

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

Minutes for February 25, 2009

President Don Woodrow called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

President's Report:

Don asked Bruce Beyaert of TRAC to provide a brief report on the current status of the Bay Trail in Richmond. Bruce advised us that 25 miles of the trail are complete along Richmond's shoreline. Hopefully 5 miles will be finished this year which would leave about 10 miles to be completed.

Don announced:

-That the PRNC Annual Meeting will be held on April 29th. The election of Officers will take place at the meeting.

-That the proposal to open a Subway sandwich store in the Point was withdrawn by the owner from the PRNC Land Use Committee. The owner also pulled his application from the City's Planning Department.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Margaret Morkowski, reported the fund balances:

Bishop Alley Path Fund - \$711.06

Ferry Point/Mural Fund - \$1,989.56 (which includes the Point Richmond Gateway Foundation Grant of \$1,300)

Wig Wag Fund - \$2,970.94

General Fund - \$4,931.91

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Safety Committee: Kathy Branstetter announced that the Safety Committee is establishing a list of the Neighborhood Watch Groups in the Point. Please call her at (510) 234-6903 or Pat Pearson at (510) 234-2532 to include your group on the list. Kathy also announced that there three safety related train classes are scheduled to begin in April and May.

April 16 and May 18th - REACT/CERT

May 6th - Ham Radio Operators' Training (no need to learn Morse Code)

May 22nd - CPR class

Check the City of Richmond's web site for more details.

Knit and Such: Altha Humphrey invited everyone to join in the fun on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Arts of Point Richmond: Altha also invited everyone, especially artists in the Point, to attend the Arts of Point Richmond meetings, held every month on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Womens Westside Improvement Club (WWIC): Margaret Morkowski extended an open invitation to come and enjoy lunch and a speaker on the 1st Tuesdays of most months in the hall at the Point Richmond Methodist Church. Coffee, Tea and dessert are served beginning at 11:30 a.m. with the speaker scheduled for 12:15 p.m. A business meeting follows the speaker. Please call Margaret at (510) 234-4219 for information.

Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA): Margaret invited business owners to attend the monthly PRBA meetings held at 12 noon at the Hotel MAC banquet room on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please call Margaret at (510) 234-4219 for additional information.

Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC): Don invited everyone to attend one of the RNCC's regular monthly meetings. The council's members include representatives from most of the city's 30 neighborhood councils. Don also posted a map of the boundaries for all of the City's Neighborhood Councils including our new boundaries. Please call Don for more information. (510) 234-3107

Police Report: Office David Longacre reported on the various forgery, petty thefts, graffiti, prostitution and car thefts incidents which occurred during the past month. We also discussed the need for motorists to turn their headlights on when driving in the tunnel, cars running stop signs and individual stealing recycled items from both residences and business.

Chevron: Presentation of their Air Quality Assessment Project: Bob Chamberlin, Project Coordinator and his associates, provided a Power Point Handout and Overview Summary of the required Air Quality Project which will take place for at least the next 3 years in neighborhoods surrounding the Chevron Richmond Refinery. The presentation summarized the Project's equipment, sampling methods, locations and implementation schedule. The presentations was followed by questions and answers. Chevron has established a website (www.richmondrefinery.com) for monitoring the plan. You

may call Dean O'Hair of the Refinery at (510) 242-2400 with questions.

Tunnel Mural Project: Angela Hinckley of the Tunnel Mural Committee showed a display board with conceptual presentations of various artists proposals for the mural to be painted on the western entrance to the Garrard/Dornan Drive tunnel. Angela asked that everyone provide Don a list of their top three choices before the next meeting. Don will then bring the information back to our next PRNC meeting for discussion and voting. The display board is posted in the window of Interactive Resources located on Park Place. Please call Don at (510) 234-3107 to provide your input. Don also mentioned that Michelle Seville, Richmond's Director of Public Art, has been very helpful to the committee with this project. There is no firm estimate for the project at this time. It was moved, second and approved that \$10.40 be issued from the PRNC General Fund to the Ferry Point Fund which will then provide a total of \$2,000.

Save The Plunge David Vincent gave a short presentation on the status of fund raising toward a matching grant from the Valley Foundation toward the restoration of the Plunge. Following his presentation, it was moved, second and approved that the \$1,700 be issued from the General Fund in support of The Plunge renovation project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret S. Morkowski