



# On Point

The official newsletter of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

February 2025

## ***Howdy Neighbor...***

It's been a busy start to 2025 for the PRNC!

Following up on last month's meeting, we have been working hard to get all of the involved parties to mitigate the dangerous and untenable gridlock that traps our neighbors in their homes and obstructs emergency evacuation routes when I-580 traffic jams paralyze our neighborhood. We will continue to update you on any developments as they occur.

## **Spring Be Flinging Again**

The **2025 Point Richmond Spring Fling and Art Stroll** will be held earlier than usual this year. It's scheduled for **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** on Park Place in Point Richmond. Expect all the usual hijinks for the kids and families, including the ever-popular **egg hunt** and the **fancy-hat contest** for kids and adults... plus some new surprises for this year!

***Volunteers are always needed, so if you can spend a few hours lending a hand setting up, taking down, or just assisting us with the events, please contact me at [prncpres@gmail.com](mailto:prncpres@gmail.com).***

Also, we have spaces for local artists and businesses who want to show and sell their wares at the event. If you'd like a space for your booth, please request a space at our [Spring Fling Vendor Booth Signup](#) page to reserve a booth space.

## **Dive Into Dumpster Day**

The Free Dumpster Day for Point Richmond is earlier than ever this year. Mark your calendars for **Dumpster Day on Saturday, March 1st**. We will be collecting voluntary (i.e., not required but deeply appreciated) donations to help defray our costs for this important and popular service and to help refresh the PRNC general fund so we may do more events and projects around The Point.

Since it's free to dump that day, please consider doing a bit of neighborhood cleanup prior to the event, and check with neighbors who might add to what you are dumping. Let's all do our part to clean up the

neighborhood and encourage the recycling effort of Dumpster Day.

**This Month’s Meeting News**

This month we will hear from **Soheila Bana**, wearing her hat as chair of the **West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council**.

Ms. Bana will introduce us to the Fire Safe Council and tell us how we can help in the efforts to make our community safer, identify evacuation routes, and participate in the process of working on a local and countywide fire safety plan.

Lastly, the LUDRC meetings will now be held on the last Tuesday of each month (at 6 pm, via Zoom) on the day prior to the PRNC general meeting.

**New Day for LUDRC**

Starting this month, LUDRC meetings will be held on the last *TUESDAY* each month (the day before the PRNC General Meetings), instead of Wednesday (the same day as PRNC General Meetings). This allows LUDRC members more time to have long meetings and robust community input without having to worry about bumping up against the general meetings.

This month’s **LUDRC Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, February 25th, at 6pm via Zoom**. You should have a the link in your inbox already.

Oh, and as a reminder, the PRNC General Meeting will be **Wednesday, February 26th, at 7pm via Zoom (link below)**.

We’ll see you there!

*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.

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**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, February 26th 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 January 29, 2025, meeting minutes</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>
<b>7:35</b>	<b>Police Report, Officer Ignont, 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: Soheila Bana, chair, West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council.</b>	<b>10-15 minutes</b>
<b>8:07</b>	<b>Questions for Ms. Bana</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>8:17</b>	<b>Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)</b>	<b>14 minutes</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Masquers Playhouse, <a href="http://masquers.org">masquers.org</a></b></li><li>■ <b>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org">richmondneighbors.org</a></b></li><li>■ <b>Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry &amp; Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111</b></li><li>■ <b>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, <a href="http://redoakvictory.us">redoakvictory.us</a></b></li><li>■ <b>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani, <a href="http://pointrichmond.com/wwic">pointrichmond.com/wwic</a></b></li><li>■ <b>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></b></li><li>■ <b>Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park, James Davis, <a href="mailto:jimmsjc@hotmail.com">jimmsjc@hotmail.com</a></b></li></ul>	
<b>8:31</b>	<b>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
	<p><b>Vote:</b> To approve findings and recommendations of LUDRC regarding building project at 237 Western Drive.</p> <p><i>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at <a href="mailto:rdساتre@live.com">rdساتre@live.com</a> (510) 232-5059, at least two weeks prior to the General Membership Meeting. The LUDRC meets monthly on the last Tuesday of every month (the evening prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting) at 6:00 pm.</i></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>Richmond CERT, Charmain Tyler, <a href="mailto:charmain.tyler@gmail.com">charmain.tyler@gmail.com</a>, (510) 334-7267</b></li><li>■ <b>Point Richmond Business Association, Karen Buchanan, <a href="http://pointrichmondbusiness.com">pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></b></li><li>■ <b>Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <a href="http://pointrichmondhistory.org">pointrichmondhistory.org</a></b></li><li>■ <b>Arts of Point Richmond, Margi Sullivan, <a href="http://artsofpointrichmond.com">artsofpointrichmond.com</a></b></li><li>■ <b>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</b></li><li>■ <b>PRAM, Layla Dima, <a href="http://pram.net">pram.net</a></b></li><li>■ <b>HOA's in Brickyard Cove, Community</b></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>	

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Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday January 29, 2025  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)



Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 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 - *absent*  
**Officer At-large:** Peter Thelin

**Speakers:** Charles Gerard, Port Director City of Richmond

**Time/ YouTube**  
7:31 pm/ :35

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

- Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm.
- Motion to approve December 2024 meeting minutes approved by Philip with a 2nd by Edie.

**President's Report**

7:32 pm/ 1:11

- 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.
- **Street lighting:** There's a delay in the street lighting restoration along Canal/Gerard due to financial issues. The lighting is ready for new wiring & installation, but the project is currently on hold due to funding problems.
- **Pump/Lift Station:** The pump station at the corner of Brickyard Cove and Gordon Drive is back on track after being on hold. Marcia Vallier, a valued contributor and community member, is liaising with the city to ensure the project moves forward. There are plans to beautify the project, and community members will be involved in the decision-making process.
- **Judge Carroll Park:** The Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation is making significant progress in rejuvenating Judge Carroll Park. The project includes clearing the area, laying hardscape for sidewalks, and preparing for planting. David Rogers, a parks representative, is personally selecting healthy plants for the project. All benches have been sponsored, including a special bench dedicated to Maxine.
- **Dumpster Day:** Scheduled for Saturday, March 1st, starting at 8 AM. Event will run to 12pm or until dumpsters are filled. The community is encouraged to participate and make optional donations which will help the PRNC support public service projects. Volunteers are welcome to help, especially in assisting senior neighbors. As a reminder, we line up on Cutting Boulevard alongside Judge Carroll Park and the parking lot of the elementary school. You'll make a right hand turn onto Wine Street where you can dispose of all your dumpster stuff.

**Treasurer's Report:** Philip Rosenthal

7:41 pm/ 10:25

- We've been telling you how much we've brought in, and we will be sharing our expenses as well as it is important our community knows what the money is being spent on.
- Currently, the only outgoing expense is less than a hundred dollars paid for dues to The Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council.
- Any significant expenses, such as \$1,600 for Spring Fling or paying \$400 for hiring a DJ at an event, will be reported to the community.

**Membership Report: Eric Napralla**

**7:42 pm/ 11:23**

- No new members since our last meeting. We're still at 191 paid and active members.
- We did have a number of members renew their membership and make those payments. So thank you and we appreciate that

**The City of Richmond's new Port Director - Charles Gerard**

**7:43 pm/ 12:10**

- Philip introduced our new Port Director and welcomed him to the neighborhood. The bulk of the Port actually falls into Point Richmond and there are some exciting changes. Our community is very happy glad to have someone now in this vital position.
- Charles shared his background and experience in the maritime industry. He has worked on various types of ships and in technology for marine terminals. After spending several years at Navis, he joined the Port of Richmond as director in October.
- He introduces some of his team: Lizeht Zepeda, Economic Development; Kyle Lam, Management Analyst; and Robert Stevens. While not a City employee, he has a lot of experience with the City and is a contract engineer who runs his own engineering business.
- Charles shared a presentation. The overview discusses the port operations in Richmond, focusing on its self-sustaining enterprise fund, strategic location, and various tenants and projects. Please see the **January 29, 2025 PRNC General Membership Meeting YouTube video** for specific details and full presentation.
  - Enterprise Fund Overview: The port operates as a self-sustaining enterprise fund, generating revenue through property leases and shipping tariffs, without using the City's general fund.
  - City Integration: The port is integrated into the City's management under the Economic Development Department, with close collaboration among City officials.
  - Mission and Objectives: The port's mission focuses on leveraging its strategic location, enhancing safety and security, and promoting economic growth through tenant support and workforce development.
  - Shipping Operations: The port has two main shipping operations: AAK, which imports palm oil, and auto warehousing, which handles automobile imports.
  - Service Providers: The port hosts numerous tenants that provide critical services to the marine industry, including tugboat companies, spill response corporations and engineering firms.
  - Strategic Location: The port's central location in the Bay Area, with access to major railroads and highways, offers significant logistical advantages.
  - Historical Significance: The port has a rich maritime history, dating back to pre-World War II, which is emphasized in its workforce development efforts.
  - Terminal Descriptions: The presentation details various terminals, including Point Potrero Marine Terminal, Terminal 2, 3, and 4, highlighting their tenants and ongoing projects.
  - Terminal One Status: Terminal One's future use is under review by City council and the City Attorney, with a commitment to a transparent decision-making process involving community stakeholders.
  - Ongoing Projects: The port is engaged in various projects, including traffic calming measures, compliance with emission regulations, infrastructure assessments, and historical building utilization.

**Community questions/comments:**

**8:11 pm/ 40:37**

- Leisa Johnson: Addressed two major issues on Canal Boulevard and the port's tenant project, emphasizing the need for immediate attention and community involvement.
  - Canal Boulevard Safety and Lighting Issues: Ongoing problems with street safety, traffic calming, and lighting on Canal Boulevard, stressing that city staff had committed to restoring lighting by December 2024 but faced a funding shortfall. The lights have been out for over three years, and recent fatalities underscore the urgency of this issue.
  - Blinding BNSF Lighting: The BNSF lighting in the rail yard on Port property is blinding to eastbound drivers at night, especially when it is raining. Despite years of requests, no light shields have been installed, exacerbating the safety risk.
  - Port's Tenant and Emergency Access: The port's tenant and the port of entry project approved in 2008, which requires 24/7 ingress and egress that has not been met. We call for a focused meeting to address these deficiencies and emphasize the importance of securing funding, restoring lighting, and ensuring 24/7 emergency access.

- Charles Gerard: Addressed these comments about traffic and property delineation around the port area, explaining that some areas are not under the port's management. He invites written comments, and would like Leisa's written questions, and offers to help where possible, with the PRNC and Councilmember Zepeda facilitating meetings.
- Jonathan Livingston: Here representing Richmond and Cove residents, expressed concerns about using Terminal One as a commercial port. It is isolated, lack of rail service, unsuitable truck service, and proximity to sensitive receptors. He emphasized that the site is zoned for residential use, structurally unsound, and financially unviable for commercial use. He urged the City to avoid rezoning, which would trigger costly reviews and legal challenges, and to focus on redeveloping the site for residential use to benefit the community.
- Bruce Beyaert: Regarding the Federal Army Corps dredging the Federal channels. Does the City's port of Richmond or other port operators contribute financially to that army corps work? Also, there's some very derelict, roofless buildings on the southern side of Terminal 2. What the situation with these?
  - Charles Gerard: The Federal channel dredging is funded by the Army Corps of Engineers, while the port is responsible for dredging alongside the wharfs. Terminal 2, located next to a new development, has a derelict warehouse that is an eyesore. The tenant uses the terminal for storage and has a piping mechanism for palm oil. Gerard is open to ideas for the property but does not have an immediate solution.
- Sally Tobin: What kinds of changes do you see for the port in preparing for sea level rise?
  - Charles Gerard: There is the City's ongoing sea level rise study, which now includes port properties. There's a need for budget allocation if the port cannot join the City's study and there is concern about the water table under the properties. The City has engaged a consultant for preliminary stages, and the port will participate.
- Kim Desenberg: Thanked Director Gerard for an informative presentation about Terminal One. Kim, a neighbor of Terminal One, emphasized that the area is now primarily residential and recreational, and expressed concerns about bringing industrial activity back, citing overcrowding issues.
- Graham Perrett: Thoughts on the tsunami warning? Seeking clarity on the plans for Red Oak Victory and a proposal to build a docking area for giant windmills.
  - Charles Gerard: Re the Tsunami Warning in NoCA: It was issued following an earthquake in Eureka, prompting a comprehensive evacuation alert for the SF Bay area. Gerard and his team monitored the situation, and the evacuation notice was de-escalated within an hour. Re the General Warehouse Commercial Arrangements, a cannabis operation had previously leased the general warehouse but went bankrupt, leaving contractor liens that have since expired. The historic building is now available for evaluation and potential market listing. Re the Red Oak Victory Ship, we support moving the Red Oak to an area near the Ferry Landing to increase public accessibility. This long-term project has the interest of Mayor Martinez and Congressman Garamendi and requires significant investment. Re the development of offshore wind farms with leased sectors in No. & So. CA. These projects will require a waterborne supply chain for components and support, presenting opportunities for Richmond. Major construction will likely occur in Long Beach for Southern sites and Humboldt for Northern sites. The Council and Mayor are interested in participating in this green economy initiative.
- Philip: Would there ever be any funding that we could pursue to help the volunteers to maintain and restore the Red Oak victory.
  - Charles Gerard: Need for developing a grant pipeline to secure funding for infrastructure repair and refurbishment at the port, emphasizing the reliance of public ports on grant funding. We have started the process but have not yet been successful; there's potential assistance from our Congressman for preliminary funding to advance design and permitting ideas.

#### Community Briefs

8:37 pm/ 1:06

#### LUDRC – Philip Rosenthal

- The vote has been tabled re the 237 Western Dr. single family home building project. We're going to need to pick up one or more meetings on this as that's not going to happen this evening
- Thank you all for those of you who are new to us who have come in response to the earlier LUDR meeting. There was a lot to unpack there so Rod and I will coordinate an additional meeting, and we'll have as many meetings as necessary before we come before the general membership.

**CERT, Brickyard Landing HOA, PRBA, History Association, Arts of Pt Richmond, Magick Lantern – No updates**

**PRAM - Layla Dima**

- Thanks again to the gateway, Grant. We have been doing some repairs around Pram.
- They are also doing a new Mondays at 10 am - Songs and stories in Spanish with Miss Wendy.
- They're going to have a Soul shine drama, time, workshop for kids, 7 to 10 years old on the Winter break in February (check our website for all updates).
- There is a Pilates for PRAM fundraiser, February 15th from 3 – 4pm for adults. If you want to come by and get a workout.
- PRAM is still calling itself PRAM (although our non-profit status/paperwork is officially the Field House).

**Masquers Playhouse - Jim Davis**

- We are about to open our 2025 season with the comedy Calendar Girls on February 7 through March 2.
- It's based on a true story of some women who wanted to raise funds for nonprofit they were involved in. So they all pose nude for a calendar and sold the calendars. So, that's what happens in the course of the play.
  - Philip: That is hysterical, because that's what the PRNC Officers will be doing to raise funds this year!

**USS Red Oak Victory Ship - Graham Perrett**

- We've got winter and spring movies scheduled in place and it's revolving around Alfred Hitchcock's movies he made about World War II.
  - February 20 - Foreign Correspondent
  - March 20 - Saboteur.
  - April 17 – Lifeboats (if you've never seen lifeboat, it's well worth watching just to see Tallulah Bankhead having an attack of the vapors in a lifeboat!
  - May 18 - Notorious with Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman
  - June 19 - annual favorite, Bogart and Bergman and Major Renault in Casablanca.
- The movies start at 6:30 pm; you can board at 6 pm, and we sell drinks and snacks, and so on.
- We just ask for a contribution of \$10 on the ship. So please join us.

**Women's West Side Improvement Club (WWIC) – Diane Diani**

- December holiday lunch held at a member's home, featuring delicious food and guitar playing by Diana Storks.
- We were honored to receive the Gateway Foundation Grant which will be used to refurbish the plot behind the Pt Richmond History Association building starting in the spring. This will be in concurrent with the library garden and will be starting in the spring and looking forward to working with PRNC.
- In January, the group organized a huge pruning and weeding work day in the rose garden and the Indian (Sentinel) statue garden. Leslie Hicks, who heads the gardens, was acknowledged for her significant efforts.
- Upcoming Events - The first meeting of the new year is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, featuring a brown bag lunch and a special guest speaker, Karen Buchanan, on the topic of colorful women of Richmond. Additionally, a trash pickup day at Miller Knox is planned for February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. We meet at the 1st entrance to the park, and it's under the leadership of our member, Cheryl Willis. Black bags are provided gloves and grabbers, so all are welcome.
- As Doreen Layton, our WWIC president, cannot come to these Wednesday evenings (church choir practice), she has she asked Julie Alexander to attend and give reports every month as available.
  - Philip Rosenthal: Project to beautify by extending the theme of the Triangle garden behind the library, mainly to reduce weeds and be more environmentally sensitive with watering. The project is funded by the Gateway Foundation and PRNC and supervised by Women's West Side. By summer, we aim to refresh the Triangle area, including the area around the kiosk and the fire station. Anyone, regardless of gender, can participate in the garden cleanups.

**Richmond Tennis Association & The Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation – Maryn Hurlbut**

- We had a very busy weekend. Four of the RTA teams went up to Sacramento for regional championships. The 1st round we won all 7 of the matches that we participated in; the next round we had 2 teams winning and going to finals, and in the last round we didn't make it to Nationals. However, we do have one RTA member going to Nationals. That means we are competing with the highest level people in the entire country playing USTA matches. We are so proud of them all.
- From the Foundation side we had a reception for Snowball Scholarship recipients. We fund the Snowball Scholarship fund, almost exclusively, and we gave 22, \$1,000 scholarships this year to 16 of our local scholars who also participate in community services. They are just the greatest kids.
- We are trying to find some of these teenagers, whether they're juniors or seniors in high school, to work for some of our City organizations, our commissions and our boards (i.e. Parks and Recreation Commission) because we need fresh thoughts in moving our city into bright new futures. The kids can get a great resume point for their college or business futures, and we get a fresh perspective.
- Philip expressed thanks to Maryn and Garry for their generosity to our community.

**Ping Pong – Peter Thelin**

- Ping Pong at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club on Cutting Avenue every Monday night from 5 until whenever.
- We've generally had 6 to 8 different people showing up. Lots of fun and great drinks/bar area.

**Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC) – Peter Thelin**

- Peter liaising for Cordell who shared there were 8 on the dais and 14 on Zoom.
- Assistant chief Simmons provided a report on the police department goals for 2025 and after the staff reported on their business reports, new business was covered.
- Cordell suggested they invite Tammy Edwards to present on her nonprofit organization project.

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

- For February we have a lot of things going on: lectures, presentations, etc. There are 2 rather unusual things that people might find interesting on the weekend of February 22 and 23:
  - Saturday Feb 22nd is a day of remembrance for Japanese American incarceration. There'll be a series of talks and films on that. And then this is the 25th anniversary of the Visitor Center and there's a special series of programs all year long lectures to commemorate that.
  - Sunday Feb 23rd there will be a lecture on the Port Chicago disaster of July 1944.
- Philip Rosenthal: My husband and I went to Jim Davis' excellent presentation on the military and dogs during World War II and the nationwide effort to get dogs in the war. It was both amusing and educational. So keep an eye on Jim. He's really good at discussing history.

**Public Forum:**

**8:54 pm/ 1:23**

- James Cheshareck: What updates are there on the composting operation.
  - Philip explained that the unpleasant smell in the area is due to a compost facility at Republic Services. The smell is worse this year due to prevailing wind conditions. He mentioned the Bay Area Air Quality Board's involvement and the need for better accountability.
  - 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. He will also provide a phone number for complaints in the next newsletter.
- Graham: There's an email re the moratorium expiring on the Keller Beach sanitary sewer system. There were a few Public Works Dept folks copied and still no response. Is Public Works looking at other alternatives, or looking to hire a new contract engineer?

- Cesar Zepeda: There have been various efforts to address the issues related to the moratorium and wastewater management.
  - **Moratorium and Construction:** Cesar is working with staff on an agenda item to address a moratorium while allowing limited construction for individuals who purchased properties without knowing about the moratorium.
  - **Wastewater Working Group:** A wastewater working group, including the Mayor, Councilman Robinson, and Cesar Zepeda, is exploring alternatives to manage sewer connections and ease the impact on the Keller Beach sewer line.
  - **PR Communication:** Philip Rosenthal plans to email Ben Gettleman on behalf of the PRNC to address concerns about the lack of updates from their PR representative.
- Susan Glending: Historical Protection District Challenges. When we bought our house, we was unaware it was in the historical protection district, which limited renovations that could change its historic nature. There should be concerns about the dilapidated sanitary sewer line that may be leaking into the Bay, causing environmental harm, and we should not allow connections to it at this time.
- Philip Rosenthal emphasized the potential financial burden on Richmond taxpayers and homeowners if the sewer line issue is not addressed. He also highlighted Cesar's efforts in securing grants for the City to address.
  - I've been attending these meetings for 30 years and in all those years I've been attending these meetings, until Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, I have not seen a member of the City Council or the mayor. Even those who live in our neighborhood do not come to the meetings as much as Cesar comes every year.
  - So I'm really grateful for Cesar for all of his efforts as he also has a full time job in the business world on top of all this.

**Remembrances and Celebrations:**

**9:06 pm/ 1:35**

- Diane Diani: One of our oldest members is a lovely lady Martha Bellowski and she is actually now a 104 ½ years old. She is starting to do puzzles. She got a 300 piece puzzle that she's going to start working on. Anyway, we love her, and I just wanted to bring her up.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**9:10 pm/ 1:39**

- Philip acknowledged this meeting had over 50 attendees. He highlighted the challenges faced in being heard by the City Council and the need to stay strong to ensure our voices are heard.
- Philip also referenced a history of neighborhood councils by Lucretia Edwards and urges members to stay informed about City Council meetings.

## Are Your Dues Paid Up?

Your dues help cover our administrative expenses and are \$20 per individual and \$25 per household. If this is a financial hardship, a waiver can be 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:

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