



## PRNC Newsletter - August 2024 Edition

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# On Point

August 2024

## *Howdy Neighbors...*

We are back from our July break, and although we didn't hold a meeting, the board was busy with many projects.

This month's speaker will be **Dr. Kerby Lynch and staff**, who are working with Chevron to facilitate a Community Action Plan regarding flaring and refinery operations. Funding is on its way for air-quality improvements, and Dr. Lynch will introduce us to the process.

In August, there was a special meeting of the LUDRC to address the **Keller Beach sewer project**. This issue is of pressing importance and involves "starting from scratch" with a new set of contractors. The city is short on answers but has hired a consulting firm to liaise between taxpayers and The City. It will be a long process, but there are tens or hundreds of millions of dollars of work to be done, and we want to be sure homeowners are not held responsible for infrastructure.

The "**Coffee With a Cop**" and **Neighborhood Watch** meeting was a success, with neighbors meeting neighbors and meeting law enforcement. Thanks to **Roma Café** and **Extreme Pizza** for donating

food and beverage.

**National Night Out** was a blast, with music, dancing, vendors, fancy cars and some very funny dogs. Thanks to **Josephine from El Sol** for her help with the event, and the Taco Tuesday specials!

And heads up, treasure hunters: **The Methodist Church** will hold its **Junktique Sale** on Saturday, August 31st from 9:00-3:00 on the corner of Martina and West Richmond Avenue.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m. Click on the blue Zoom link button in this message to join the meeting.

*Philip Rosenthal*

**President – Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**

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## Join Our Next Meeting

The next Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting is  
**Wednesday, August 28, 2024; 7:30 PM**

via Zoom

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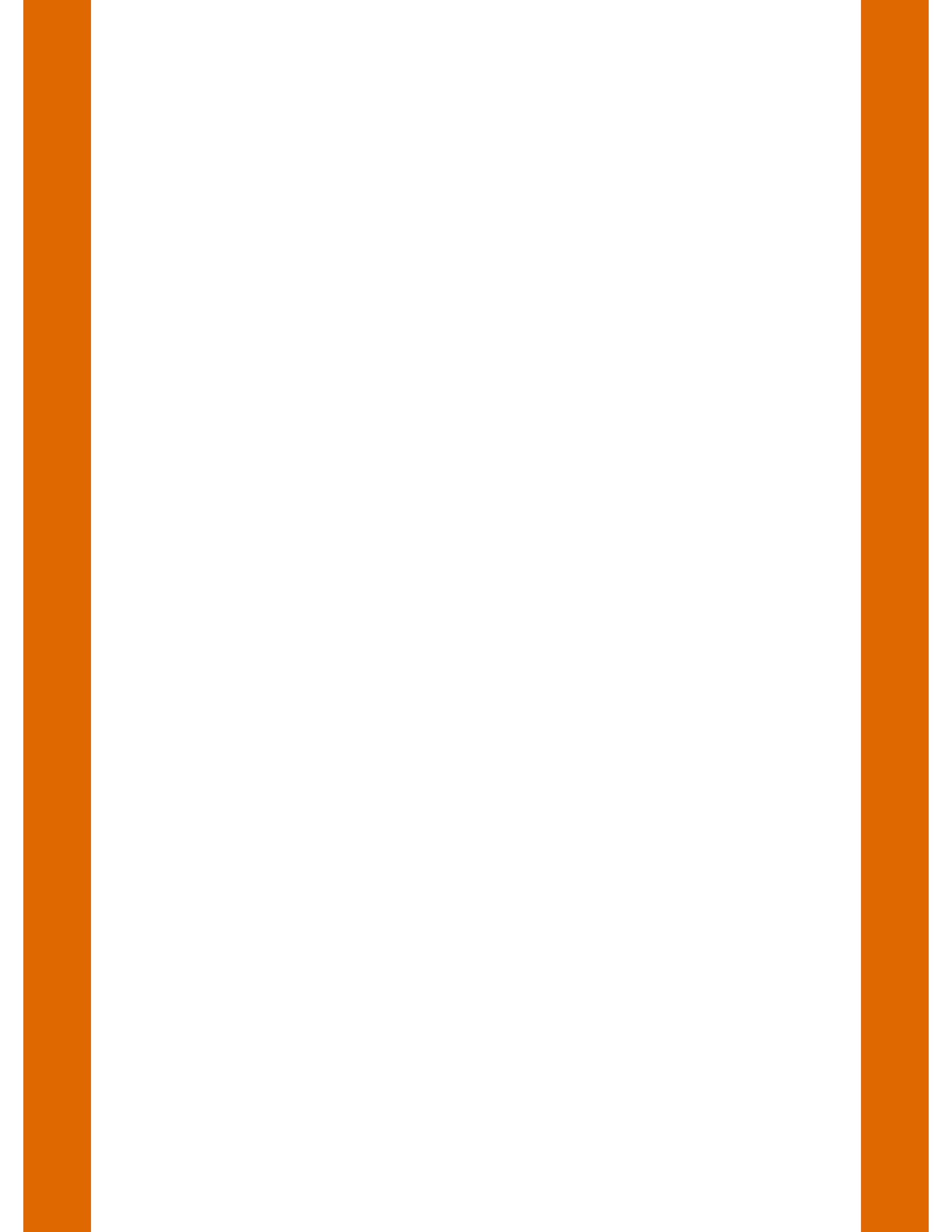
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, August 28th at 7:30 PM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)



#### AGENDA

7:30	Call to order and approval of June 26, 2024, meeting minutes	5 minutes
7:35	Police Report, Officer Tagorda &/or Sergeant Moody	10 minutes
7:45	President's Report, Philip Rosenthal	5 minutes
7:50	Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan	1 minute
7:51	Membership Report, Eric Napralla	1 minute
7:52	Guest Speaker: Dr. Kerby Lynch and Staff – Chevron Community Action Plan	10-15 minutes
8:22	Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)	14 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Richmond CERT, Charmain Tyler, <a href="mailto:charmain.tyler@gmail.com">charmain.tyler@gmail.com</a>, (510) 334-7267</li><li>Point Richmond Business Association, Karen Buchanan, <a href="http://pointrichmondbusiness.com">pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></li><li>Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <a href="http://pointrichmondhistory.org">pointrichmondhistory.org</a></li><li>Arts of Point Richmond, Margi Sullivan, <a href="http://artsofpointrichmond.com">artsofpointrichmond.com</a></li><li>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</li><li>PRAM, Layla Dima, <a href="http://pram.net">pram.net</a></li><li>HOA's in Brickyard Cove, Community</li></ul>	
8:36	Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Marcia Vallier Project: Update on Ferry Point Pump Station. 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.	5 minutes
8:41	Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)	14 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Masquers Playhouse, Francis Smith, <a href="http://masquers.org">masquers.org</a></li><li>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org">richmondneighbors.org</a></li><li>Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry &amp; Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111</li><li>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, <a href="http://redoakvictory.us">redoakvictory.us</a></li><li>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani, <a href="http://pointrichmond.com/wwic">pointrichmond.com/wwic</a></li><li>Ping Pong, 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>Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park, James Davis, <a href="mailto:jimmsjc@hotmail.com">jimmsjc@hotmail.com</a></li></ul>	
8:55	Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents & Businesses	10 minutes
9:05	In Remembrance and Celebration	5 minutes
9:10	Adjourn	

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Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday June 26, 2024  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)



Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 7:30 PM

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Speakers:** Officers Cedric Tagorda and James Moody, Pamela Chrisitan, City Clerk, City of Richmond

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes** **Time/ YouTube**  
**7:32 pm/ 0:23**

- Motion to approve May 2024 meeting minutes with one change: the President of the Women's Westside Improvement Club's last name is spelled Leighton. With this change minutes were approved by Philip and 2nd by Edie.
- Philip pointed out a typographical error in the agenda: Do not have any LUDRC business/votes this evening. Will change that agenda and the one that we post on the website will be correct.

**Police Report – Officer Cedric Tagorda** **7:34 pm/ 2:00**

Stats over the last 30 days – Date range: 5/25/24 to 6/25/24:

- Top 3 calls for service
  1. Audible alarms (typically in a.m.)
  2. Security checks
  3. Traffic stops
- Incident reports
  - Auto burglaries still number 1 (that's throughout the city on a daily basis).
  - Assaults
  - Commercial burglaries
  - Residential burglaries
  - 38% drop as compared to the previous report
  - 900 West Cutting is still a frequent incident location - usually just disturbance calls because someone doesn't want to leave when it when it's time to check out but nothing really significant.

**President's Report** **7:40 pm/ 8:18**

- No PRNC meeting the month of July
- Reminder re Coffee With a Cop – Saturday June 29 at 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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- Reminder re National Night Out – Tuesday August 6 at 5:30 p.m. on Park Place. Welcome local artisans to come set up a booth to sell your wares (art, candles, etc.).
- Signage Project – Will be a large banner on fence outside tunnel describing project and various sponsorship opportunities.

**Treasurer's Report:** Margi Sullivan **7:46 pm/ 14:39**

- Over \$16,000 in the bank currently and also some outstanding donations from Chevron and some other people for the Spring Fling and for the Tunnel Signage Project
- Have about \$2,000 already earmarked for the Tunnel Signage Project and \$3,500 earmarked for from the great Gateway Foundation for care of existing trees plus 5 new ones the PRNC plans to plant around the Triangle.

**Membership Report:** *Philip Rosenthal* **7:47 pm/ 16:04**

- Up 1 member from May. Good time to remember to pay your dues if you haven't. Easiest way is to just click on membership at the PRNC website to pay via PayPal or mail a check to the address listed.

**Guest Speaker - Pamela Christian, City Clerk, City of Richmond** **7:48 pm/ 16:34**

- Ms. Christian shared details re how the City Clerk's office operates, it's organizational structure, accomplishments, annual goals, City Council meeting cadence including the Agenda and Consent Calendar processes and the public comment process. She shared a detailed PowerPoint presentation and fielded questions from Philip Rosenthal, Leisa Johnson, Anna Ortiz, .
- Please see the PRNC 6/26/24 YouTube video for specific presentation details.

- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC):** Frances Smith & Cordell Hindler
  - Good turnout - 10 in the chambers and 23 on Zoom; next meeting is July 8 at 7 pm in Council chambers.
  - Discussed the Neighborhood Grant for \$750K that will be divided amongst 20 Neighborhood Councils.
  - Discussed potential to invite Charles Gerard to speak at a future meeting and share what he has plans for the Port.
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship:** Graham Perrett
  - Father's Day Pancake Breakfast was a HUGE success (lethal mimosas were a best seller).
  - Our next pancake breakfast will be on Sunday August the 11.
  - 80th anniversary of D-day celebrated - 80 guests watched the movie the Longest Day
  - Open on Sundays 10 am – 4pm.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club (WWIC):** Diane Diani
  - No July or August meetings.
  - Last month forgot to mention the celebrated of Our Legacy Ladies who are 90 or older (exhibited pictures of each): Altha Humphrey (91), Pat Pearson (94), Barbara Robertson (94) and Martha Bielawski (103), including our newest member Fran Smith, who will be 90 on July 21.
  - Remembrance for dear Mary Bianchini Highfill who passed away on May 26 at 100 years old. She was a wonderful fixture in our Point Richmond community.

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- **Ping Pong:** Peter Thelin
  - Still going strong with an average of 8 or 9 people weekly. Since we've been doing this, it's actually now taken on a life of its own. We have Yacht Club members who come up just because of the social aspect Ping Pong has brought; they enjoy sitting around and socializing.
  - Every Monday at 5 pm to whenever at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club on Cutting (drive up to the gate, press button, and we'll let you in). You don't have to be able to play ping pong as long as you can hold a paddle (our oldest Ping Pong player is 87).
  - Inexpensive snacks and a great bar with a beautiful view of the Canal.
- **Rosie The Riveter National Historical Park:** Jim Davis
  - Open 10am – 5pm; 1414 Harbour Way S #3000. 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.
  - Jim giving two presentations (each at 2:30 pm):
    - On July 11 - Gays, lesbians and drag shows in World War II
    - On July 27 - Dust bowl migrants and how they arrived in CA and entered the Richmond Shipyards. Lecture also explores the notable effect that they had on politics and culture in CA and the nation.
    - Created a new mailing list if anybody wants to get information about either of these lectures or the film series aboard the ship. Please email: [JIMMSJC@hotmail.com](mailto:JIMMSJC@hotmail.com)
- **LUDRC:** Charmain Tyler and Philip Rosenthal
  - Plan to set up a special LUDRC meeting (open to all) to discuss Keller Beach; will publicize it as we do with any special meeting and Rod will facilitate it. Robert Armijo, Deputy Public Work Director, and our District 2 Councilmember Cesar Zepeda will attend. More details to come.
- **Point Richmond CERT:** Chairmain Tyler
  - Have a new antenna and mast at Brickyard Landing Clubhouse for Safety Committee; this is key for communication in the event of an emergency or earthquake.
- **Arts of Point Richmond:** Margi Sullivan
  - Lara's Fine Foods: New show coming up.
  - Take it Outdoors: All of the kids' banners are all out around the fence around the school looks fantastic; 80 new banners downtown.
- **Magick Lantern:** Kate Spaulding
  - Movies are **second Saturday night** of each month at 7:30pm at the Methodist Church (Friendship Hall - use side entrance on Martina Street).
  - We finished the membership series in May; request was made to have oldies but goodies movies for the summer. Last month we had "Run Lola Run". It was free and we had many new people come we're going to try again in July and hopefully, August.

- **PTA:** Erika Cruces and Abby Nunez
  - o Erika introduced herself. Shared appreciation for the Point Richmond community, and PRNC, supporting the PTA so strongly throughout last year and now.
  - o Hoping to have a street festival again this coming September to kick off Spanish Heritage month.
- **HOAs in Brickyard Cove:** Leisa Johnson
  - o Terminal one residential housing project: unfortunately, the City Council has move to litigation; it's in mediation at the moment.

**Public Forum:**

**8:51 pm/ 1:19**

- Cordell Hindler:
  - o Oct 3: PRNC is invited to the Contra Costa Mayors Conference hosted by the City of Richmond at 6:30pm with location TBD. Cost is \$70 p/person and includes dinner.
  - o Oct 4: Richmond Chamber of Commerce dinner at Riggers Loft at 6pm; cost is \$100 per ticket.
  - o October 5: Rosie the Riveter Gala at the Silesian Boys and Girls Club.
- Sally Tobin: City of Richmond doing some planning around sea level rise by applying for funding to do sea level rise planning about what adaptations are appropriate for different places along the Richmond shoreline. There will be an event on September 28 - hybrid format in the City Council chambers. There will be speakers and lots of time for a dialogue with the public. There will also be lots of outreach to neighborhood councils.
- WriterCoach Connection (Invitation from Peter to present): Noah Curtis-Goldstein gave a detailed presentation about WriterCoach Connection:
  - o Nonprofit bringing teams of volunteers into middle and high schools in the East Bay, working with students to improve their writing & critical thinking skills (our 3 high schools - Deanza, Kennedy & Richmond High). Specifically work with seniors there on their college essays.
  - o Actively **RECRUITING FOR VOLUNTEERS for 2024 and 2025.**
  - o Something really special about having folks make an impact on youth in their own community - profound for both the students and the volunteers. Welcome all folks who are interested in helping youth and believe in the power of writing as a positive force (self-expression and getting your ideas across). We provide all the training that you would need.
  - o We work directly in the classroom so we're looking for folks that are available during the school day. We go directly into English language arts classes and each of our volunteers is paired with 1 to 2 students. You work with them on writing assignments from their English teacher.
  - o You will really be there to help the students process their ideas, help them with their writing; help them edit and help them get their ideas across.
  - o Please contact [writercoachconnection.org](http://writercoachconnection.org) for more information or to sign up to volunteer or Noah can be reached at (510) 570-0454 or [Noah@writercoachconnection.org](mailto:Noah@writercoachconnection.org)

**Remembrance and Celebrations**

**9:01 pm/ 1:29**

- Philip: Susie Koide (Compass Real Estate) has been cleaning our shoreline for years with her monthly cleanups. She has donated \$1,500 worth of services so we can have a shredding truck at the "Coffee With a Cop" event. So bring your old documents, papers, checks, etc. Because identity threat theft is on the rise, our police department really wants us to shred our documents. This can typically cost \$15 - \$35 to do. This event is FREE.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**9:06 pm/ 1:34**

**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](http://www.pointrichmond.org) or mail your check & application to: PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Pt. Richmond, CA 94807.

New     Renewal     Individual     Household

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_



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PRNC will send access info to members via email.

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