



Get to the Point!

Your Point Richmond Neighborhood Update

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 30th at 7:30 pm
The following meeting is Wednesday, August 27th at 7:30 pm
Membership sign-ups and voting card distribution will begin at 7:00pm
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue

Dear PRNC Members and Friends:

As we announced at our June meeting, John Rohan is our new Second Vice-president and Membership Chair. John has been hard at work the past few weeks on Membership and updating our new website. You may notice that your mailing label indicates that your renewal is due. If you have already paid for 08-09, please disregard, we are updating the labels in our database. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so – the larger our membership the stronger our voice!

Another big change for the PRNC is that I announced my resignation as President at our June meeting. Due to some wonderful personal and professional opportunities I will no longer be able to serve as your President. The extremely capable and experienced Don Woodrow who was your president for eight years will lead the PRNC. In working with Don it was apparent that the respect and connections he has at City Hall and in the community are a great advantage to Point Richmond.

It has been a fascinating 14 months and an amazing learning opportunity for me. I've been involved in advocacy work and political campaigns at a state and national level for over 30 years – but working on the ground in my own community has been a rich experience that will make me a wiser and more effective agent of change in the world. I encourage all of you to be active in the PRNC and to remember that the PRNC is your opportunity to have a voice and to make sure that your neighborhood is a vibrant, healthy place to live. I will continue to be the PRNC's representative to the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council and to work as chairperson of the RNCC's Telecommunication's Ordinance Committee.

At our June 25th meeting, we were able to approve new bylaws for the PRNC. Our intrepid members in attendance were diligent in their questions and comments as we voted on the changes and additions and made adjustments per motions from the floor. With the passage of the new bylaws the members will have more input and information. A few examples are that any expenditure over \$150 that was not in the annual budget that was approved by the general membership must be presented to the membership for approval. Additionally minutes of all Executive Board Meetings will be provided to the general membership.

There was one section on Land Use/Design Review that was not specifically discussed, but passed as part of the final overall vote on the bylaws. This section will be discussed at the July meeting and changes that need to be made can be so moved then. A copy of this section is in your newsletter after important dates. The new bylaws clear the way for our application for our 501(c)3! If you are receiving this newsletter via email, we will email you copies of the new bylaws. We will also be posting them to the website at www.pointrichmond.org.

With the passage of the new bylaws, the Executive Board has created a Safety Committee that will be co-chaired by Pat Pearson, who has been our REACT representative to the City, and by Cathy Branstetter. Carole Woodrow will be a member of the committee and the Board will seek out other members - in particular we want to have a member from Brickyard. If you are interested in serving on the Safety Committee, please contact Don

Woodrow at cardonwoodr@comcast.net. Many thanks to Don for helping to get our new committee off to a great start.

There is a great opportunity for you to be a Shoreline Steward and to improve our shoreline wildlife habitat on Saturday August 2 from 10:00 AM until Noon. Meet at Shimada Friendship Park on Marina Bay Parkway in Richmond Marina Bay and wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Bring your own water bottle. Gloves and other tools to use will be provided as well as snacks. You will be removing invasive plant species at four sites along the South Shore in Richmond and learning about the native plants and the rare and endangered animal species that depend upon them. This event is sponsored by The Richmond Shoreline Citizen Response, The City of Richmond, and The Watershed Project. For more information about the sponsors write lcarter@institute-shot.com.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve my community.

Robin Carpenter

balsora@aol.com or 510-232-8175

IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug 6th: **Last day to submit projects to the Design Review and Land Use Committee for their Aug 27th meeting.**
Projects submitted that date 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.
- Aug 6th: **Last day to suggest topics for the Aug 27th Council meeting.**
Submit suggestions to Don Woodrow at cardonwoodr@comcast.net
- Aug 27th: **August Meeting of the Design Review and Land Use Committee**
6:00pm Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond
- Aug 27th: **August Meeting of the Neighborhood Council** **Sign-in 7:00** **Mtg 7:30 pm**

Section of the new bylaws to be reviewed and approved at the July 30th Meeting

b) The Point Richmond Land Use and Design Review Committee (LU/DR) is a Standing Advisory Committee consisting of at least 5 and no more than 7 members. The Board appoints the Head of the Committee and the other members apply for the available positions and are voted for by the Membership at the Annual meeting. The Committee votes for their Secretary, who will record all decisions and recommendations and present them to the Executive Board. A new member's first term is three years. After that the members of the committee can apply again for a two-year term and be voted upon by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. There are no term limits for the positions. If a position becomes available before a term is served, the LU/DR can put forward the names of candidates to be voted upon at a General Membership Meeting. The LU/DR conducts meetings to review all projects that require action by the City of Richmond Planning and Building Department. Their recommendations are made by a consensus of their members present. Their meetings are held on the same day as General Membership meetings and their reports and recommendations are presented to the subsequent General Membership Meetings. City Guidelines state such projects should be reviewed and a written neighborhood council recommendation be made to the City the before the project is submitted to the City. The PRNC's process includes the action by the LU/DR Standing Committee with a review and final action taken by the PRNC at a membership meeting. The LU/DR usually meets 90 minutes prior to the PRNC membership meetings and applicants must obtain guidance from the Committee prior to attending the meeting.

PRNC Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2008 **Submitted by Rod Satre**

7:30 Meeting called to order. Minutes of May meeting approved.

President's Report

John Rohan was announced as the new Second VP and Membership Chair. He will be replacing Chris Spencer.

Robin Carpenter announced her plans to step down as PRNC President after July 31, 2008 in light of multiple time conflicts both professional and personal. In response to requests for a complete accounting of funds for the 07-08 fiscal year by the general membership; she presented an accounting of the general fund account with a profit and loss statement and listing of all checks for the period of April 13, 2007 through May 30, 2008. Available funds as of 5/30 were \$4,096.07. She announced that the board plans to have the April 08-09 budget to present at the next membership meeting on July 30th. There will also be an overview and status update of the Wig-Wag fund and other two accounts at the next meeting.

Membership

President Carpenter announced that membership is up to 165 members and that we are in the middle of renewal season which began in April. We had 263 members last year and hope to surpass that number this year. We are ahead of where we were this time last year regarding renewals and ahead of the total membership number of the 06-07 year. She turned the rest of the membership report over to John Rohan.

John Rohan introduced himself and talked about his background as a Microbiologist. He is now doing web-based work. He has worked before in political advocacy and was very active in union volunteer work. He has worked in every aspect from membership to secretary as part of the council level of organization. He is big on process and equal and fair access. Very willing to roll up his sleeves and work hard to keep our membership momentum going.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Margaret Morkowski's report stated that we currently had a total of:

\$8,467.71 which includes the

Bishop Alley 711.06

Ferry Point Fund 689.58

Wig Wag Fund 2,970.94

This leaves a General Fund Balance of \$4,096.13

Graffiti Removal Presentation

Rochelle Monk from the City of Richmond came as a representative of the Graffiti Removal Program: To arrest the graffiti, we need to act quickly to abate the graffiti and keep the blight under control and to discourage the "taggers." It turns out that most is not by gangs, but by teenagers that are tagging to create an identity and will be discouraged if tagging is removed immediately. Rochelle offered 4 kits for volunteers to be part of the clean-up "team." IMMEDIATELY 4 neighbors volunteered to be part of the clean up team and to receive kits. More kits are available from the city. You can let the PRNC know or call Rochelle Monk at the City and you will be provided with the kit, which comes in a small pail to keep in your car or nearby for whenever you see graffiti. If you see some tagging, call in to Graffiti hotline 231-3031. What about other agencies such as CalTrans, RailRoad? It is collaborative effort. The arrests are detention and not long term.

Richmond Crime Prevention

Tom Brichta: Continue to be vigilant, be aware of what is going on, and if it does not seem right, give police a call. The people in the Point do call in, and this helps constrain crime.

"Police Academy" special hands on and virtual training on Police procedures. 8-week commitment Saturday night, starts July 10, through September 11 and class at temporary station on Regatta call 233-1214 for more information on attending the Academy.

There have been some break-ins using false identity. If you don't know someone don't answer or open the door. We will be adding "crime watch" information to the website and Tom will work with us on this. Email for Tom Brichta tomb@marvingardens.com. There was some discussion about garbage being stolen. Please report when you see to the 233-1214 number. You can also take a digital picture (from a safe distance) and email the picture of the criminal activity to Tom or to the officer on duty.

REACT and Safety

Pat Pearson- Safety Chairperson and REACT representative: Went to a meeting regarding communication during emergencies. Focused on radios – the emergency radios tested did not work well on hillsides. Pat would like the PRNC to have REACT training in Fall.

Community Reports

Altha Humphries (232-2934) Knit and Such report, all are welcome to come knit, sew and do craft work with your neighbors the next meeting is July 10th 7-9:00PM at the Community Center

Arts of Point Richmond had an artists showing during the Music in the Point series and their next show is July 11th. They hope to have a show during each Music in the Point Concert. The APR's next official meeting is July 9th.

Margaret Morkowski The Point Molate Restoration Board met and there was a presentation from the city for early transfer and draft remaining property and \$28,000,000 for clean up. Please look at the document on clean up. Still is set for a casino. Don Conley from Mechanics Bank lost a son in the Iraq conflict

Robin Carpenter - Saturday Morning another Washington school planting party

Jeff Lee -City Planning Commissioner, Jeff Lee, gave an update on what is happening with TRAC the Baytrail and Chevron. The Chevron the issues are vetted and challenged on both sides, on to City Council. Conditions of the authorization were rejected by Planning Commission, but did get \$5Million for Bay Trail. Currently up for discussion on July 15th and July 29th on City Council agenda.

LU/DR

Land Use, Design Review approved 540 Grandview Court new home for Dan Doellstedt with no conditions. The General membership approved this as a Consent item.

New Bylaws

The new bylaws were presented to the General Membership. The membership received copies with all changes, deletions and additions in bold. Each area of change, deletion or addition was discussed and then voted upon separately. Once those sections were individually approved, changed or not approved - it was moved that the Bylaws be approved as a whole with the revisions from the general membership. It was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote. The Bylaws will be published on our website and copies will be available at the July meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Executive Board Meeting Minutes 7/17/08

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm at Brazil Café

RNCC Report from Don Woodrow – We will need to move up our deadlines for meeting submissions for agenda and LU/DR because the city is requiring two weeks notice for printing. Only 7 neighborhood councils will be putting on National Night Out events this year.

Bylaws Update by Robin Carpenter – it was noted that the LU/DR section of the new bylaws had not been discussed in the June meeting. Even though they were passed in the overall vote, the Board unanimously voted to have it presented and discussed at the July meeting by the general membership. It was voted to make sure that the language in the bylaws is gender neutral.

Safety Committee from Don Woodrow – Don moved that with the passage of the bylaws that we create a Safety Committee that would be co-chaired by Pat Pearson who has been our REACT representative to the City and by Cathy Branstetter. Carole Woodrow will be a member of the committee and the Board will seek out other members and in particular we want to have a member from Brickyard.

Membership and Website report from John Rohan – John met with the designer of our website and had some ideas about how to get the site updated and our database current. The board agreed that John should let the board know if we needed more help from our designer or other changes.

Treasurer's report and budget presentation by Margaret Morkowski – Margaret presented the board with breakouts of expenditures in the previous year and a suggested budget for the 08-09 year based on previous expenditures. Margaret took the board's feedback and was going to create the budget to be sent out to the board for final approval before the next general membership meeting. The board voted to not sponsor a National Night Out event this year. The board agreed that it was best to determine the most important events and activities that we sponsored or attended before further expenditures. The board voted to explore grants, sponsorships and other funds so that we can attend and/or sponsor as many events that would further our goals and mission. The board agreed to find our own storage space to keep our records and archives.

Adjourned at 9:00pm



PRNC AGENDA
Wednesday, July 30th 7:00 pm
Point Richmond Community Center
139 Washington Avenue

Don Woodrow, President John Rohan, Second Vice-President Rod Satre, Secretary Margaret Morkowski, Treasurer
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7:00 Note that one or more board members will be in the Community Center at 7:00pm to handle membership renewals, new membership applications and to distribute voting cards so that members may vote on actionable items.

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| 7:30 | Call to Order, agenda review and approval of June minutes | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | Membership report – John Rohan (237-6901 or john@rohanland.com) | 4 minutes |
| 7:36 | Treasurer’s report – Margaret Morkowski
2008-09 Budget will be presented | 5/5 minutes |
| 7:46 | RNCC (Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council Report) –
Don Woodrow | 2 minutes |
| 7:48 | Police Department Report: Officer Silva 233-1214 or www.jsilva@richmondpd.net | 6/6 minutes |
| 8:00 | Our representatives to the RCPC (Richmond Crime Prevention Commission)
Tom Brichta 415-686-1522 and Steve Spencer 510- 233-3050 | 2 minutes |
| 8:02 | Fire Department Report - Shift Captain for the Point on Duty | 2/2 minutes |
| 8:06 | Updates from other Neighborhood, City and PRNC Committees - 1 minute each | 6 minutes |
| 8:12 | Co-Chair of the newly established Safety Committee Pat Pearson | 5 minutes |
| 8:17 | Presentation of the PRNC’s new bylaws that were approved and discussion/vote
of the LU/DR portion Input and voting. | 5/10 minutes |
| 8:33 | Summary of Land Use & Design Review Committee recommendations – | 15 minutes |

If you are aware of someone planning to construct or modify a building in the Point, please have him or her 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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| 8:48 | Old Business | 2 minutes |
| 8:50 | New Business | 2 minutes |
| 8:52 | Public Forum | 16 minutes |

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 or questions answered during the speakers 2 minutes. If you have an action item, please contact Don Woodrow at cardonwoodr@comcast.net, prior to August 6th to have it considered for the agenda of the Council’s August 27th meeting.

9:08 Adjourn

For further information regarding the agenda, excluding Design Review and Land Use Committee matters, contact Don Woodrow at cardonwoodr@comcast.net. PRNC members who provide an e-mail address will receive the Newsletter electronically and receive email updates.

PRNC Membership Application - New and Renewal

We invite you to join the PRNC and participate in our meetings when possible. Membership provides updates, newsletters and voting privileges. All are welcome at our meetings, but we do require you to be signed up as a member to participate in voting. Contact John Rohan at 237-6901 or john@rohanland.com for additional information.

By signing this you agree to our statement of purpose, which is to serve the people of Pt. Richmond in a non-partisan, non-commercial manner and to work cooperatively with local, state and federal governments. We provide a place where ideas and information can be exchanged, problems studied and actions planned. Our end goal is an overall spirit of neighborliness. Your information is never shared and is strictly for PRNC contact!

Dues are set at modest levels and cover our administrative expenses. \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a household. Those for whom dues are a concern may ask for a waiver by writing "waiver" on the application.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Newsletters via Email, Surface Mail or both? _____ Household/Individual _____

_____ Signature and Date

Bring application to a meeting or mail to:

PRNC - P.O. BOX 70386, RICHMOND, CA 94807

You may also sign-up online at www.pointrichmond.org