

**PRNC Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 29, 2007 7:30 pm**  
**Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Ave, Point Richmond**

7:30 **Call to Order.**

**Agenda Review.**

Review of minutes-they will be revised per comments received, corrected minutes will be so noted and available at web sites- PointRichmond.com and BrickyardRealty.com  
Beat Officer; Richmond Crime Prevention Commission reports. Officers Griffin, Harris and Ash / 500 Block of Tewksbury 5-6 hour stand-off resulting in 5150 tear gas and arrest. / In front of Baltic Robbery late at night at closing, simulated armed robbery unsolved, no description. / A couple stolen vehicles and one lost [misplaced] vehicle. Some complaints of aggressive panhandlers. Officer Leah Thomas is following up on Tagging and panhandlers. /Burglary on Idaho Street. Camp above the tunnel has homeless living by corner of Oregon and Buena Vista. The Plunge is now a residence for a homeless person. Ocean/Western Drive has two late night bicycle users that are scoping garages and mailboxes these two apparently live at a local hotel. Members found suspicious papers on porch, water hose stolen, paper-work left on her porch and led to finding of stolen truck which had different license numbers. Electric cable on feeding a construction site stolen: Electric cables and copper pipe has good scrap value. Tom Brichta: Last Crime Prevention Meeting, Neighborhood watches are the ones that make the difference. A neighborhood watch is a community of neighbors keeping watch on the whole neighborhood. Everybody needs to know who lives there versus who is there with criminal intentions. We are the eyes and ears out there. Take your street and take the initiative. Take the time to look around your neighborhood for call in a timely fashion: Practice per Sergeant Harris: Call 233-1214 for non- emergency or cell emergency. If calling 911 on cell you will get highway patrol. So it takes time to get it routed to City of Richmond, Send email, especially chronic issue to [dharris@richmondpd.net](mailto:dharris@richmondpd.net) even after a call./Altha Humphry asked why she only got a phone tree at the police number 233-1214. Don Woodrow suggests that if you need immediate attention dial the number then press 0 [zero]. Linda Newton asked if there are there rules against persons coming onto properties and rifling through recycling bins. When the stuff is put on the curb, the materials are then owned by the Sanitary Service, and that is theft. On your property it is trespassing. You may call the police to make a complaint for either complaint. Give as much detail as possible to identify the perpetrator. Call: 231-3011 public works to call re- public property that has graffiti

**Treasurer's report:** General fund is \$5,948.34; total of all accounts \$10, 321.19

**The New Read Aloud Volunteer Program (RAVP)** at Washington School is Thursday mornings, two thirty-minute readings to individual students in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade to teach children to appreciate books. Men are especially encouraged to participate Call Margaret Morkowski at 234-4219 or 510-237-0735 or go to [www.ravp.org](http://www.ravp.org) , [info@ravp.org](mailto:info@ravp.org)

Training in the tile industry apprentice program offered at the front table; call Don Woodrow for details.

Don asked that when community members hear and learn about new building projects they should be encourage the developer/owner to schedule a presentation to the LUDRC.

**Report of Nominating Committee:** Bruce Beyear: committee cast a wide net, sought recommendations from around the community and identified Robin Carpenter as a Presidential Candidate: Robin moved to Point Richmond 7 years ago after meeting her husband who is a 17 year resident of the Point. Robin talked about her writing profession and community activities and believes that this is a good time for the PRNC to be involved in the progress of the city in public actions and participation. Robin is a Gulf Coast native and reminded everyone to take action to prepare for disaster. The community is the solution to facing natural disasters, so taking care of each other is key. It was moved, seconded and passed all ayes to elect Robin Carpenter as the new President! Congratulations Robin ☺

Joan Gatten [phone 234-0727]: The REACT web site is [www.pointrichmond.com/REACT](http://www.pointrichmond.com/REACT) look to that for schedules and programs. Atchison village on 9/13, 19. 20. 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 call 620-6866 Kathy Girk Programs in first aid, public health, safety training etc will be offered.

## **Summary of Design Review & Land Use Committee recommendations/no items this month**

### **Old Business:**

Monique leConge Director of Library and Recreation:  
Library was closed in May 2004 and not opened since. Was to open in June but has yet to open. The project was lost due to thoughts of moving to a different location, a re-bid cost more, but the council approved and we will have roof, new paint and carpets, new furnishings, a separated children's area, a self check-out book machine, updated wiring, a wi-fi hot spot and 4-desk top computers and color printer. Monique showed a sketch of the renovation plans for West Side and BayView libraries. Some graphics of interior furnishings were shown in visual aides, including a carpet sample. /When will it be open? Some mill work needs to be done. ....Library will be open 20 hours a week. It should open the first week of December, 2007. Monique is trying to accelerate this. The hold up is the contracting work. There will be story time for pre-schoolers on Tuesday mornings but held in the community center, lots of new materials. The library will take books for use or fundraising. Donations to Friends of the Library is a tax-deductible donation. The public can also ask to provide new items to meet the library's wish list. The library has a web site of catalog of "link-plus" and find items via public and academic libraries via interlibrary loans within North America. Link Plus allows you to search on your own. If you don't have a library card, you can apply on line. Main library has a pamphlet file on multiple organizations, as well as the Historical Richmond Collection containing 200-400 photos, go to the library via the city web site.  
[www.ci.richmond.ca.us](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us)

Community Services Program Manager: responsible for general community centers, Monique introduced Mr. Peni Basalusalu in charge of the community center. Mr. Basalusalu is a native of Fiji. Worked in Stockton before this position and 620-6801 is his phone number. At this community center, the floor will be redone. Mr. Basalusalu received the list of uses and purposes of the community center and will contact Carol Woodrow and Joan Gatten. Much applause.

### **New Business:**

Virginia Finlay Chair of City Planning Commission: talked about the merge of the Design Review Board and Planning Commission. This merge was never publicly debated, and the discussions are privately held. The staff has not figured how to do this and are waiting to finish the Chevron Application process before this happens. Previously this was set for August 1, 2007. A

city council group got together without adding anyone from the Planning Commission. There will be a committee; the make up is not publicly available. The DRO [Design Review Organization] board would be made of primarily six city staff issues focusing on city streets, safety and health. Not aesthetics and fit with a community. At this time the press of issues is hard for successful completion of decisions. Virginia stated that this is going to be burdensome and hard to create a good outcome. Why was the Zucker report done and not followed? We all need to write letters and ask the city council to rescind their prior votes. The component that is not present that is needed for effective review is a set of strong viable neighborhood based guidelines. There is enormous arrogance of decision-making authority with unfortunately with little uprising by the communities. Rosemary Corbin wrote a letter to the council and Don Woodrow noted that the RNCC wrote at issue on this. Why is this happening? Disbanding the DRB and Planning Commission was decided by the city council, which is against the State rules. Institutional memory is limited to Joe Light and Virginia, complaints are: it takes too much time and perhaps arbitrary, sometimes "harsh." All this is due to failure to establish design guidelines. Moved, seconded and passed: The PRNC should write a letter with current and former members of DRB and Planning Commission participating in the crafting of this letter to city council.

**Public Forum: Jerry Feagley:** Offered a fact sheet and then introduced Bill Hammett a registered professional engineer whose practice is to calculate exposure conditions for wireless carriers, television and radio transmitters. The work evaluates the performance against guidelines. The measured the waves at 250 Water Street which showed 1.1% another neighbor had 0.075% of FCC maximum guidelines as an operating facility. A handout was provided information is on web site. A comparison sheet was provided to some attendees and showed the radiation of microwave ovens, cordless phones, cell phones baby monitors etc. Power density levels drop off as a square of the distance away from the source. Jerry and his group can talk to others. Chris Spencer: suggested a group PRNC meeting regarding T-Mobile and other interested parties be set at a date and time in the future. **Michael Adachi:** The FCC has been very favorable to transmission tower, the issue is not the energy level and is mostly an issue of length of exposure and has not investigated long term, low-level exposure health risks. **Andrew Olmstead:** offered information on [RAP4RICHMOND.ORG](http://RAP4RICHMOND.ORG). **Linda Newton** offered Grant idea for Gateway foundation: The Village Concept for Pt. Richmond citizens can follow the Beacon Hill Program found in Boston. Proposed to purchase a manual and form a committee to study the manual and establish the Village Concept for Pt. Richmond. The amount requested is \$700. **Connie Lompa:** on behalf of the Landscape Advisory Committee, working with City horticulturist proposed a Gateway Grant for \$3000. They are proposing trimming, planting under the big cedar, creating an old fashioned Victorian feel and perhaps eliminating existing trees and replacing with crepe myrtle and wisteria. **Jeff Lee:** Train building update, the street is striped and trying to get the parking done and opened up. 17 new spots. The buckets with trees, some extra trees might be available see Jeff.

### **Reports of Neighborhood & City Committees**

*TRAC – Marina Bay Trail Guide provided, Point Richmond Shores project will include a bay trail on the shoreline and commuter bike run by the hillside, BoatRamp Street underway, Meeker slough is underway and September 28 has the project*

**Point Molate:** Tour of site clean will be September 8, 2007 contact Margaret at 234-4219  
9:15 meeting

Note: LUDRC Agenda item for October: 212 Washington October agenda on parking pad Linda Newton applicant.

