

Minutes
POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
July 29, 2009
Point Richmond Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by President, Peter Minkwitz

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the PRNC meeting of June 24, 2009 were moved, seconded and approved.

President's Report: Thanks to Ken Blonski, First Vice President, for standing in as President during the last meeting. Comments regarding bulk mailing of the minutes. We will be trying to reduce costs and "go green" if we receive them on line. There is an option to "Meet the Mayor" for one hour on the first Friday of the month. The meeting is August 7th 5:30-6:30 adjacent to the public library. Sue Rosenof and Peter Minkwitz attended the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council Meeting referring readers to the newsletter for more information. There will be a grand re-opening of the City Center on 9/12 from 10:00-12:00 a.m. The FEMA Flood Plan was released, however, there have not been many changes since 1988. FEMA funds are available if any damage occurs due to flooding. August 8 is a Disposal Day at Washington School. Household items and computers will be collected. No hazardous waste materials will be accepted. Bring your utility bill or proof of residency.

Report on Membership Sue Rosenof 510-599-1197. There are currently close to 100 members who have paid their membership dues out of 379 members. A friendly reminder stamp regarding expired membership was sent out with the current newsletter. It proved effective and was appreciated by members not current with dues.

Treasurer's Report Art Mowry 510-215-0501

Bishop Alley Path Fund \$711.06

Ferry Point Fund: \$1989.58 Don Woodrow indicated this money is allotted, however, the bill is yet to be paid

Wig Wag Fund \$2970.94 Don Woodrow said this money was allotted for the plaque that will be installed

General Fund: \$3722.64

Dues collected: \$130

Total: \$9374.22

Authorize Payment: Sandwich board/Sue Rosenof graphic. The sandwich board was much appreciated.

Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups:

Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934 The Art Exhibit on Friday, August 14 has no venue due to the charges required by the City. Currently all projects are on hold due to the fees. (\$500/exhibit)**Point**

Richmond Business Association, Margaret Morkowski 510 234-4219 No report

Women's Westside Improvement Association, Margaret Morkowski 510 234-4219 Off for the summer.

Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934 Next meeting Wednesday, August 5, 7-9p.m.

TRAC, Nancy Strauch On July 5 there was a ribbon cutting on the trail that added 1 mile to the now 15 miles along the south shoreline (Golden Gate Fields to Miller Knox Park in Point Richmond). The next section will be from the end of Point Richmond, under the bridge to Point Molate. Progress is being made. Numerous agencies are involved to study the exact location of this portion of the trail. New guides are printed and available in boxes along the trail. Improvements (benches, plaques, models) are in progress.

Point Richmond Village, Linda Newton 510 595-5566 A village forum will be held at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 18. Time to be announced. Refreshment will be provided and a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 is requested. Dr. Harry Cayman will be the first speaker. He will speak about Homeland Security, its role with flus and immunity and the role of the Homeland Security on would-be plagues. The group will be offering "high quality, funny speakers who will be well worth your while".

Police Report Richmond PD Officer David Longacre REMINDER: program your phone to 233-1214 and punch O when given the beginning of the menu to talk with the dispatcher for immediate service, not 911. The crime statistics for Point Richmond are increasing as is typical for summer time. A report on the crime statistics at Miller Knox from the beginning of the year was disseminated. Approximately 28 crimes were reported. Richmond Crime Prevention Commission Tom Brichta 415-686-1522 No report

Development Proposal for the Richmond North Shore, Josh Genser. Josh Genser is the owner, of the property under discussion of the North Richmond Shoreline. It is the Freethy Industrial Park property, currently zoned for industry. The intention of the project is to “reinvent the neighborhood” and build a “live/work community from the ground up”. It will be called “Bayside Village”, and will be “environmentally sustainable, green building”. There will be 250 units, 16 unit types, 43 affordable housing units and 25% public/open space. The tallest unit will be 4 stories tall. It is at the concept stage and a new EIR will be necessary for this project.

Response by Citizens for East Shore Parks, Patricia Vaughan Jones, The East Shore Parks extend from Oakland to Richmond. This group is a non-profit environmental organization for a “necklace of shoreline parks”. Richmond has 32 miles of shoreline. There is a question as to whether the property in question retains the existing zonage. This group asks that the current open space be retained, that the city refrains from up zoning to higher land uses and that least density is the goal. A brochure was passed out. The first public hearing is scheduled for August 6th at the Civic Center. On September 16 the written comment phase ends. This group requests that you let your voice be heard by writing local officials or contact 510-524-5000 or visit www.eastshoreparks.org to become involved in preserving the shoreline.

Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee Rod Satre *Items to be considered at the Committee’s August 26, 2009 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by August 10, 2009. Contact Rod at 510-232-5059 or rd satire@live.com.* There was confusion regarding a project submitted by Architect Jay Betts that had been approved by the Land/Use /Design Committee. Don Woodrow, prior PRNC President moved that: “This month, and this month alone, we vote on the project brought to Land Use/Design Committee to approve and vote to accept the plans submitted by Jay Betts for his clients Chris and Ann Cochrane.” It was moved, seconded and approved.

New Business: No new business scheduled

Public Forum: *Issues brought to the attention of the Council in the Public Forum cannot result in Council action at this meeting. Instead, the issue should be presented to Council President Peter Minkwitz for consideration by the PRNC Board as an agenda item at a future meeting. Must be submitted by July 30, 2009 to Peter Minkwitz 510-465-2527 (B) 510-232-3663 (H) or to peter@sanfranciscomarinesurveyors.com*

Altha Humphrey discussed the use of the Community Center and the needs of the community. This facility should be “about the community”. The newly instated fees for usage have displaced many groups. “We need a meeting place, and all should have access to our community center without cost”. A petition will be written and disseminated as well as a meeting with the mayor on August 7th.

George Cole reported regarding the Red Oak Victory, the last of 743 ships built in Richmond during WW2. They are trying to raise \$1million to take care of the bottom of the ship. Pancake breakfasts are one source of income. The next one will be August 9th (the 2nd Sunday of each month) for a nominal fee of \$6 for a great breakfast and \$2.50 for Mimosas. George encouraged us all the “Remember our ship!!!”

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Fender, Secretary

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.