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# On Point

The official newsletter of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

April 2026

THIS IS BEING RESENT, AS A OUR PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER INCLUDED AN INCORRECT DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS **WENDESDAY, APRIL 29TH.**

APOLOGIES THE OVERSIGHT.

## *Howdy, Neighbor...*

The recent heavy rains have convinced the flowers and plants to show us their stuff, so The Point is in full color these days.

## Spring Fling was a Blast this year!

Tons of kids, families and community members participated at **Spring Fling** this year.

By bringing the event back into the neighborhood, as opposed to being a street party, we were able to concentrate on the local kids. We were also able to put our full attention on **PRAM** and fund a gardening renovation and refresh!

Thanks to **Librarian Susan, Ali, Layla** and the **PRAM parents** who shared the work.

**Women's Westside Improvement Association** added to the event and enticed some new members, so thanks gals!





## **New Board Members Needed!**

At this point, **we have opening for treasurer, president, vice-president, and at-large positions.**

As I have termed out, I will not be running. I will remain in place until a new President is found.

My goal is to remain on the board doing what I do best, communication and development. Rest assured, with events and less work on that end, and my continued support, the new President will have a smooth transition.

## **This Month's Guest**

Our guests this month will be **Jessie Maran of CSW/ST2**. Jessie will present the plan for the upcoming outreach regarding the **drastic changes proposed for the Point Richmond connectivity project**. This meeting will focus more on the planned outreach than on actual suggestions, so let's come prepared to help Jessie plan the schedule to receive the most effective feedback.

The general meeting is **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom**. We'll 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, April 29th, 2026; 7:30 PM**

via Zoom

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# Agenda

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30 PM**  
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)



## AGENDA

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| 7:30 <i>Call to order and approval of March 25, 2026, meeting minutes</i>  | 5 minutes  |
| 7:35 <i>Police Report, Officer Ignont, Sergeant Moody</i>  | 10 minutes |
| 7:45 <i>President's Report, Philip Rosenthal</i>   | 5 minutes  |
| 7:50 <i>Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan</i>   | 1 minute   |
| 7:51 <i>Membership Report, Eric Napralla</i>   | 1 minute   |
| 7:52 <i>Guest Speaker: Jessie Maran, CSW/ST2 – Pt. Richmond Connectivity Project</i>   | 30 minutes |
| 8:22 <i>Questions for Jessie Maran</i>   | 10 minutes |
| 8:32 <i>Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)</i>  | 14 minutes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Masquers Playhouse, <a href="http://masquers.org">masquers.org</a></i></li> <li>■ <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org">richmondneighbors.org</a></i></li> <li>■ <i>Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry &amp; Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111</i></li> <li>■ <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, <a href="http://redoakvictory.us">redoakvictory.us</a></i></li> <li>■ <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Julee Alexander, <a href="http://pointrichmond.com/wwic">pointrichmond.com/wwic</a></i></li> <li>■ <i>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></i></li> <li>■ <i>Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park, James Davis, <a href="mailto:jimmsjc@hotmail.com">jimmsjc@hotmail.com</a></i></li> </ul> |            |
| 8:46 <i>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC)</i>   | 10 minutes |
| <p><i>Possible Vote: Approve LUDRC Recommendations for 0 Terrace Ave Single Family Home</i></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>   |            |
| 8:56 <i>Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)</i>  | 14 minutes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Richmond CERT, Charmain Tyler, <a href="mailto:charmain.tyler@gmail.com">charmain.tyler@gmail.com</a>, (510) 334-7267</i></li> <li>■ <i>Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <a href="http://pointrichmondhistory.org">pointrichmondhistory.org</a></i></li> <li>■ <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Margi Sullivan, <a href="http://artsopointrichmond.com">artsopointrichmond.com</a></i></li> <li>■ <i>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</i></li> <li>■ <i>PRAM, Layla Dima, <a href="http://pram.net">pram.net</a></i></li> <li>■ <i>HOA's in Brickyard Cove, Community</i></li> </ul>   |            |
| 9:10 <i>Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents &amp; Businesses</i>  | 10 minutes |
| 9:20 <i>In Remembrance and Celebration</i>   | 5 minutes  |
| 9:25 <i>Adjourn</i>  |            |

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# Last Month's Minutes

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday March 25, 2026  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)



Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 7:30 pm

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Speakers:** Kaylee Pierson & Naama Raz-Yaseef, *Watershed Project*

**Time/ YouTube**  
**7:33 pm/0:13**

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

- Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm.
- Motion to approve February 2026 meeting minutes approved by Philip with a second from Edie

**Police Report:** Lieutenant Donald Patchin

**7:34 pm/1:07**

- Introduced as Southern district commander. Will also be running traffic/parking and social media. Will be working same hours as Lt. Decious was and some swing shifts (2:30 pm - 12:30 am) for a bit.
- If any of our community have any questions or issues, feel free to reach out to Lt. Patchin.
- For future report outs, Lt. Patchin clarified he wants to know what our community would like him to focus on when he attends these meeting.
  - We do get the general stats about crimes in our neighborhood. They tend to be pretty similar, but usually the officers will tell us if there's an uptick, for example, in particular car thefts. So, if they do see a trend in our neighborhood, it's helpful for folks to know.
- Michelle Milam sent out a questionnaire to the community re what are Pt Richmond residents' main concerns in our neighborhood and where they are taking place, etc.
  - The more specific questions seem to revolve around what is happening at the Todd Hotel, which you may be familiar with, on the railroad tracks at East Richmond
- Edie worked it into a poll and sent it to our 500 person email list. When it comes back, we'll have an organized list and will forward to Michelle with a CC to Lt. Patchin.
- Edie will send it out again so check your inboxes and take the time to fill it out if you haven't already.
- Anna: There's been an uptick in the houseless population downtown. Almost nightly now, we see them sleeping on the benches or bus stop near Judge Carroll Park. Lt. Patchin shared he will put that on the graveyard shift officers' radar.

- Philip: I have called in some really serious welfare checks with people convulsing or appearing to OD on that corner. Both of them were on that corner during the daytime so we definitely have an influx of unhoused people. Philip is working with Michelle on that.
- Per Lt. Patchin, when it does come down to houseless populations, there's certain approaches the City has, and RPD must address situations on a case-by-case basis. He encouraged the community to call in if you have a concern and an officer can go out and address that situation to determine whether enforcement action would be appropriate; or, whether it's actually more of a referral to one of the organizations that offer housing or services.
- Edie: There's this kind of "open secret" that the Marin Sheriff's Department was caught bringing unhoused people to adjacent communities (documented in the Chronicle a few years ago about them dumping in San Francisco and being caught on camera).
  - Lt. Patchin: If any of us see any evidence of this and are able to take photographs and send them to him, we should do it given this is a huge NO to take a city's problems and dump them in another jurisdiction. If anyone has hard evidence (photographic proof) of this, we must let him know and he will escalate up the chain as needed.
- Philip: We do see unhoused people getting off and staying. We're working with Michelle to have a "Coffee with a Cop" or maybe a "Puppies & PoPo" (Police) event in the beginning of the summer at the community center in conjunction with a shredding event. If we do the Puppies & PoPo, we'll partner with the Milo Foundation for an adoption event; it's been a great partnership in the past and has been very well received by the community, easy to promote on social media, etc. We could also consider doing that at the park and the PRNC can provide our tents and make it "Puppies, PoPo & Pizza"!

**President's Report:** Philip Rosenthal

7:44 pm/11:34

- The original umbrella put near crossing guard bench was not up to code and was removed. We've contacted the company that makes the benches and they also produce a shade structure. The PRNC will look into partnering with Mechanics Bank to share the expense to put a permanent metal mesh umbrella/ shade structure there.
- On Saturday, April 11 Cesar will host our District 2 community meeting from 10am – 1pm at the Community Center. Cesar has been conducting these for several years now and know that this is not just for show. Please plan to attend and encourage your neighbors and friends; this is very social, yet real, opportunity to express your concerns to Cesar and he'll discuss them at the next city council meeting. The PRNC will provide refreshments.
- Leisa Johnson: BrenTag (?sp) wants to come forward for a new permit or tank. This is a perfect opportunity for us to have the emergency services person come in again and address the emergency evacuation route through the Honda Port of Entry. I just confirmed two weeks ago (photos & video) that they do not have a Knox box locks. The city has to be forced to enforce their own law. Will it be going to the LUDRC first as they've been addressing Rod, and I'm not certain if Rod's gotten back to him. Lisa to forward Charmain the historical emails on this and they will meet to discuss off line.

**Membership Report:** Eric Napralla

7:55 pm/22:00

- Not much to report tonight. No new members, still at 206 paid, active members. Folks continue to pay their dues, and we appreciate that. If you have any questions about membership, please reach out.

**Treasurer's Report:** Philip Rosenthal (for Margi Sullivan)

7:55 pm/22:35

- Almost everything the PRNC paid out this month involves the Spring Fling:
  - \$450 for clean-up around the PRAM club house to prep for Spring Fling, including re-mulching with playground mulch. The PRAM yard now looks fantastic.
  - \$360 for supplies (eggs, candy and game prizes)

- \$400 for entertainers (DJ & Fairy Koda who does glitter tattoos; both are doing this event for ½ price.)
- Note that \$500 of what we spent was from our Dumpster Day fund raising donations from our community (thank you).
- We also received a grant for \$1,000 given we did cleanup as a community event. So, for the first time, Spring Fling is not only going to be a fun party, but there was a lasting, long-term benefit to our local community children's organization.
- We have a local bookkeeper, Cheryl Powell, who has started and is starting to compile our records. She's preparing a complete, QuickBooks-type version of our records. She is also discounting her fee by half as well; we anticipate about \$600 a year for her services, now that we're 501-3C.

**WaterShed Project** - Kaylee Pierson, Naama Raz-Yaseef

7:58 pm/25:55

The Watershed Project is a 30-year Richmond-based non-profit who works to better connect communities to their watersheds. They have a K-12 education component, restoration component, and green infrastructure work - this specific work that they're leading is under the Climate Ready Communities Division. They are working on planning projects that reduce the impact of sea level rise, especially in climate change as well. This specific project is done under the City of Richmond. Both Cesar and Sally are very involved and aware of the project. Their Community Outreach Coordinator, Kaylee Pierson, shared the Richmond Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Resiliency Plan presentation and slide deck. This is a project which is a relevant topic to Richmond; most specifically, Pt Richmond neighborhoods. The main goal of their joining today is to obtain community feedback and report back to the design team. Richmond is a really unique city in California in that it has 32 miles of shoreline, which is the most of all the Bay Area cities. And with this much shoreline, Richmond faces increasing risks from sea level rise, which threatens community well-being and environmental health. In response, the city is launching a community-driven effort to develop a shared vision and clear pathway for implementation that'll build resiliency for Richmond residents against coastal flooding. There's relatively new California legislation that requires local governments to create a plan to address sea level rise by 2034. The unique part of Richmond's sea level rise plan is that the city is really focusing on gathering community input in the plan. Please see the **March 25, 2026 PRNC General Meeting video on YouTube** for specific details, full presentation, slide deck and all questions and responses shared.

**Community Briefs**

8:37 pm/1:04

**History Association** – James Cheshareck (for Bonnie Jo)

- There is one wigwag that has been out of commission for quite some time. In the next two weeks, the banner is going to be back on it, and it should be complete.
- Jim Davis, our local historian, is going to give one of his lectures, part of the Maritime Richmond Lecture series, on April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Library's Community room, between 6.30 - 7.30pm, about the Kaiser shipyards in World War II. It's free admission.

**Arts of Point Richmond** – Margi Sullivan

- We have our banners just about ready to come back up and the downtown's going to have a lot more.
- There's a show at Laura's Fine Dining.
- On Saturday, March 28, come join us at the gallery at 3pm for John Wehrle's Art Talk. He will discuss his art and all of his murals. For those of you who don't know John, he did our own Point Richmond Tunnel Mural and dozens of the most famous murals around the state of California.

**PRAM** – Layla Dima

- A big thank you to the PRNC for the Spring Fling prep/work that you guys are doing this year; glad to have it back at PRAM. It will start at 11am. We hope to see you there. We always need help at setup time (9:30am) and break down time (1:30 pm). We welcome your extra sets of hands to help us out.

#### **LUDRC** – Charmain Tyler

- I just want to mention that it's a process to come before the LUDRC. If you're an owner of a property, and you want to improve it or build new, and you need to go before the Richmond Planning Department, you will need to come to the LUDRC first.
- A lot of people don't know this process until they're in the middle of it. Right now, with Zero Terrace Avenue, the owner is trying to come up with all the documentation and the plans, and the LUDRC is asking a lot of detailed questions.
  - People are still concerned about the slope of the hill and the water drainage plan, information on the retaining walls, and those things, which I've brought up before. Also, there's a tree on the property line that needs to be preserved, so we need documentation on that.
  - The orientation of the building, information about the stairs that lead down to Scenic Avenue. The water drainage plan, more information about the retaining walls. There's an LUDRC meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, April 28. Hopefully we'll be able to bring that project to you in the next month or so.
- Just a reminder that the LUDRC is advisory and is a step to the planning department; all these technicalities are going to need to be presented to the planning department. However, we help applicants think ahead and get all of that out of the way and prep in advance, so we are useful to the applicant given they are going to need to answer those questions for the City.
- Because our board is particularly skilled, we can help applicants get ready to make these presentations, and at the same time, express the neighborhood's concerns.
- We're very happy to welcome a new member, John Peterson, who is very well qualified. John has had 30 years of civil engineering experience and has worked in transportation, structural engineering, on bridges, retaining walls, large dams and water projects, as well as EPA cleanup of a Superfund site. He has a tremendous amount of knowledge and has lived in Point Richmond since 2014. John also had personally gone through the LUDRC committee and the Historical Preservation Commission review process for a large renovation on his 1903 home. So he understands this from many angles.

#### **Masquers Playhouse** – *Philip Rosenthal* (for Jim Davis)

- I think they're going to be doing Little Shop of Horrors next. Keep an eye on the building, because those banners are there. Admission is \$35 general and \$30 students and Seniors.

#### **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC)** – *Peter Thelin* (for Cordell Hindler)

- They had Tim Sbranti come to talk about the Building Trades Council and having women on the board.
- City staff presented their reports.
- No old business. For new business, he proposed to have Caltrans come at a future time to address the medians under the freeway and also have BNSF come and address trains in the middle of the night.

#### **Richmond Tennis Association & The Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation** – *Philip* (for Garry Hurlbut)

- Richmond Tennis is in a match right now. I wish them good luck on behalf of our community.

#### **Ping Pong with Peter** – Peter Thelin

- Ping Pong every Monday from about 5pm until whenever you want to leave; the **Point San Pablo Yacht Club on West Cutting Ave right next door to the boat yard**; roll up to the gate, press the button and we let you in. It's very informal; we've been averaging about 10 people each week.
- We're more of a social club with ping pong. It's a nice way to get a little exercise in a very relaxed setting and a great way to meet people our own age; even if you don't play ping pong.
- It's free and skill is not important, very casual and lots of fun. We also try to help instruct folks how to play if they don't know how. There's a great Canal view with a full bar and cozy fireplace. People tend to show up and some even join the Yacht Club because they find it so congenial.

#### Women's Westside – Julee Alexander

- We're going to have a table at Spring Fling so we'll see you there. We have a gardening event downtown at the Triangle on March 31st, from 10am to 12pm; if it rains, we will reschedule.
- We've, we've chosen our charities to support for the year: (1) The Washington Elementary PTA Reading Program, Music and Art; (2) The Milo Foundation; (3) the Bay Area Rescue Mission Women's Shelter.
- Philip noted that, given April is their volunteer month, Chevron is looking for volunteer opportunities at the beginning of April, for the first 2 or 3 weeks (Doreen, Diane & Ruth received the email). They may be able to assist with the garden clean-up. Julee will ask them to forward the email so she can reach out to the Chevron representative.
- We meet the **first Tuesday of each month from 11:30am - 1:30pm at the First Methodist Church**; our dues are only \$25 p/year. We always welcome new members to join.
- To get more information and how to join, go to: [www.poinrichmond.com/womens-westside](http://www.poinrichmond.com/womens-westside)

#### Remembrances and Celebrations:

8:53 pm/1:19

- Anna Ortiz: It's kind of a remembrance and a celebration. Most know Mom and Pop is closing. I know many folks are sad about this as it was a wonderful addition to our downtown, and a magnet for a lot of fun and funky people. I think their last day is April 1st, and this Friday they're having a kind of goodbye celebration from 6 to 9 with a DJ, and I think they're going to do an auction and stuff. They've been here 10 years and, even before I lived here, I used to come here to shop there. So anyway, I just wanted to celebrate what they've brought to our community.
- Margi Sullivan: I also feel the same way about Mom and Pop. I'm really sad, and I've been talking to Kelly about joining the Point Richmond Gallery in some way or another, and we're talking about having her come and do her printing out of the gallery. So she's probably got a lot of things she's going to be doing.
- Layla Dima: I don't know if it was said last month but our neighbor on Scenic, Marjorie Moore, passed away in February and she had lived here around 25+ years and was definitely a part of the neighborhood. I want to remember our dear neighbor, Marjorie Moore.
- Edie Sellers: I want to give a little bit of a shout out to the fact that we got mentioned in the Oscars earlier this month. Ryan Coogler, who was the director of Sinners, actually pointed us out in his acceptance speech. He says, "Please sit down, because I'm very nervous, and they're going to play me off. I grew up in Oakland and Richmond, CA and we can talk a lot." So I've got to give mad props for the fact that I think that that's the first time that Richmond has ever been mentioned in the Oscars.

#### Meeting Adjourned:

8:55 pm/1:22

- Philip: I'm grateful to all of you for attending, as I always am. Eric will be conducting our April 29 meeting as I will be on a cruise ship. Meeting guest next month is Jesse Marin from CSW and she will be presenting the really official outreach for the bike lane discussions amongst our community.

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