

Get to the Point!

Your Point Richmond Neighborhood Update

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 27th at 7:30 pm
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue**

Last months meeting with the Mayor was informative on many levels, please take time to read the minutes from that meeting. Thank you Mayor McLaughlin for spending time with us. The PRNC sent two letters out following the January meeting asking that certain actions be taken. Copies of those letters are included in your update immediately after Important Dates.

It is extremely important to have as many Point Richmond residents as possible become members. There is strength in numbers and we need you to stand up and be counted. Applications are included with this mailing on the back and we urge you to join. Membership is reasonable and a waiver simply requires you writing the word "waiver" on your application form.

Our website is soon to arrive and we will have another way to provide you updated information! Thanks to Chris Spencer and Alexis Masters for all of their hard work. And a huge thank you to David Moore of www.pointrichmond.com for keeping us on his sight and doing a great job of keeping our community updated.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 27:	February Meeting of the Design Review and Land Use Committee Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond	6:00pm	Interactive
February 27:	February 2008 Meeting of the Neighborhood Council Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue	7:30 pm	Point
March 11:	Last day to submit projects to the Design Review and Land Use Committee for their March 26, 2008 meeting. Projects submitted after March 11 th may be heard but action cannot be taken on them at this meeting. Contact Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@netzero.net with your agenda item.		
March 11:	Last day to suggest topics for the March 26, 2008 Council meeting. Submit suggestions to Robin Carpenter at balsora@aol.com or call 510-232-8175.		
March 26:	March Meeting of the Design Review and Land Use Committee Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond	6:00pm	Interactive
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To: Bill Lindsay, City Manager -Janet Harbin, Supervisor Planning and Zoning - Richard Mitchell, Director Planning, Zoning & Building Regulations - City Attorney, Design Review Board, Planning Commission

Re: Draft/Final EIR for Chevron Expansion: Thursday, January 31, 2008

At our January 30th meeting the Point Richmond Neighborhood Counsel Motioned and voted to: Move to resolve to the DRB, Planning Commission, City Council, Mayor and City Manager that we strongly request further review of this EIR before a final EIR is ready for approval - MSP's all ayes, no naves.

Sincerely,
Robin Carpenter
President, PRNC

To: Planning Commission, City Manager
Janet Harbin, Supervisor Planning and Zoning
Richard Mitchell, Director Planning, Zoning & Building Regulations
City of Richmond
1401 Marina Way South
Richmond, CA 94804

Re: Outcome of Land Use and Design Review Committee:

Thursday, January 31, 2008

At our regularly scheduled meeting on January 30, 2008, there were four items reviewed by the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Land Use and Design Review Committee and unanimously approved by the General Membership:

1. New home at 442 Golden Gate: continued to February meeting with request for story poles at the current plan and 5-feet lower at each corner of the proposed building. Applicant to meet with and confer with immediate neighbors to review view preservation concerns. This will be reheard at the February PRNC meeting.
2. New Home at Vine and Terrace: the applicant did not show, in spite of indications that they would appear. This has been a multi-year method by the applicant to limit ability of the PRNC and immediate neighbors to perform any early review of the proposed plans. The applicant has not willingly worked with the community to resolve issues. The PRNC requests that Planning Staff request the applicant to meet with the PRNC Design Review and Land Use Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting. The applicant should contact the chair of the LUDRC, Rod Satre at rdsatre@netzero.net or at (510) 232-5059 to schedule the hearing no later than the 6th of the month.
3. A home on Montana wanted to know if a wheelchair lift was required to be reviewed by the LUDRC. Because this is a modest lift for the temporary use of the invalid person, this was determined to not require review and determination by the PRNC.
4. It is stated that the PRNC is displeased with the City of Richmond Planning and the applicant Leonard Gross a Professional Corporation in failing to utilize the Land Use and Design Review Committee and the General Membership of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council in adhering to CEQA requirements for review of changes to the Specific Plan known as the Tiscornia Estates Specific Plan which as formalized in 1986 by Richmond City Council. Failing to provide for immediate community input at the local level is should not be allowed. This is especially troubling in that the TESP was a long term, hard fought Specific Plan to protect views and view access corridors along the perimeter of the TESP.

Sincerely,

Robin Carpenter,
President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

January 30th PRNC Meeting Minutes

Second Vice-president, Chris Spencer, called the meeting to order at 7:35PM

Police Report: jsilva@richmondcpd.net is new beat officer for point Richmond Jason Silva, 4 years on force, Sgt Joe Silva's son. Discussion of attempted rape last year in the early afternoon by Plunge, Detective Dickerson is in charge of that investigation. Detective Joe Silva has asked for information of suspect activities related to the ongoing theft of yard flowers and planters. This is possibly a landscaper - truck, van type thief. You can contact Joe Silva within the Detective Division if you know anything.

Membership 230 members, dues are \$10 individual, \$15/household, lifetime \$500

Treasurer no change in the balance \$6,880.53

Vincent of Parks and Recreation:

Art Center on Tuesday and Thursday

Alvarado Adult School on Friday, trying to add another day too.

Sad note: Vincent is moving to another center replacement is primed and ready to take on her role

Odors Exploratory Committee might have March 12th tentative for nuisance odor committee Susan Glendening presented but not available for heading committee, her number is 233-9758, sglending@gmail.com

Arts Guild and Knit and Such: first Thursday of each month, coffee, cookies, chatter held at 7:00 to 9:00 evenings. Crochet, sewing, knitting, sewing just arrive, no calls required. Althea Humphry would like to have Point Richmond Artists, meeting February 21st, 7:00 to 9:00pm.

PRAM Courtney Coolige told us they received a \$10,000 grant to renovate the Janice Park Playground corner of Nicholl and Washington removing dirty sand and replacing with wood [cedar chip] base. Much family work is encouraged just show up March 1st and 2nd starting at 9:00 AM for more information call 234-3445

Pt Richmond History Assoc. Mid Dornan, Next issue of this Point in Time is coming out in two weeks, the former printer is unable to do color printing

Womens West Side Improvement: February 12, 11:30 at Methodist Church

PRBA: 2nd Friday of the Month, June, July, August and September Point Music

Plunge request for bids is out on street, a few months before start, expecting April of May start. \$4.5Million for Pool, Pool Area, Dressing Rooms, and Monitor will all be rehabilitated

Mayor Gayle McLaughlin: Proposed Chevron Energy Renewal and Hydrogen Project:

Allows Chevron to refine a wider range of crude product quality

Three Concerns:

1.) Public health, 2.) Public process, 3.) Planet [earth]

Draft EIR raised questions last summer. Raised a lot of questions and was considered inadequate by many, increases in VOC, carbon monoxide, other issues of air pollutants in larger quantities.

Attorney General [Jerry Brown] brought letters to city of Richmond Planning Department

The EIR was inadequate and a new draft EIR is required in the Mayor's opinion.

Instead, the staff has said there are some inconsistencies with the draft EIR, now city staff has presented final draft EIR with responses to the questions. However, the increased amounts are under the "threshold of BAAQMD" but Mayor wonders if it is under the "threshold of the community?"

The finalized EIR will next be at DRB meeting on January 31, 2008. Its coverage is the design aspect of the project. The other task of the DRB will be if location, size, design and aspects of the project are compatible with safety concerns and siting criteria with the community. This request is considered too forward and too brief to be able to review the document, 1,300pages long only received a few days ago.

The Draft EIR should be recirculated and analyzed by the public, another 45 days of public review.

Any increase in emissions and cumulative emissions should be looked at separately and collectively, and look at pollution impact before we look at community benefits.

Global warming issue is 900,000 metric tons of green house gas will be additional emissions.
The mayor's request to put this off was not accepted by majority of Council.

Planning Commission and Design Review Board (DRB) staffing rebuild was turned down by actions of City Council that wanted to merge the two organizations into one, so appointments by the Mayor were denied.

The DRB could request for an Expert Consultant to provide guidance and delay this for one month to provide adequate time for a DRB review and comment with Expert Guidance. How is a 1,300 page document pushed through in an irresponsible way? The staff, per the Mayor believe that they are required to move this application forward. The Mayor believes that looking through the legal lens this was staffs response.

Who hires and fires staff? The Council hires City Manager; City Manager and Senior Management hire other staff members.

How to affect change? Mobilization, attend hearing, meet, call, let your voice be heard! An important form of democracy to have voices of the people heard over the sound of large corporations.

Are there still public comments being taken? Doesn't this continue the process? No, the public comment period has been closed; any answers would be voluntary but not a continuation of the dialog.

The Attorney General has stated that this Draft EIR did not address the issues of climate change. This would be a lawsuit and financial settlement that did not modify the emissions outcome. The Mayor's position is that money is not the object; the health of the community is the issue.

Suggested to work with other organizations to strategize a collaborative position to address the concerns: CBE, WCTC, Atchinson Village Ladies.

Move to resolve to DRB, Planning Commission and City Council Mayor and City Manager that we request further review of this EIR before a final EIR is ready for approval. Moved, Seconded, passed.

Fire Department, no incidents to report, new rebuilt station at 41st and Clinton. There is a new power generator, 7 throughout the city of Richmond. 5K generators will have full power to stay operational. Every rental unit has to have smoke detectors typically at higher level or so many inches at or just below ceiling height. New construction requires all smoke detectors need to cross signals so all will alarm and both battery and hard wired AC current to the detector. Change clock DST to change batteries.

Forum:

- ✓ Earthquake preparedness of BART of system. Claudia Spenser is now a forensic accountant for this oversight board.
- ✓ Solar power appears to be positive outcome for Spenser
- ✓ PRNC will write a letter to City Planning Commission that PRNC is displeased that the Subdivision Map, within the Specific Plan Area of the Tiscornia Estates Specific Plan should have first been heard at a regularly scheduled PRNC meeting, see Design Review/Land Use Committee findings, attached. ***

***The letter is included in this mailing.



**Robin Carpenter, President; Don Woodrow, First Vice President;
Chris Spencer, Second Vice President; Rod Satre, Secretary;
Margaret Morkowski, Treasurer**

PRNC AGENDA

Wednesday, February 27, 2008 7:30 pm

Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue

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| 7:30 | Call to Order. | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:31 | Agenda Review and approval of the minutes from the January meeting – announcements from the Executive Board | <i>1 minutes</i> |
| 7:32 | RNCC (Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council) Report - Don Woodrow | <i>2 minutes</i> |
| 7:34 | Membership report - Chris Spencer | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:35 | Treasurer’s report – Margaret Morkowski | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:36 | Community Center report –Vincent Seymour 233-6881 | <i>2 minutes</i> |
| 7:38 | Updates from other Neighborhood, City and PRNC Committees 1 minute each | <i>6 minutes</i> |
| | The Plunge – Margaret Morkowski | |
| | Arts Guild and Knit and Such - Altha Humphrey | |
| | Point Richmond History Association (PRHA) – Mid Dornan | |
| | Landscape Advisory Committee (Free Standing Community Committee) – Connie Lompa 237-7888 | |
| | Women’s Westside Improvement Club (WWIC) – Margaret Morkowski 234-4219 | |
| | Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA) – Marsha Tomassi 215-6133 | |
| 7:44 | Discussion with Joseph McAlister , Terminal Manager of the BNSF railway introduction by Jeff Leff, Secretary of the Richmond Planning Commission | <i>15 minutes</i> |
| 7:59 | Code Enforcement – How to get something done about code violations in your neighborhood and city... | <i>25 minutes</i> |
| 8:24 | Police Department Report: Beat Officer or Sgt. David Harris, Non-emergency calls 233-1214. | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 8:29 | Our representatives to the RCPC (Richmond Crime Prevention Commission) Tom Brichta 415-686-1522 and Steve Spencer 510- 233-3050 | <i>2 minutes</i> |
| 8:31 | Fire Department Report - Shift Captain for the Point on Duty | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 8:36 | LU/DR Committee Tiscornia Estates Presentation regarding the subdivision map | <i>15 minutes</i> |
| 8:51 | Summary of Land Use & Design Review Committee recommendations -Consent | <i>10 minutes</i> |
| | Two projects have been brought to the committee this month: | |
| | 853 Ocean – expansion of deck | |
| | 442 Golden Gate Avenue – new home/remodel | |
| | Project at Terrace and Vine | |

If you are aware of someone planning to construct or modify a building in the Point, please have them contact Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@netzero.net to arrange a review by this Committee. They meet on the same evening as the PRNC, at 6 pm, in the meeting room of Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Pt. Richmond.

NOTE: It is important that applicants discuss their project with their neighbors before review by this Committee.

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| 9:01 | Old Business: | <i>3 minutes</i> |
| 9:04 | New Business | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 9:09 | Public Forum | If needed: <i>16 minutes</i> |

As many as eight speakers speaking for 2 minutes each. Please sign up at the meeting.

Note: Public Forum items are for public information only; no action can be taken on them. If you have an action item, please contact a board member prior to March 11th to have it considered for the agenda of the Council's March 26th meeting.

9:25 Adjourn

For further information regarding the agenda, excluding Design Review and Land Use Committee matters, contact Robin Carpenter at 510-232-8175 or balsora@aol.com. PRNC members who provide an e-mail address will receive the Newsletter electronically and get email updates. Members who wish to receive the Newsletter by surface mail as well as email should make their wishes known to Chris Spencer at prncvp2@yahoo.com.

