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Minutes of PRNC Meeting November 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President, Don Woodrow

Minutes of the PRNC meeting on October 22, 2008 were approved.

President's Report:

There will not be a meeting in December, and the next meeting will be January 28, 2009.

Don and a group of interested residents met with the Veolia people at the plant in the Point to talk about the odors emanating from the facility. The smell wasn't too bad while they were there, but the feeling was that it had been cleaned up especially for the occasion.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Tunnel Mural

Altha Humphrey agreed to take over the group working on the design for the mural on the south end of the tunnel. At the first meeting, John Worley's existing design was reviewed. The next meeting will be Monday, December 8, 7:30 pm at Marvin Gardens.

Don said he met with the city engineer regarding funds for this project, and was told there were no funds but it was thought there would not be any trouble finding funds. Residents were urged to always turn on their lights driving through the tunnel.

Roads

The city engineer reported that the resurfacing in the downtown area will be finished by March 2009 and also the striping should be finished within the month. The stop signs on Garrard that served no useful purpose have been removed.

Membership:

Membership now stands at 174, with a few waivers and one lifetime membership. The web site is now up to date.

Treasurer's Report:

Bishop Alley Path Fund	\$711.06
Ferry point Fund	689.58
Wig Wag Fund	2970.94
General Fund Total	4930.26
Total all funds:	\$9301.84

It was moved, and seconded, to accept the treasurer's report.

Safety:

No report.

Arts of Point Richmond:

The first annual holiday fair is planned for December 6. The artists have been invited to exhibit at city hall.

Knit & Such:

The next meeting will be January 8 at 7pm at the community center.

Historical Society:

The new edition of *This Point in Time* is now out. Mid also announced a free dinner on Thanksgiving Day and everyone is invited to the Methodist Church.

Women’s Westside Improvement Club:

Margaret announced that the holiday luncheon will take place December 2 at a cost of \$15, and there will be a choral group entertaining.

Business Association:

Saturday, November 29 at 5:30 pm, and there will be a tree lighting and the Methodist Church choir will be singing carols.

Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council:

The presidency is being handed on. Don continues as Vice President. The new president is Eleanor Loynd.

Police Report:

Officer Daniel Capel gave a brief overview. He works the graveyard shift 7pm to 7 am Monday to Thursday. He urged all residents to report all suspicious activity. The new code enforcement manager, Timothy Igaes was introduced. He announced the department is hiring four new code enforcement officers. He said the biggest problem right now is foreclosures and the aftermath.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jean Rose,

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Membership:

Bishop Alley Path Fund	\$711.06
Ferry Point Fund	\$689.58
Wig Wag Fund	\$2,970.94
General Fund Total	\$4,928.25
 Total all Fund Accounts	 \$9,299.83

Announcements and Committee Reports:

Altha Humphrey reported that the next meeting of Knit and Such would be November 6 from 7-9pm at the community center.

Arts of Point Richmond meets on November 20 from 7-9pm at the community center. There will be a holiday sale and exhibit on December 6 from 10-5 pm

Every Monday from 10-12pm a craft group gets together in the community center to make creative gifts. The festive and spooky Halloween decorations in the center were made and put up by this group.

Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council: Don reported that a new person has been hired by the city to head up Code Enforcement.

Plunge update: David Vincent made an appeal for support for the Plunge. More funds are needed by the spring before phase II can begin. He displayed the very attractive magnets with a picture of the Plunge that were available for a minimum donation of \$10. He said it would be a state-of-the-art facility with windows that open for circulation of air. Also there would be no chlorine in the water, purification will take place by ultra-violet light.

Tom Brichta urged residents to donate blood at the drive sponsored by Marvin Gardens to take place on November 11 from 8am – 1pm at the community center. Call him at 415-686-1522 to make an appointment so that Red Cross knows how many personnel to send and how many beds they will need. He is hoping to get 50 people involved.

Don said Steve Spencer sent flowers to the funeral of Officer Moody representing PRNC.

Police Report:

Officer Silva has been transferred but he came to the meeting to give a brief report. The new officer for Point Richmond will be announced soon. He reported there was a robbery in the Point at the antique store. No further information is available at this time. He encouraged residents to immediately call the PD to report any suspicious situations. Timothy Higare (620-6508) has been appointed by the city to head the code enforcement department.

Dave Haflich of Veolia, Inc. gave a presentation on the odor situation at the water treatment plant. He said they are doing their best to minimize the odors emanating from the plant and seem to be making headway. An "Odor Complaint Log" form was handed out so residents could keep track of the time and date of annoying odors. He urged residents to phone as soon as possible to report odors so the company can address the problem as soon as they can. (510-385-4754).

Land Use:

Rod reported on the proposed Irish Pub and Grill. A motion was put forward and passed to approve the use of the building as a pub; the red paint color for the first floor, and to mute the color for the second floor. Jeff Lee said there was an application before the planning commission for a variance at 32-34 Nicholl to have an additional apartment in the building. There is a parking issue. A motion was passed that the project should come before the PRNC first and a letter will be written to the planning department.

The next meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday of December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Rose