

**Minutes of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting
Point Richmond Community Center, February 22, 2006**

Don Woodrow, President; Rod Satre, First Vice President, Fred Frye, Second Vice President; Susan Elwell, Secretary; Scott Gillespie, Treasurer

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by First Vice-President, Rod Satre

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer: Scott Gillespie reported the following:

Accounts	Recent Activity	Current Balance
Bishop Alley Path	none	704.14
Ferry Point	none	632.92
Wig Wag	None	2,970.94
Scenic Overlook Planning Fund	New Fund	150.00
General Account	+\$ 65.00 dues deposit -\$50.00 website fee -\$74.83 Expenses	
		4,819.93
Total		\$ 9,277.93

Agenda/Minutes Review:

The January minutes were approved as submitted.

Report of Crime Prevention Committee:

Steve Spencer said that he had asked Captain McBride at the monthly Crime Prevention meeting how we can get help for the homeless woman who is appears to be ill and is constantly begging around the Point. It is hard to deal with situations of this kind, as they are social issues rather than crime issues, but Steve has made the police aware of her and hopefully they can work with social services to help her get off the street. Steve also reported that on the City of Richmond website, www.ci.richmond.ca.us, there is a link, COR-Connect, set up for citizens to ask questions or make complaints to City Hall which the City has promised to respond to within 5 business days. Tom Brichta of Marvin Gardens Realty has accepted the position of liaison to the Crime prevention Committee from the PRNC. If you have concerns which you wish to have brought up at the monthly Crime Prevention meetings, you can drop them off to Tom at Marvin Gardens, 147 W. Richmond Ave. Suite A (between Santa Fe Market and Ginger Springs Day Spa), or email him at tom911r7@yahoo.com. If you email put "Crime" in the subject line so it won't get deleted.

Beat Officer's Report: Sgt. Whitney came to the meeting to fill in for Officer Brad Moody, who could not be present. He reported that in response to a question at the January PRNC meeting, there are no registered sex offenders living at 3 W. Richmond. There are 4 registered sex offenders in Point Richmond. To get more information, go onto the Megan's Law website. Sgt. Whitney reported that in January there were 8 stolen cars, 3 auto burglaries, 2 commercial burglaries and 150 Calls for service in the Point. The February figures are 3 stolen cars, 2 auto burglaries, 3 commercial burglaries and 87 total calls for service. Anyone wishing to start a neighborhood watch group should contact Lt. Ron Berry at 620-6886. Officer Moody can be reached at (510) 620-6642, and will hopefully soon have an email address at which we can reach him. We can also continue to email Officer Darrell Jones, Darrell_Jones@ci.richmond.ca.us.

Design Review Committee and Land Use: No items came before the Design Review Committee this month. Bonnie Satre read a proposed letter to the City, President of the Coordinating Council and Maria Viramontes asking that the City enforce regulation 15.08.710 with regard to Tiscornia Estates. This would entail 1) adherence of the tentative map to resolution 223-86; 2) financial commitments for infrastructure; 3) New EIR and CEQA process if the map does not substantially comply with Specific Plan guidelines; 4) no sales, leases, or contracts to sell or lease that violate any prohibited actions of Municipal Code § 15.08.710; and 5) City staff are aware of such requirements before reviewing or approving any development or sale within Tiscornia Estates Specific Area. It was moved, seconded and approved that the PRNC sign and send the letter.

Old Business: **Martin McNair reported on the Trainmaster Building.** An anonymous donor made a generous donation of 216 trees in 6 varieties to the Trainmaster's project. This is more than can be used at the site, so they will be sold and the money used to finance the project. The building is on its foundation, but there is still no power. Steve the Window Man is in the process of doing an incredible job on the windows. If you drive by and see his truck or Martin McNair's truck, stop by and check out how nice the inside of the building looks. With the generous

help of folks like Steve the Window Man, Charlie Duncan and Interactive Resources, the 103 year old building is slowly being restored to its original condition. After the project gets power, the siding will be put on. Eventually, landscaping, grass and picnic benches will replace the asphalt. Thanks to Martin McNair, Jeff Lee and everyone else who has contributed to this project which is a real asset to the Point.

Police Chief Magnus. The City's new police chief, Chris Magnus, has been on the job for one month, and came to the meeting to share his vision for the Richmond Police. Chief Magnus hopes to reorganize the police department so that officers will be more geographically based. The City is trying to hire and train more police officers, but Chief Magnus said it is a slow process, as it is not good to shorten the training. He said that citizens should understand that sometimes, there are as few as 9 officers on patrol in the entire city, and that when there is some kind of incident, it makes it impossible to respond to other calls. He is trying very hard to get voice mail and email up and running so that the police can receive emails in their patrol cars. He is working with other city agencies to try to get abandoned vehicles off the streets, and also thinks it is very important to clean up blight as he believes in the "broken window" theory: if an area is neglected, criminals feel more comfortable committing crimes. One of the things he hopes to institute is having posted alerts when there is a lot of crime or a certain type of crime in one area. He hopes to eventually post these alerts by email. He also hopes to have in depth citizen satisfaction surveys to find out how the department can improve. Chief Magnus was very informative and the members enjoyed his talk and hope he will come back soon.

Public Forum

Tom Carson has installed cameras on the rooftop of the bank, the Hotel Mac and the barber shop. He thinks these are valuable crime fighting tools and urged the citizens of Point Richmond to recommend them in more locations to help the police.

Marian Kent: said that the Point/Counterpoint flier distributed on Crest Avenue has unfortunately named names of widows on the street, which seems like an invitation to criminals to prey on them. We all hope this, or any similar publication of personal information without permission, will not be repeated.

Shirley Butt: said that Washington School is looking for Big Brothers/Big Sisters for students ages 9-12. Volunteers commit only 8 hours per month to spend with their Little Brother or Sister. Please contact Anna at (510) 231-1417 or bbbswashingtonschool@gmail.com with questions. For applications, bbbseastbay.org.

Joan Gatton: said that she feels it is very important that a polling place be reinstated in the downtown Point Richmond area rather than having the only polling place located in Brickyard Landing.

View Point Overlooks: Bonnie Satre reported that the View Point Overlooks are pretty much finished and people confirmed that they look great. There will be a celebration to honor their completion, possible on April 8. For more information, contact Rod or Bonnie at 232-5059.

Point Molate Reuse Committee: Shirley Butt reported that the committee is still meeting quarterly. Not surprisingly, the Navy is moving extremely slowly with the clean up process.

Point Richmond Safety Committee: Joan Gatton reported that she is still trying to organize Red Cross or first aid training. She is also concerned about the bird population of our area in connection with the bird flu situation. She will bring back further information on these topics as well as more information about a health fair to be held April 1.

No further business was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

SUPER SATURDAY – PATHWAYS TO HEALTH

FREE April 1, 2006 FREE

West County Costa Adult Education, Serra Campus

6028 Ralston Ave., Richmond

9:30 AM – noon

Workshops: Blood Pressure – Weight – Cancer – Diabetes

First Aid – Nutrition and much more

Information at : 510-215-4666 or 510-559-2660