



# On Point

October 2024

## *Howdy Neighbors...*

This month's **PRNC General Meeting on Wednesday, October 31**, will feature an "open mic" night to catch up with what the PRNC is doing, fill you in on the progress of projects and upcoming ideas, and give us a chance to hear from you. We're also crossing our fingers that our Richmond City Council representative, Cesar Zepeda, will be there to answer questions — he has a busy schedule that week, but we know he'll try his best to squeeze us in, if he can.

### **DUMPY NEWS**

We just hosted our second free **Dumpster Day** last week, and community response was, once again, very enthusiastic. Business, as they say, was very brisk. We had a line of cars waiting before gates opened at 8 a.m., and it stayed steady until nearly closing at noon.

We are extremely pleased to have this Autumn date in addition to our in early Spring Dumpster Day. Given the great response, we hope to continue the tradition into 2025.

Thanks to those who got together with neighbors to help consolidate trash runs (it really kept the number of cars to a manageable level), and also thank you to those who took time to grab dumped items on your block and tidy up the streets!

Also a *huge* thank you to one enterprising resident who, after his own Dumpster trip, picked up trash from around Washington Elementary and the traffic margins of Cutting Avenue and brought the bag to our Dumpster! This, friends, is why Point Richmond is such an amazing place to live!

Incidentally, for the first time since we began Dumpster Day years ago, we asked for donations from those dropping off, and thanks to our our generous neighbors we collected several hundred dollars. To everyone who donated, **THANK YOU!** The funds will be used for our Spring and Summer neighborhood beatification projects, so you'll see your money put to good use in The Point next year.

### **A HIDDEN WORLD IN POINT RICHMOND?**

Neighbors Mat and Angelia Hunnicut are at it again with their annual haunted Halloween happening!

The *AMAZING* handmade and lovingly crafted haunted house is a neighborhood treasure and can be seen **nightly through Halloween at 126 Buena Vista Avenue** (at Montana and up the hill from PRAM).

This labor of love, including the driveway and backyard, is fun in daylight, but it's best seen from **sunset to 8:45 pm**, when it's fully animated and lit up to its full glory.

Beware: the creatures they have discovered might just be hungry... So stay on your toes!

Have a fun Fall season, and be mindful of your candy intake — after all, we want to keep our svelt *ghoulish* figures.

We hope to see you on **Wednesday, October 30th, at 7:30 pm!**

*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.

## Join Our Next Meeting

The next Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting is  
**Wednesday, October 30, 2024; 7:30 PM**  
via Zoom

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Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
 General Membership Meeting  
 Wednesday, October 30th 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>	<b>Call to order and approval of September 25, 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: Open Mic – Review PRNC Projects &amp; Community Input Forum</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>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>8:36</b>	<b>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>
	<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>8:41</b>	<b>Community Briefs, Part 2 (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>8:55</b>	<b>Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents &amp; Businesses</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>9:05</b>	<b>In Remembrance and Celebration</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>
<b>9:10</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday September 25, 2024  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)



Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 7:30 PM

**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  
**Speaker:** Dr. Kerby Lynch, Ceres Policy Research

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**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

7:35 pm/ 0:10

- Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.
- Motion to approve August 2024 meeting minutes approved by Philip with a 2nd by Edie.

**Police Report – Officers James Moody and Bashar Zeidan**

7:36 pm/ 0:50

- Officer Moody reported on several issues in the area:
  - Noise Complaints:** There have been multiple noise complaints at the Baltic. The establishment is supposed to function as a bar/restaurant but is currently operating more like a lounge/nightclub. The police are looking into the permits and issuing reports and citations.
  - Narcotics Activity:** There have been reports of possible narcotics activity near 3 West Richmond. The police have been addressing loitering in that area.
  - Sideshow Activities:** Sideshow activities are still occurring at Canal Door at the dead end. Officer Gravetti has been spending time patrolling the area to deter these activities.
  - General Area Status:** Overall, calls for service in Point Richmond are limited, and things seem to be relatively calm
- Peggy Bristol's question clarified that the possible narcotics activity location is the Todd Hotel.
- Philip: A hotspot to be aware of that's having continued problem with drug activity and vandalism is on Tunnel Avenue at Scenic, where it curves around up to Terrace. One of the neighbors had her tires slashed the other night, and they that same neighbor has been putting up solar lighting and it's getting smashed. The neighbors suspect that it is the people in the cars who might be trying to bring the lighting down. Officer Moody wasn't aware of these issues; inquired if there's any vehicles associated that we can identify. While not specifically for this incident, Philip will check and get back. Will try to get that that neighbor to take some photos and report, but no one saw anything.
- Edie: Recently read there was a major bust of ~700 catalytic converters and a ton of copper wire that at a metal place down on the Richmond Parkway area. Any information? Any change in the amount of either of those kinds of thefts happening since that bust? Officer Moody: RPD not involved in that bust. Catalytic

converter thefts are still a hot topic and wire theft is still running rampant; have probably 6 - 7 arrests in the last 45 days for copper theft related incidents. There was a subject that was in one of those crawl spaces in a manhole and actually electrocuted himself trying to steal copper wire over off of a South Second Street. Our public information officers are putting information out there as far as copper wire theft that's going out within our city for people to actually pay attention if they see something suspicious to contact. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of copper theft is occurring and it's running rampant. They're cutting them down from the poles, slicing off the conduit and taking the copper wires into different recycling centers.

- Leisa Johnson: There was an incident that happened in Brickyard Cove on Sandpiper spit that allegedly happened Friday morning. I know you guys were looking for a specific vehicle and cameras in the area, and I was trying to help provide locations for those cameras. I don't want to say too much, because I'm not sure how much has been revealed publicly, but it's a pretty concerning case, I can talk to you offline if you'd like and I have the detective's info. Officer Moody to call Leisa.
- David Cole: Has started a neighborhood watch group on East Richmond Ave area and has suddenly become aware of all kinds of incidents occurring. Most concerning one actually involved my neighbor on East Richmond (there was a call for service). There was a prowler in her yard, looking in her window then trying to enter her backyard through different gates. She flipped on the porch lights and he fled. We've had a lot of traffic up and down the street with homeless people who camp along the freeway, and they come into Pt Richmond down East Richmond and they're going back/forth a lot during the day and casing houses and it's become a real cause for concern. Moody understand the concerns with the homelessness just roaming around everywhere. RPD are actually working with Michelle Milam from CORE and other resources to try to either abate or getting them the resources they need; it's a constant work in progress. Michelle is exceptional at dealing with this. RPD has abated multiple encampments in the last couple of months and are continuing their efforts. But if anyone ever sees any suspicious activity, please give RPD a call, especially somebody prowling, trying to get into a backyard. We'll definitely respond. That's a priority call.
- Anna: I've noticed a proliferation of campers and sleeper vans along Dornan by the water, especially near the bathrooms further down from Keller. Where we used to see maybe one when walking, now we're seeing 4, 5 or 6. If left unchecked, given the proximity to the public restrooms, it's only a matter of time until our beautiful shoreline starts looking like the encampment that was behind Costco. Encouraging folks to call in if you see these as my understanding is, given it's a public st, they can be given a 72 hour notice to move.
  - Officer Moody: Yes, that's the process. We have our parking enforcement, and or an officer go over there and red tag the vehicle and give them 72 hours to move out of the out of the location that they're at.
  - Officer Zeidan: I've spoken to a couple of them, and we have to offer them services first; if they accept the services, then they give them a little more leeway to give them an opportunity to find them beds. If they refuse services, we ask them to leave. If they don't leave, we'll red tag their car. Then they may just move it a half mile further down. Now we have to start the process all over again. So that's why our best bet is to get in place someplace rather than have them keep bouncing



#### President's Report

7:59 pm/ 24:00

- PTA acknowledgement: Philip wanted to thank the PTA and all of the community members, vendors and restaurants that participated in the PTA Event last Friday. It was spectacular lots of music, lots of good food, lots of vendors, and lots of opportunity to talk the neighbors.
- Dumpster Day: For those of you who have unique addresses in Pt Richmond, i.e. you don't live in an apartment that has a number (A, B, C), you probably already received those purple postcards and didn't realize they were for our upcoming Dumpster Day on Saturday 10/12/2024 from 8am to 12pm. Line up on Cutting and make a right hand turn in front of the elementary school. This year we have a new and exciting feature - we're going to send a few of our more chatty PRNC officers, maybe Philip and Anna, with a donation bucket. This is an absolutely free event, but if you are so inclined you are welcome to make a donation. We've got a lot of projects on the board and the money that we used to get from the recycling is currently in a black hole so we'll use anything donated on our projects.
- Voting on Two (2) Items:
  - **Vote 1:** Bylaws - Would like to refresh them by allowing there to be additional at large officers. Vote is for the general membership to allow us to change the bylaws so that we can add 2 more officers at large; we'd then have a total of 4 at large officers. The regular officers' positions will remain the same, but we can add to them. We have some folks in our community with very unique skills who have been offering to help and we welcome those extra sets of hands. Only current active (dues paid) members can vote on their screens. Results: 93% YES; 7% abstain
  - **Vote 2:** ERF2 Funding - Philip had conversation with Michelle Milam re the encampments under the freeway. She explained there are grants from the State called ERF2 funding, and these are the grants that allow Caltrans to get better housing and better services for people who are living on Caltrans property. This is particularly important to those of us who are aware that we've really got challenges on Tewksbury at Railroad. That encampment is really big right now. Per Michelle, there may be funding there, and she thinks the PRNC should ask the City Council to see if they can get some of that funding. We are to vote if we will ask the City to inquire about this ERF2 funding for the homeless/unhoused encampments under the freeway. Again, voting only for current active members. Results: 93% YES, 7% abstain.
    - The PRNC will so we'll send that letter to the City and we will get someone to come and discuss these grants with our community in the near future.

#### Membership and Treasurer's Report: Eric Napralla

8:09 pm/ 33:22

- We added 2 new members so are up to 186 paid and active members. If you're new here this evening, I just wanted to say, welcome and we look forward to meeting you all.
- Roughly \$19,673.07 in our account, with \$6,100 of this earmarked for the Tunnel Signage project.

#### Guest Speaker – Dr. Kerby Lynch, Ceres Policy Research

8:11 pm/ 34:35

- Dr. Kerby Lynch, a consultant and social science researcher, presented the Community Action Plan (CAP) related to Chevron's settlement with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The CAP aims to improve communication and accountability between Chevron and the community, particularly in response to flaring incidents.
  - Chevron's Settlement Agreement: The settlement agreement requires Chevron to reduce harmful emissions and improve communication with the community, specifically related to flaring incidents.

- Community Action Plan (CAP): The CAP is designed to facilitate engagement between Chevron and the community, including biannual town hall meetings and real-time data transparency.
- Community Involvement: Dr. Lynch emphasized the importance of community involvement in the CAP, encouraging residents to attend town hall meetings and provide feedback.
- Health and Environmental Monitoring: The CAP includes provisions for environmental health monitoring, focusing on issues like asthma and respiratory problems.
- Communication Methods: Various communication methods were discussed, including mobile alerts, social media updates, and recorded messages for those not tech-savvy.
- Community Oversight: The plan suggests forming an independent committee to oversee Chevron's progress and ensure transparency and accountability.
- Upcoming Town Hall Meeting: A town hall meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024, where Chevron will present their flare minimization efforts and the draft CAP.
- She responded to questions from Leisa Johnson, Peggy Bristol, Kate Spaulding and Peter Thelin.
- Please see the PRNC 9/25/2024 YouTube video for specific details and full presentation.

#### Community Briefs

9:01 pm/ 1:25

- **LUDRC:** Charmain Tyler
  - Charmain Tyler provided a summary of the LUDRC meeting, which focused on improvements to the pump station at Dornan Drive and Brickyard Cove Rd.
  - The meeting was well attended with about 15 people and the main subject was the presentation by Marcia Vallier on the pump station improvements
  - Pump Station Improvements: Significant improvements to the pump station include a 10-foot tall cinder block wall to hide equipment, upgraded roads, new curbs, gutters, and an improved bay trail.
  - Additional Enhancements: The project also includes solid metal gates, plantings of low-maintenance shrubs, and a bay trail widened to 10 feet with 3-foot shoulders
  - Approval and Next Steps: The project received unanimous approval from the LUDRC, and the membership is now asked to vote for approval so the city can proceed with the upgrades.

- Voting on one (1) Item:
  - **Vote:** The LUDRC has approved this project as it was presented with all votes in favor; now we want to ask the membership to vote for approval of this project, so the City can go forward to do the upgrades that they plan to do. Only current active (dues paid) members can vote on their screens.
  - **Results: 86% YES; 14% abstain**
  - That letter will go out to the city in the next couple of days.
  - Edie Sellers: Made a motion that we suspend this meeting given the late hour. Is there anything on that agenda that is pressing that needs to be spoken about this month or any of these community organizations have something that is upcoming?

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- **Point Richmond History Association:** Bonnie Jo Cullison **9:07 pm/ 1:31**
  - We have our 1st lecture, co-sponsored with the Richmond Public Library this Wednesday at the Community Center at 6:30pm. This is the 1st of a series involving topics pertaining to Richmond and Point Richmond during World War II. Jim Davis, giving his talk on Italian Americans in World War II. Especially as it pertains to Richmond and Point Richmond.
  - There will be Tacos from Maya Taqueria; first come, first served while supplies last. It should be very entertaining, educational and fun, and we hope you'll all be there, 6:30pm on Wednesday.

- **Public Forum:** **9:08 pm/ 1:32**
  - Sally Tobin: The title for this session is "**Adapting Richmond's Shoreline and its Industrial Legacy**":
    - A community conversation on building a resilient future, addressing the intersection of sea level rise and Richmond's legacy contamination.
    - Sponsored by the city of Richmond, the hybrid meeting will take place both in person at the City Council Chambers and on Zoom, with registration required.
    - The event will feature speakers including Claudia Jimenez, John Gioia, Cesar Zapeda, Lena Velasco, Doria Robinson, Gail McLaughlin, Christina Hill, Sherry Padgett, Keith Merkel, and Katie McKnight.
    - It will be held on Saturday, September 28, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, offering refreshments, childcare, and Spanish translation for in-person attendees.

**Meeting Adjourned:** **9:11 pm/ 1:35**

**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.**

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