the **Magick Lantern Film Series**, which is an amazing entertainment and enrichment event. Here is the link: <https://www.magicklantern.org/>

As for us, we'll see you on **Wednesday, June 26th** at 7:30 for our **June PRNC General Meeting** via the convenience of Zoom.

Please note: There will be **no meeting on July** for summer break.

## *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 26th at 7:30 PM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom ([click here to join](#))  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)



## AGENDA

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| <b>7:30</b> | <b>Call to order and approval of May 29, 2024, meeting minutes</b>  | <b>5 minutes</b>     |
| <b>7:35</b> | <b>Police Report, Officer Tagorda &amp;/or Sergeant Moody</b>   | <b>10 minutes</b>    |
| <b>7:45</b> | <b>President's Report, Philip Rosenthal</b>   | <b>5 minutes</b>     |
| <b>7:50</b> | <b>Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan</b>   | <b>1 minute</b>      |
| <b>7:51</b> | <b>Membership Report, Eric Napralla</b>   | <b>1 minute</b>      |
| <b>7:52</b> | <b>Guest Speaker: Pamela Christian, Richmond City Clerk</b>   | <b>10-15 minutes</b> |
| <b>8:22</b> | <b>Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)</b>  | <b>14 minutes</b>    |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Masquers Playhouse</b>, Francis Smith, <a href="http://masquers.org">masquers.org</a></li><li>▪ <b>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council</b>, Cordell Hindler, <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org">richmondneighbors.org</a></li><li>▪ <b>Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund</b>, Garry &amp; Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111</li><li>▪ <b>USS Red Oak Victory Ship</b>, Graham Perrett, <a href="http://redoakvictory.us">redoakvictory.us</a></li><li>▪ <b>Women's Westside Improvement Club</b>, Diane Diani, <a href="http://pointrichmond.com/wwic">pointrichmond.com/wwic</a></li><li>▪ <b>Ping Pong</b>, Peter Thelin, <a href="mailto:pthelin1@yahoo.com">pthelin1@yahoo.com</a> or Greg Larson, <a href="mailto:gdi1mail@gmail.com">gdi1mail@gmail.com</a></li><li>▪ <b>Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park</b>, James Davis, <a href="mailto:jimmsjc@hotmail.com">jimmsjc@hotmail.com</a></li></ul> |                      |
| <b>8:36</b> | <b>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler</b>   | <b>10 minutes</b>    |
|             | <p><b>Project:</b> Terminal One – Revised Residential Housing Plan; Possible vote</p> <p><b>Project:</b> Update on Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer System progress, if applicable</p> <p>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at <a href="mailto:rdatre@live.com">rdatre@live.com</a> (510) 232-5059, at least two weeks prior to the General Membership Meeting.</p> <p>The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting, at 6:00 PM.</p>  |                      |
| <b>8:46</b> | <b>Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)</b>  | <b>14 minutes</b>    |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Richmond CERT</b>, Charmain Tyler, <a href="mailto:charmain.tyler@gmail.com">charmain.tyler@gmail.com</a>, (510) 334-7267</li><li>▪ <b>Point Richmond Business Association</b>, Karen Buchanan, <a href="http://pointrichmondbusiness.com">pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></li><li>▪ <b>Point Richmond History Association</b>, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <a href="http://pointrichmondhistory.org">pointrichmondhistory.org</a></li><li>▪ <b>Arts of Point Richmond</b>, Margi Sullivan, <a href="http://artsofpointrichmond.com">artsofpointrichmond.com</a></li><li>▪ <b>Magick Lantern</b>, 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</li><li>▪ <b>PRAM</b>, Layla Dima, <a href="http://pram.net">pram.net</a></li><li>▪ <b>HOA's in Brickyard Cove</b>, Community</li></ul>  |                      |
| <b>9:00</b> | <b>Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents &amp; Businesses</b>  | <b>10 minutes</b>    |
| <b>9:10</b> | <b>In Remembrance and Celebration</b>   | <b>5 minutes</b>     |
| <b>9:15</b> | <b>Adjourn</b>  |                      |



**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday May 29, 2024**  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

**Board Members Present:**

President: **Philip Rosenthal**  
First Vice President: **Edie Sellers**  
Second Vice President & Membership Chair: **Eric Napralla**  
Treasurer: **Margi Sullivan - absent**  
Secretary: **Anna Ortiz**  
Officer At-large: **Charmain Tyler**  
Officer At-large: **Peter Thelin - absent**

**Speaker:** Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, District 2, City of Richmond

**Attendees:** Cedric Tagorda, Jim Cheshareck, Jessie West, Kathryn Dienst, Kathleen W, Joe Puleo, Vivian Feyer, Eleanor, Bruce Beyaert, Kate Spaulding, Garry Hurlbut, Sally Tobin, Jim Davis, Jeff Ritterman, Lynn Hammond, Mary Lee, Howard McKenzie, Jan Diamond, Deb Castellana, Bruce Brubaker, Michael Nye, Graham Perrett, Diane Diani, Bonni Jo Cullison, iphone2

**PRNC YouTube Channel, Meeting Link:** [https://youtu.be/IUv7\\_I8yPz4](https://youtu.be/IUv7_I8yPz4)

**Note:** Timestamps available in YouTube video description.

**Call to Order and Approval of April 24, 2024, Minutes** **7:34 pm**

Motion to approve April 24, 2024 meeting minutes by Philip and 2nd by Edie.

**Police Report – Officer Cedric Tagorda** **7:34 pm**

Stats over the last 30 days look pretty good (30 cases)

Date range: 4/24/24 to 5/24/24: Number of incident reports was 15 (no calls from Todd Hotel)

- Top calls for calls for service within past 30 days
  - 6 thefts - all related to the wire theft which is running rampant throughout the city.
    - They're cutting wire all over the place. Chevron had an incident where they were cutting wire, but we did make an arrest. Down by the beach they were cutting wire down. They cut wire by the dog park.
  - 4 vehicle thefts
  - 3 auto burglaries
- Jessie West: Former co-chair of the Neighborhood Watch Group a few years ago. Folks don't even bother with incident reports anymore due to perception that nobody will come out and you're directed to report it online. Wonder how accurate those numbers are.

- The police try to do what they can to address the issues within the City. But, as you know, there's budget cuts. We're trying to beef up our numbers with the police. We don't have enough police personnel to address certain things. And that's why the city created an online report because a lot of times with property crimes, just people just want to report those for their insurance.
- How did they cut the wire?
  - They're using a strap to lasso the wire and pull it down then use saws to cut the wire. They go after the fiber optics in the copper mainly. And unfortunately the metal companies around here are buying it from them.
- James Cheshareck: Ever do sting operations on the metal companies?
  - It's difficult; we try to work with Sims metal and some of the local recycling facilities. But it's hard to identify the metal, because once the thieves cut the wire, they sell it to a third party who then goes, strips down the wire, melts it down, etc., and there's really no way to track it.
  - Point Richmond, compared to the rest of the city, doesn't have nearly the crime numbers that let's say, McDonald or 23rd might have. So strictly speaking about Point Richmond numbers - they're drastically down compared to the rest of the city.
- Philip Rosenthal: Re the copper wire - One of the challenges that we've spent a lot of time working with the City and Caltrans on. Part of it's jurisdictional in that the wire is often stolen by or trafficked through the unhoused population. Not uncommon for that copper wire to go under the freeway at Tewksbury and Railroad, and they burn the rubber coating off it in bonfires (because much faster than physically stripping it). So if you smell or see toxic smoke, please call the Fire Department. The Hotel Mac and some surrounding businesses have trouble because there is this toxic black smoke of burning insulation happening. If you go on social media, they're going to blame Chevron. But it's coming from under the freeway.
- Edie Sellers: When you say copper wire, are you talking about our electrical lines or is it other kinds of copper wire.
  - A lot of the lines they're cutting are from the telephone poles. You'll see trucks on the side of the roads trying to repair the damage caused by these thieves. They're also targeting the Tesla charging stations (ours at the CVS hasn't been hit); but that's starting to be an uptick throughout the State. We've caught a couple of people in the act and our DAs actually filed charges on some of these thieves
- Joe Puleo: We go out to Point Molate and all of the AT&T wire has been cut. One technique is they use a car to pull the whole thing down. All of the AT&T wire from the Richmond Bridge to the yacht harbor has been stripped. Solution is to prohibit recycling companies from buying this sort of wire and then there'll be no market for it and the problem should go away.
- James: Are they still targeting street lights wire. Back on the parkway, aka "the dark way"?
  - They're targeting wherever they can get their hands on it. They've actually even went underneath the ground pulling manhole covers to access some of the wire.
- Point Richmond Garage Sale
  - Received many phone calls about one of our local businesses that declared and advertised that our neighborhood yard sale was reinstated. While they probably meant well, they did so without realizing that the community had canceled making this a big event because it was getting out of control. The business owner who publicized this has been invited to reach out to different community organizations. We feel that if there's going to be a community event this community needs to benefit, and not just one specific business promoting themselves.

- This year, while it was pretty good in terms of the cleanup at the end, of note is that every single red zone in Pt. Richmond was parked in, including all of the red zones along Judge Carroll Park, which is an emergency evacuation route.
- Also, we noticed 3 unlicensed food barbecues set up and dozens of vendors who came in. All those vendors set up in the Park – nobody there was from our community; they were all from out of town. It is one of the reasons why the community kind of unofficially ended this event.
- Also, there was no community benefit. In the past, the neighborhood garage sale was a fundraiser for our local playhouse. It's up to the community when we call a community event and to ensure the City knows and approves. If anyone decides that they want to call a community event, please remember to go through the PRNC so we can reach out to the police and find out whether or not they have the person power to respond. We fully understood that it would not be possible for one officer to deal with a hundred illegal vendors.

**President's Report:** Philip Rosenthal

**7:58 pm**

- Annual PRNC dues are due the month of May. Cost is \$20 per person or \$25 per household. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can:
  - Go to poinrichmond.org and use your PayPal (just click on "Membership").
  - You can mail to: PRNC – P.O. Box 70386, Richmond CA 94801.
  - If any of you live in my neighborhood, just knock on my door and hand me a check (made out to PRNC).
- Going to host a live crime prevention meeting with Michelle Milam – “Coffee with a Cop” on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at the Pt Richmond Community Center -139 Washington.
  - We're doing this in conjunction with the Santa Fe Neighbor Council.
  - Come enjoy some coffee and pastries provided by our two Neighborhood Councils.
  - Opportunity for us to talk face to face with our beat officers.
  - Mary Lee and David are already making an active neighborhood watch group for the State streets above the elementary school.
    - On East Richmond, with a wonderful team of two other neighbors, starting a neighborhood watch in our area and taking every opportunity to get that word out.
    - We are about ready to launch into canvassing the neighborhood and letting people know and gathering their preferred contact information and we can really be the eyes out there observing, looking, reporting, sharing and building community. Community is the safest response to crime, according to our hero and Michelle M.
  - If you are interested in crime prevention, just email Philip. You can do as little or as much as you want. The main goal is to observe and report. You don't have to put on a vest or a hard hat or carry a weapon. We'll ensure you know who to call (should not be PRNC officers if you see a crime).
  - Want to ensure that everyone in the community via our mailing list or on social media, will get a link to the neighborhood watch meeting that Michelle Milam held last month in April. So if you weren't able to attend that meeting you can still watch it.

**Membership Report:** Eric Napralla

**8:06 pm**

- Up 3 members from April - at 178 members. Want to say, “Thank you” and “Welcome”.
- If this this is your first time at the meeting, we already covered the annual dues; also in the invite email.
- I am reviewing our email distribution list. If you do receive an invite to join the PRNC via Google group, please accept that invite.



- Philip Rosenthal: There's a lot of information that comes across the officers' desks that we don't send out because we don't want to inundate our members with too many emails. We're looking at new ways to modernize our communications and bring them to the next level.
- We're going to start looking at ways that we can communicate more with you, while also making it easy for you to just click on those emails (or ignore them). But we will not bombard you on a daily basis.

**Keller Beach Sanitation Project:** Philip Rosenthal

**8:07 pm**

- Cesar has arranged for Robert Armijo, Deputy Public Works Director to attend our next meeting (TBD if will be in July or August).
- No decisions are being made concerning Keller Beach yet. As a whole, the City is responding to the fact that they are aware that they just can't move forward as blindly as they did in the past.
- Phillip will email Cesar specifically to remind him that there was going to be a detailed report and find out where we are on that (Graham will be copied)
  - Graham: We're concerned that it'll move away from us and that we will then be handed down with some decision without any community input. There are many folks here who have a lot to add to this (i.e. our community has sanitary engineers, lawyers, finance people, etc).
- Philip- doesn't think it's going badly, thinks it's just going slowly. Cesar put it on the Consent calendar, and it was passed that there would need to be more research into the various options. There's a lot of us that are watching this both the PRNC and the homeowners in the area. Re Bruce Brubaker- it does affect your home. You are a very well respected, powerful voice within our community/City. It would be great if you were to connect with Graham and other neighbors and add your voice to those discussions.
  - Bruce Brubaker: Yes, we've been following it. We've got the letters and have been tracking it. Looking forward to some kind of resolution.
- Veolia announced around last Thursday that they were going to be repaving Brickyard Cove Way at Dornan as part of the pump station project. Cesar wrote some pretty strong letters to both Veolia and Public Works asking that the project be delayed because they basically gave us 4 days' notice on a Holiday weekend.
- Veolia contacts me (Philip) re anything that involves odor in our community. Does the best he can to put that on social media, however, it's not a volunteer's job to communicate items on behalf of a multi-billion dollar utility company. Veolia and the City need to get together and find a way to inform people on a larger scale. Happy to help as much as I can, but it's difficult to look at someone making a huge annual salary and having them tell me that a volunteer is to pass their information on.
- My family has lived here for 60 years, and we had no idea that Veolia had a website that they expect us to log into and search on a daily basis to find out if anything might be happening in our community? They need a better system of communication.

**Conversation – Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, District 2, City of Richmond**

**8:17 pm**

- Intro from Philip:
  - Based on community input re when there are major projects (i.e. Keller) Cesar is personally advocating for better communication from the City. We want postcards to go out because not everyone's is on social media/ NextDoor or can be reached by the PRNC. The PRNC should amplify messages but should not be responsible for them.

- Cesar was able to get the City to purchase another “electric/radar speed sign” (says you're speeding at xx speed when you drive by) to put outside the Tunnel. Designed not to be too bright, because we know it's a residential area. It's another one of the baby steps in traffic calming. We've also requested additional signage re turning headlights on. We're trying to get the lighting fixed in that tunnel or new lighting.
- Leisa Johnson: If you look at the Public Works' 5 year capital Improvement Plan, Tunnel lighting is for design only for the next 5 years. Nothing else; it's been completely deprioritized. I
- Cesar - Thank you, Lisa, for that. It's on the on the plan. It's been a little frustrating as the City moves very slow and then we had a lot of turnover. Please give us an opportunity to catch up.
- I talked to the City Manager and said, “Okay, one year's up. How much longer do they need?” We need to start having solutions and that's the message that she's been giving out to her staff; I've learned from my years of public service that government moves very slowly.
- Then there's that Veolia project that's been at the Tunnel for a long time; the metal plates that are at the end. There's lots of them all over the City and Veolia needs to start repairing them.
- We're prioritizing projects and I know we have to look at the City as a whole, but we need to start giving each district some love because we can't just prioritize part of the City that might be in dire need: and then not give all the districts at least something. I'll make sure that the tunnel is looked at again and see where we can get some funding.
- There have been great comments and ideas re the Police. I get emails about staffing this area or that corner. Unfortunately, we don't have the capacity to do everything so we have to figure out, what else can we do strategically to maybe slow down traffic in the live environment first. Maybe we start with some more signs, or a speed trailer. From there, see if there's anything that we can do there that's a little bit faster and less costly.
  - Philip: There's a lot of signage on that sidewalk alongside the Plunge. Perhaps, since signage is cheap, Public Works can walk around and ensure everything is signed properly and legibly.
- Yes, that is lower hanging fruit we can hopefully check off quickly. I'll take the signs as a takeaway and hopefully, the speed trailer that will slow people down. From there we'll be able to figure out where we can strategically place our officers, if we do, in fact, need them somewhere (i.e. in front of Chevron during rush hour) for traffic calming.
- We need a new, structurally sound bridge and now is the time to ask for this funding under President Biden and the Infrastructure Bill that's out there. There are billions of dollars available, specifically for bridges. That bridge was not built or heavy commutes. I'm working with a couple of different agencies to see what we can do to come together with a plan to start asking for some of that funding. The more people I talk to the scarier that bridge gets and there are a lot of issues with the bridge. So hopefully, in partnership, we'll be able to do it and add permanent bike lanes.
- RE traffic calming, traffic concerns, traffic issues, traffic safety, etc., these are not just issues within Point Richmond, it's also the number one topic across the City. We have to start looking at what we can do holistically, and what we can do faster. If I see something in the Public Work's plan where they have a solution for something, I would like to see them replicate it aggregately so they can copy paste that solution across multiple areas of for that need across the City.
- Speed bumps. They've only done 4 speed bumps in the past year and that is unacceptable. So they're trying to figure out where they can do a lot more with less time because our communities are really in need of traffic safety.

- I apologize that I don't have a concrete answer to say, “by this day, at this time we're going to have all these things fixed.” That's why I shared with you my frustration at the beginning, and I have meetings with the City Manager and meeting with Public Works. I'm trying to push as much as possible.
  - Philip: Cesar has a lot of innovative ideas, and we need to determine if they're feasible or not. But we are grateful for how often we discuss alternative plans for our downtown area, for traffic calming.

### Community questions for Councilmember Cesar Zepeda

8:30 p.m.

- Edie Sellers: Can we get an update on the situation with the irrigation at the Judge Carroll Park as we haven't seen much movement. We're about to lose all of that grass, and it's not going to be cheap to fix it. Do we have an ETA on that?
  - Philip: The Parks Department chair is division of Public Works. Parks and Landscaping is well aware of the situation. Apparently, this is a pumping station of some kind that is so far underground and the City may have to hire a contractor to deal with it.
  - Cesar: This is the first I'm hearing of this so will take back as a follow up.
- Kathryn Dienst: Re traffic calming - a lot of municipalities elsewhere have automatic speed sensing and ticketing and they put them very much around elementary schools or places where the speed drops suddenly. I've gotten these tickets traveling other places and they're expensive - \$180 for going slightly over the speed limit around an elementary school. Should Richmond's look into this as they're revenue producing solutions that can accurately detect and mail a ticket to someone.
  - That's a really great idea. Unfortunately, there's other laws that are preventing us from putting them in. There is a pilot of, I believe, about 4 or 5 cities in the State that have been given the green light to put those types of cameras up. They do need a human to actually look at the incident videos because people sued and said they weren't speeding. I've spoken with the Chief of police to see if we can figure out if we can have some able to physically review footage before issuing a ticket. I will continue bringing that up. As soon as we're able to get them in Richmond, I will be asking to put them in and if anything, it deters people when they know someone's watching. Same for red light cameras. I know Lisa has been working on this for a long time.
- James Cheshareck: I just wanted to add that years ago litigation was involved with these red light cameras and Lockheed Martin was getting a big chunk of it. Not sure where the law stands now, but they actually got caught in San Diego for reducing the yellow signal interval by one second.

### LUDRC Voting

8:41 p.m.

- We have some community votes that we need to take today. Edie Sellers has come forward to run the voting. As you are aware, she has replaced Leisa Johnson who has stepped down.
- Both votes are re LUDRC issues. Turning over to Charmain Tyler from LUDRC to review with us:
- **Project 1: 88 Buena Vista**
  - This is a single family home, 2 stories, 2 bedrooms and 1 ½ baths. It is right up against the side of the hill. The backyard will be natural and the front will have a deck on the second floor and then it's terraced. So there's nice terracing that could include planting. The LUDRC discussed the design and voted to approve the design with no conditions.
  - Edie Sellers: The vote is for active (paid or waived fees) PRNC Members only. We will be verifying names later to ensure. Please vote for this first item only. No one will see your vote when we show the results. I will see the votes when we do our final report.



- Philip: It's been suggested that we approve the LUDRC's recommendation for the revised new Home and Construction Plan at 88 Buena Vista. I was also at that LUDRC meeting and there were many people in the meeting and no one had any objection to any aspect of the proposal. of people in that meeting. Nobody had any objection to any aspect of it.
- Philip: Last calls on that vote. Anybody who has any trouble just raise your hand, physically or otherwise, and if need be we'll just go in and add your vote.
- **RESULT:**
  - 88 Buena Vista Avenue: Vote was in favor to approve LUDRC's recommendation (22 Approve, 1 Disapprove, 1 Abstain)
- **Project 2: Terminal One**
  - Philip: I want to make the statement I made at the meeting. When I sent out the email concerning this issue: I wrote the wrong thing. I wrote that this was the final proposal. I meant to say the was the LATEST proposal as we are far from being at the end of this. But we want to move forward because there are really scary dynamics. If we can't, as a community, move forward on this project.
  - Charmain Tyler: We had rich discussion and a presentation from Jonathan Livingston, who's under contract with Laconia for the redesign. The current redesign Terminal One: for those people who don't know where this is – it's in the Brickyard Cove area and it's partly the land where the old cement warehouse is and it's just been an empty bit of land sitting there. We've had several developers come/go and make presentations. None have worked out up until now; this developer named Laconia.
  - They have listened to many presentations and comments from neighbors, from different people in the community and have done a complete redesign which the LUDRC thinks is very good. When you vote, this is NOT the last vote; it's the beginning of a new project vote. Here are a few positive things we called out:
    - They have completely redone the design and the actual design of the development, and the houses are much more in keeping with the rest of Brickyard Cove. We have several developments here and this development seems to fit in nicely with the other developments (Brickyard Landing, Sea Cliff, Waterline)
    - There's a much smaller impact on ingress and egress concerns due to the smaller number of housing units (now down from 150 to 85 single family homes). It helps all of us to digest the amount of traffic coming/going.
    - They're also allowing ample parking: parking for residents and guests. This is key as parking was a big issue on the previous proposed designs.
    - They have a potential daycare facility. They're planning a vegetable garden (similar to the Brickyard Landing vegetable garden). They're also planning for a two story café (top floor would be a meeting room with Bay views). Café could be a meeting point for people using the Bay Trail, using Ferry Point Park, folks who live around in the area, etc.
    - They're integrating the Brickyard Cove Rd and Dornan Dr with a new realignment plan. New design is still TBD but they're proposing as something that would work nicely.
    - The interior roads of the of the development and the parking are similar to Waterline.
    - The density is a lot less (now 85 Homes) and the access is much improved and they're no longer blocking views from most of Brickyard Landing (which had been a major issue before).
    - While still in a preliminary stage, the LUDRC feels this is a superior design and meets the desires of the community after having many discussions and presentations with the community and many neighbors. Therefore, the LUDRC approves this preliminary design for Terminal One.

- Philip: Jonathan came up with an incredibly elegant solution that checked a lot of boxes based on the presentation. One of the concerns that we have, and this is all extremely vague at this point, is that there is discussion that the City Council may like to pull the residential project and turn this area over to the Port. They have instructed the Port to look into the possibility of turning that into industrial use. For many who live in our community the idea that this could become basically factories as an extension of a sincere desire to produce wind turbine components that would then be distributed around the State - does not sit well. I think it would be pretty frightening if I lived in Brickyard Cove to wake up one day and find a factory being built. Particularly because we have no real emergency evacuation options are so limited.
- Garry Hurlbut: One of the issues was the amount of fill that was going to have to go in there to accommodate some of the previous plans. Is that changed at all in this this kind of plan?
  - Charmain: Yes. There is a great reduction in the amount of fill that the previous plans included (having a basement kind of parking) and this doesn't have that. In fact, some of the houses are up a level, so they're more far removed from the ground level and don't need the amount of fill needed before.
  - Philip: Instead of raising the ground, they're keeping the ground flat and raising the houses
- Graham: I recall on one of the proposals they were expecting the City to chip in a million or so dollars to reinforce the waterfront. I would just want to make sure that the City isn't giving any developer any money to build a for them.
  - Leisa Johnson: No. One of the main reasons, and I was extremely vocal about this (and this goes along with Point Molate), nobody in Brickyard Cove, nobody in the City nor any taxpayers should put any maintenance of any component of that development; including the wharf or a public park. There should be no district taxes which are outrageous out there. That is all been taken out of the equation. And that was that was something that the community was very adamant about - not having that passed on to taxpayers.
- Sally Tobin: I'm hesitant to vote in favor of this, because sea level rise is going to affect that area and are they going to be able to sell enough units with this issue. Do we want to see people watch their major investment plummet in value as the sea level comes up.
  - Leisa Johnson: Everybody is concerned about that. It's similar to Waterline and all had to be addressed at what that level has to be; I think it's 14 feet. So that is all part of their plan. They also have to make sure that they have a "slurry" wall. They have to make sure that any storm, water and all of that is appropriately captured so it doesn't go into the Bay. In front of the Bay Trail that all has to be done, no matter what use you're going to put on that site, whether the City wants to convert that to industry, or if they keep it as residential, all of that has to be addressed.
  - Philip: It was pretty clear that they were accommodating for sea level rise.
- Jessie West: I haven't heard any discussion about toxin remediation at that site for a few years. so I just wondered if that ball got dropped. But it sounds like it's going to be dealt with.
  - Philip: It was addressed; it's too complicated for this meeting.
  - Leisa: They're under order to address that with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- Kathryn Dienst: Re the comment about the land could be turned into industrial use. In 2014 Richmond adopted this general plan that designated the site medium density residential. Prior to that it had been commercial, but it got changed and that plan which is supposed to run through 2030. I want to point out I know Richmond tries to do this, but they cannot in the City Council

unilaterally changes the zoning on a specific piece of property. They would be successfully sued if they tried that now.

- Philip: What you just said was very insightful, but it is a fact that the City Council is has instructed to look at industrial use. And that's why we were extremely vague.
- Leisa: Here's what would have to happen. The City would have to recapture it, they would have to change the general plan. They would have to make a zoning change, they would have to mitigate all traffic consequences and that is very challenging with the ingress and egress to put all trucks or industrial uses out there. So there's many impediments that they'd have to go do this. It also would require them to get an approval for a seaport plan amendment. It is not trivial and all the time, while that's going on, the City would be holding the cost to maintain that site.
- Philip: Re the vote - people can abstain or they can vote for or against.
- Edie Sellers: If you have questions that go into specifics, I would implore you to go to the LUDRC meetings, because that's where those questions will be answered directly by the developer.
- Charmain Tyler: This design meets the design criteria for track for the Bay Trail
- Philip: So remember, you're not voting for or against this project. We're voting or moving forward with **presenting this project** in layman's terms as we know that can be confusing. If we approve you are approving the LUDRC's recommendation. If you disapprove, you do not approve of the LUDRC's recommendation, or you can abstain.
- Edie: We are at 82% participation; that is probably because the only votes that will be considered in this are going to be reviewed after the meeting to ensure that they are active members.
- **RESULTS:**
  - Terminal One: Vote was in favor of LUDRC's recommendation (21 Approve, 2 Disapprove, 3 Abstain)

## Community Briefs

9:14 pm

- **Richmond CERT:**
  - Very excited that we just finished another class and we graduated our next group of cert trainees. It's starting to come together with a really good plan.
  - Richard Diaz is our new Operations Manager for emergency preparedness for the city of Richmond. We're currently planning classes for next Fall. If you're interested, just let me know and I can get the people in touch with you and get you on a waiting list.
  - We meet at the Fire Department Training Center and are trained by firefighters, captains and chiefs. You learn a little about First Aid and radio communications, and how to stay safe in an emergency.
  - It's about 9 weeks of one night a week classes followed by a Saturday drill the as the final drill. Let me know if you're interested and we can talk more.
- **Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA):** *Philip Rosenthal*
  - The Grapes Nest on Tewksbury has been either purchased or rented by the people who own MASA restaurant on the corner and they're turning it into a Hamburger restaurant.
  - The reason they're not here today is they're busy because they are simultaneously buying the old Hamburger Restaurant across from the Plunge "The Great American" and that is to become a frozen yogurt, ice cream, smoothie and health drink location.

- **Point Richmond History Association:** Bonnie Jo Cullison
  - I don't have any announcements, but would like to thank Sue Rosanoff for the great job she does with the Neighborhood Council panel on our kiosk, which is very visible. She has improved the Business Association panel. Those are two very visible panels and she's done a great job in making them attractive and visually appealing.
  - Philip: And Bonnie Jo, thanks for helping. I saw Bonnie Jo helping her to put up new fabric in windows today so you were part of that improvement of our neighborhood as well.
  
- **Arts of Point Richmond:** *Philip Rosenthal*
  - The new banners have gone up and they look fabulous. There's more and they're brighter than ever.
  
- **Magick Lantern:** No report
- **PRAM:** No report
- **HOA:** No report
- **Masquers Playhouse:** No report
  
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC):** *Philip Rosenthal*
  - On June 10 I will be attending the RNCC meeting. There is a large amount of money that is coming in on a grant and it will be going to 20 neighborhood councils, PRNC, for projects that bring neighbors together.
  - This can include helping to finance our existing Spring Fling and National Night Out events and also working with other neighborhood organizations to have get togethers or other types of activities. I will give you more details as I find them and we will ask the community for opinions on types of things that you would like to have done with that money for the community.
  - There's been a lot of interest in doing activities for seniors, social activities and artistic activities within the community. So just a little heads up.
  
- **Richmond Tennis:** Garry Hurlbut
  - RTA has applied for grants to resurface 7 courts throughout Richmond; including ours at the Plunge. Will be used for both tennis and some Pickle Ball.
  - We finally got The Youth Program going full steam. FREE Youth Tennis - If anyone has kids/friends with kids 8 to 18 - every week from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. at Nicholl Park. Several different teams established for all age ranges. We have kids out on the courts with instructors. Then we have the regular adult tennis after that.
  - The Benevolent Foundation: Meredith and I are actually meeting with the Adam Ramirez from the Richmond Fire Youth Academy tomorrow as we're supporting their efforts. There's around 20 or 25 kids that actually go through their program and are needing some funds to make that work. These kids are great and we'll talk more about that future meeting.
  
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship:** Graham Perrett

- We have a busy June. Eighty years to the day of the greatest amphibious landing ever! We are celebrating the invasion of Normandy on June 6 by showing the movie “The Longest Day” and we think that's appropriate.
- The ship opens at 6:30pm and we will start at 7pm. We'll be selling a few drinks. Attendance is free, but if you'd like to give us a \$10 donation, we won't say no.
- Then on Sunday June 16 - Father's Day - we have a Pancake Breakfast (we also sell our lethal mimosas) between 9am and 1pm: \$15 for adults \$5 for children (best to purchase tickets in advance) and discounts to go on the various cruise tours.
- On June 20, we have our annual sharing of Casablanca which is generally very well attended.

▪ **Women’s Westside Improvement Club (WWIC):** Diane Diani

- We had our Spring Fundraiser bunko and with that we were able to give to the 3 charities chosen this year: Bay Area Rescue Mission, Our Richmond Swims and St. Vincent de Paul.
- Our meeting is Tuesday, June 4 and we’ll be having our Salad, Potluck mini fundraiser: \$5 if you bring a small salad and \$15 with no salad.
- We're also having our installation of 3 open positions. President, Second Vice President and Treasurer.
  - Doreen Layton will be our new President, starting in September.
  - Leslie Hicks will continue her second Vice President position
  - Diane Diani will be the new Treasurer (It has been a pleasure to serve the WWIC and the community)
- Then we're ending with our Hat Day Stories which is always a fun time. We are off in July and August and then we're back in September.

▪ **Rosie The Riveter National Historical Park:** Jim Davis

- Open 10am – 5pm; 1414 Harbour Way S #3000 (near Ford plant). Visit our website or **call (510) 232-5050**
- Every Friday there is a special live guest from 10:30 am - 11:30 am: real Rosies. These are women who've actually worked in the defense industry in WWII. Then from 2:00 - 3:30 pm a series of guests who can speak about the Japanese relocation experience in WWII.
- I'll be giving two presentations (Both begin at 2:30pm):
  - On June 13 - One I haven't given before here, although I have in college on African Americans in WWII

On June 27 - Gays, Lesbians and Drag Shows in WWII to kind of round out the month.

**Public Forum**

**9:27 pm**

- None

**In Remembrance and Celebrations**

**9:27 pm**

- Garry Hurlbut: I flew in the Air Force and we always connect back up on Memorial Day to remember some of the folks that didn't come back. While it’s a fun Holiday weekend, it was a good remembrance to go back for the folks that aren't with us today.

- Philip: Garry, thank you for reminding us that Memorial Day is not only about yard sales, mattress sales, and hot dogs.
- Leisa: For all of those on the call tonight who served, thank you for your service.
- Philip: In remembrance of local bartender Alex, who worked for a while at several bars in the area, just passed away about a week ago. Somebody might know his last name. He worked at the Hotel Mac for a while. So just a little thought for him - he poured a good stiff drink and he always had a nice smile. I think the bartending community will miss him.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**9:30 pm**





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