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On Point

January 2025

Howdy Neighbor...

Happy New Year, friends and neighbors! Here's wishing you and all our Point Richmond neighbors a safe, healthy, and calm 2025.

Our guest this month will be the **new director of the Port of Richmond, Charles Gerard**. Charles will present what's new in the port, and he'll be available for some brief questions from our community.

STREETLIGHTS, PEOPLE

There have been numerous communications between the PRNC, concerned neighbors, and the city regarding the years' long problem of **missing streetlights, particularly on Cutting and Canal boulevards**. Even with the help of **Councilmember Cesar Zepeda**, we are still having trouble getting any real answer as to the timeline of when we'll get new and better lighting — we hear positive news, then months later we hear vague news, and then a month later we hear discouraging news.

Although there are certainly understandable delays due to the continued rash of thefts and the fallout from recent winter storms, the lack of a schedule and current questions about funding are frustrating at the very least. I promise that we will continue to work with Cesar to get answers, and I'll will pass them on to you, but I'm not holding my breath. Hope springs eternal, though, that we may have some resolution to this longstanding issue that affects traffic, property, and personal safety in The Point.

As always, I encourage each and every one of you to contact the city (because many individual voices make a loud roar when they speak together) and express your concern. You can send your thoughts to the Richmond City Manager, Shasha Curl, via email at shasa_curl@ci.richmond.ca.us.

FERRY POINT ... NOT SO MERRY POINT

Moving on to the mess that is the **Ferry Point Lift Station at Dornan Drive and Brickyard Cove Road**, the message is not much different than the streetlight issue. We are asking our city representatives and will update you as we receive information.

BRINGING MORE BEAUTY TO THE TRIANGLE

In much better news, once again the PRNC board will be working with the Women's Westside Improvement Club to beautify the town triangle and make it easier to maintain.

Updates will follow in spring as the plan unfolds.

We'll see you for our next general meeting on Wednesday, January 29, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. We hope to see you there.

Philip Rosenthal

President – Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

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Join Our Next Meeting

The next Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting is
Wednesday, January 29, 2025; 7:30 PM
via Zoom

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AGENDA

7:30	Call to order and approval of December 4, 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: Charles Gerard, director, Port of Richmond	10-15 minutes
8:07	Questions for Mr. Gerard	10 minutes
8:17	Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)	14 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Richmond CERT, Charmain Tyler, charmain.tyler@gmail.com, (510) 334-7267■ Point Richmond Business Association, Karen Buchanan, pointrichmondbusiness.com■ Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org■ Arts of Point Richmond, Margi Sullivan, artsofpointrichmond.com■ Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559■ PRAM, Layla Dima, pram.net■ HOA's in Brickyard Cove, Community	
8:31	Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)	10 minutes
	<p>Vote: To approve findings and recommendations of LUDRC regarding building project 237 Western Drive.</p> <p><small>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at rsatre@live.com (510) 232-5059, at least two weeks prior to the General Membership Meeting. The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting, at 6:00 PM.</small></p>	
8:41	Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)	14 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Masquers Playhouse, masquers.org■ Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, richmondneighbors.org■ Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry & Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111■ USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us■ Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani, pointrichmond.com/wwic■ Ping Pong, Peter Thelin, pthelin1@yahoo.com or Greg Larson, gdl1mail@gmail.com■ Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park, James Davis, jimmsjc@hotmail.com	
8:55	Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents & Businesses	10 minutes
9:05	In Remembrance and Celebration	5 minutes
9:10	Adjourn	

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 4, 2024
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com



Wednesday, December 4, 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

Speakers: Maryn & Garry Hurlbut – The Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation, Wade Finlinson – Richmond Public Works

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Time / YouTube Timecode
7:35 pm/ 10:35

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

President's Report

7:36 pm/ 11:10

- Our police department was likely overwhelmed and not able to respond to their meeting reminder. In the absence of their report, we will proceed to our agenda.
- Neighbor to Neighbor Grant:** Will fund free community activities based on survey responses from Point Richmond residents. Potential activities include dance classes, martial arts, physical fitness and cooking classes. The grant will also support existing events like the Spring Fling and National Night Out.
- Tunnel Mural Signage Project:** The tunnel signage project, detailing the history of the tunnel, is nearly complete. The signage is expected to be unveiled between mid and late February.
 - Financial Sponsorship: Our community received financial sponsorships, including from Veolia, allowing for continued and new projects, such as expanding the rock garden around the Plaza and improving bike lane safety around the elementary school.
- Next PRNC meeting:** Wednesday January 29, 2025 at 7:30 pm; potential topics include port updates and safety changes to bike lanes.

Treasurer's and Membership Report: Eric Napralla

7:45 pm/ 20:38

- PRNC has about \$27,000, including funds in PayPal and bank accounts.
- Some funds are allocated for the signage project and to cover potential overages in the rock garden project.
- Membership has increased to 191 active members with 2 new additions.

Adopt the Spot Program/Judge Carroll Corner – Maryn & Garry Hurlbut, Wade Finlinson

7:47 pm/ 22:35

- Philip introduced Maryn and Garry Hurlbut, highlighting their significant contributions to the Richmond community, including the Hurlbut Tennis Gardens and the renovation of the gardens surrounding the Plunge

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- Adopt the Spot Program:** Maryn explained the program, which allows residents to maintain city parks that the city staff cannot, due to time and financial constraints. As such, the Hurlbuts are expanding their efforts to include Judge Carroll Corner, which has been neglected and needs proper maintenance.
- Current and Future Objectives:** Include removing congestion for safety, adding manageable landscapes, providing ADA-compliant walkways, and fixing and expanding the irrigation systems to support new planting. They have been working with the City to prune trees and bushes obstructing drivers' views.
- Project Management:** Maryn and Garry will be the primary investors and project managers, with Wade Finlinson from Richmond Public Works and landscape architects Marcia Vallier with Paul Stevenson assisting.
- Community Involvement:** They emphasized the importance of community input and collaboration to ensure the success and maintenance of these park improvements.
- Paul Stevenson discusses the landscape design concept for the Judge Carroll corner in Point Richmond, involving the replacement of an existing bench with a steel bench, maintaining historical bricks, and expanding the corner area. The planting will include low ground cover, low roses, rhododendrons, and crepe myrtle trees, matching the existing community palette. Additionally, a diagonal sidewalk will connect existing sidewalks to improve pedestrian flow, and benches will be added along the walkway for community use.
- Maryn discussed plans for upgrading and maintaining the park with contributions from the City, Richmond Tennis Association, and the Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation.
 - City Contributions:** The City will handle some maintenance tasks quicker than usual, and possibly provide an ADA walkway within a reasonable timeframe.
 - Funding and Bench Details:** Items not funded by the City will be covered by Richmond Tennis Association and Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation.
 - Construction and Planting:** Construction will include raised beds with proper irrigation and drainage, and protection against gophers.
 - Project Timeline:** The project plan will be created, followed by infrastructure preparations, task scheduling, and ordering of materials. The hardscape and infrastructure will be done in January through February, planting structures and furniture in March-April, and irrigation and lighting in May-June.
 - Long-term goal for the community:** The project is expected to be a cooperative venture involving parks, landscaping, and volunteers.
- Wade Finlinson expressed gratitude for the generosity of the Hurlbuts, highlighting the significant impact of the project. He mentioned that without this contribution, the area would remain undeveloped for at least two years. He looks forward to supporting the project to expedite its completion and create a meaningful space.
- Philip expressed appreciation for Maryn's design work on the Plunge, barbecues, plantings, and Bocce Court, crediting her for making these projects happen efficiently. He also acknowledged the ongoing work at Judge Carroll Park and expressed gratitude for Maryn's contributions to the community.

Community questions:

- Kate Spaulding: Will the vegetation around the new and old fence lines next to the new walkway enclose the park and the orientation of the benches. Which direction do the benches face the road or the park? Wonderful to have more benches to sit on
 - Paul Stevenson: The vegetation between the pathways would consist of low ground covers, similar to those across the street, which would not grow too high and would be maintained in the areas currently showing dirt.
 - Right now they're shown as facing the park, and so you could sit them and look at the dog park. We could do it the opposite way and have them facing the street or have one on each side. Those are really flexible.
- Michael Nye asked about a proposal for upgrades to the Parkway, which was blocked by council members who wanted to use the funds in other parts of town.
 - Maryn clarified that the proposal was not for an upgrade but for maintenance, which does not require

- Charmain Tyler inquired about the future maintenance of the project, questioning if the City would take over tasks like watering and trimming.

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- Maryn explained that she and Garry, as part of the "Adopt the Spot" program, will handle regular maintenance similar to their current responsibilities at the Plunge. Wade added that the City will still be responsible for major issues, but the involvement of adopters like Maryn and Garry makes it easier for the City to support these efforts, ensuring long-term care.

Community Briefs

8:26 pm/ 1:06

Masquers Playhouses, Rosie the Riveter, Red Oak & Arts of Pt Richmond – No updates

Pt Richmond History Association – Philip Rosenthal

- History Association and all its related friends have a simultaneous meeting at the library this evening.
- Likelihood that we need to work together to redo that kiosk on the corner and just revarnish it. There's expensive stuff that has to do on the bulletin board and the and the little roof of that kiosk probably needs to be redone.
- Putting it in Bonnie's hands but we're definitely willing to participate; maybe the other organizations will as well.

RNCC – Philip Rosenthal

- Cordell sent an email re their holiday party next week. The last RNCC meeting had no guest speakers, just various city departments providing updates and answering questions. Cordell will forward emails until he gets a new computer. Philip and Edie reiterated offering Cordell a free computer; Philip will reach out.
- The RNCC had 7 people attending in person and 12 on Zoom. They are looking for officers for 2025 and invite participation. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers and to invite the Contra Costa Mayor's conference in San Pablo, which costs \$70 per person.

Richmond Tennis Association & The Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation – Garry Hurlbut

- Resurfacing Courts: The Richmond Tennis Association resurfaced the second court by the Plunge, adding lines for both tennis and pickleball, with adjustable net height for pickleball.
- USCA Adult Programs Success: Four teams from the USCA adult programs, including one women's team and three men's teams, made it to their League Championship!
- Community Engagement: The Richmond Tennis Association encourages community engagement by inviting feedback from players and promoting healthy lifestyles through tennis and pickleball.
- Future Plans: The association plans to participate in Northern California playoffs in January and is looking forward to promoting their achievements through a press release.

Women's West Side – Philip Rosenthal

- They just completed the very visible overhaul of the Map Garden and they did a lot of work on the Sentinel Garden; note - that Indian sculpture is called the Sentinel.
- Women's West Side will have no meeting in January (month off); next will be Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

Ping Pong – Peter Thelin

- Ping Pong at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club on Cutting Avenue every Monday night from 5 until whenever.
- Due to Winter/getting dark earlier and the Holidays attendance has been lower than norm but we're still doing it and still having fun.

Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC) – Charmain Tyler

- Meeting held to discuss renovations at 525 Tremont Avenue, owned by Steve Davis. The committee, including Charmain Tyler, Rod, Bonnie, David, and Peter, reviewed the plans presented by architect Nick Miller.
- Neighbors were informed and had no objections.
- The LUDRC approved the project and recommended a vote for the PRNC.
- PRNC VOTE for active PRNC Members only:
 - Approval was unanimous.

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- Philip Rosenthal will ensure the decision is communicated to the City.

- Philip: Copper wire theft. The community of Point Richmond is experiencing frequent copper wire theft, causing outages and internet problems. Recent theft where copper wire was stolen from telephone and utility poles, leading to outages and internet issues in the area. Residents are worried about the ongoing thefts and the potential for repeated incidents, as the current replacement method involves using copper wire again, which reattracts thieves. Philip emphasized the importance of neighborhood vigilance and suggested that residents be more aware of unusual noises and activities and report suspicious behavior to the police.

CERT - Charmain Tyler

- Organizing committees and preparing for a new CERT class in 2025.
- Charmain will inform and invite people to sign up once the date is set. She has received interest from several individuals through the CERT website and will forward their information to the committee.

Magick Lantern - Kate Spaulding

- Magic Lantern neighborhood community movie theater will show a fun French farce on December 14. The film, "The Crime Is Mine," is about two women in 1930s Paris who are arrested for murder, found innocent, and become famous. The movie is not based on a true story.

PRAM - Layla Dima

- Expresses gratitude to the community for their support, especially re the Bench project for Maxine.
- The upcoming Santa Crawl event on Saturday from 5:30 to 9:30 pm, which aims to support local businesses. The event will start at the Mac Hotel and include stops at the Baltic Kiss, Masa, and the Up and Under.
- There is a potential upcoming children's art show at the Point Richmond Art Gallery.

Brickyard Landing HOA - Charmain Tyler

- Reported a fire incident caused by a lighted object in the trash chute, leading to smoke throughout the building
- Thanks to previous evacuation drills, residents responded well, and four fire engines managed the situation.
- Charmain urged caution during the Holiday season, emphasizing the importance of checking Christmas lights, wiring, fireplaces, and being mindful of smoking materials.

Public Forum:

8:55 pm/ 1:35

- Edie: Job Opportunity at East Brother Light Station - job opening for lighthouse attendants at the East Brother Light Station, which pays \$140,000 for two people to run an AirBnB, with one person required to cook and the other to clean, and one needing a commercial boating license.
- Vania Grandi: Introduced herself and her husband as new residents in Seaview and expressed gratitude for the community's good work and mentioned they are getting involved in local activities.
- Paige Tashner: Ongoing issues with property maintenance at the intersection of Terrace and Scenic, including overgrown shrubbery and garbage; mentioned contacting the real estate agent to address these concerns. Will

- report these issues if no changes are seen by mid-January.
- o Edie (for James C.): Rancid smell coming from the compost at the landfill; sometimes been confused with other sources. Very important to repeatedly reporting these smells to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's emergency odor line, as consistent reports lead to action, including potential lawsuits and fines.
- o Philip: Is involved with the Bay Area Air Quality Board and shares that it only takes 10 phone calls to trigger an investigation into air quality issues. He advises people to save important contact numbers and report any odors they smell, providing the number **1-803-334-ODOR (6367)** for making such reports.
- o Peter Thelin and Garry Hurlbut discussed the Thanksgiving morning (10am) "Turkey Shoot". This has been a community event for decades enjoyed by all and founded in fun. There is a ton of community involvement and a festive atmosphere. There is a lengthy, humorous poem shared which grows year over year.

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Remembrances and Celebrations:

9:09 pm/ 1:49

- o Philip shared the news of the passing of Alpha Humphrey, a beloved and creative member of the community and founder of the Arts of Point Richmond. She passed of cancer but lived almost a year longer than expected
- o She made a generous donation to the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council and there are plans to commemorate her contributions with the Arts of Point Richmond logo on a tunnel mural sign.

Meeting Adjourned:

9:11 pm/ 1:51

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- New Renewal Individual Household

Name _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

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