

## GETTING TO THE POINT

Lots of good things to be seen around our neighborhood these days: turkeys (mostly singles) wandering around Montana, Idaho, and Oregon streets, as well as on Garrard Boulevard, turkeys gobbling all over the hillside along East Scenic, a lonely quail pecking its way along Idaho Street, very low-flying canadas cruising across Ferry Point Park, pelicans above the Bay, kids playing soccer or baseball at Judge Carroll Park, picnickers appearing at Miller/Knox, blooms everywhere, and the Neighborhood Council has filed the requisite papers with the State of California to complete its application for non-profit status. - Hey! - it must be Spring!

Public works are advancing: a new road surface has replaced the scattered tank traps on Canal Boulevard between the I-580 overpass and Cutting Boulevard, progress continues with The Plunge renovation (toward which the PRNC made a major contribution), looks like work was completed some weeks ago on the wall at the top of Santa Fe and the adjacent parts of Water Street.

Public opinion has been registered about the designs proposed for the bayside portal of the tunnel. The greatest number of “votes” came in for #1, the design with egrets aloft on a brick-red background and the words POINT RICHMOND prominent above the tunnel arch. The committee now meets to consider next steps. Thanks for voting.

At the March PRNC meeting, representatives of the Port of Richmond explained the project to permit the ready off-loading and transport away from the Port by railroad of Honda automobiles. A suit was brought against the Port taking issue with certain environmental aspects of the project EIR. The Port settled the suit by agreeing both to work toward resolution of the environmental matters and to establish a “watch-dog” group to ensure the environmental efforts are made. We can thank people like Fred Arms of Buena Vista Avenue for doggedly working on this matter.

The Neighborhood Council is about undergo its biennial change of officers. Five of our neighbors have answered the call. They come from bayside of the hill, Brickyard Cove and the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor (PSBYH). The PSBYH was made part of the PRNC neighborhood earlier this year and voting at the April meeting will likely seat our colleague from PSPYH. That will be the first officer from that area.

Those of us currently serving on the Board are going on to other things, some to leadership positions in Point Richmond groups. All of the present members will be available, if needed, to help the incoming Board. Rod Satre will continue his tradition of PRNC service by remaining as the Chair of our Land Use/Design Review Committee. As for me, I will continue on the Richmond Design Review Board and as Vice President of the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, my geology course at Berkeley City College and my part-time Gework at the USGS in Menlo Park. Thanks to all of you for giving me the chance to Chair the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council. It's been an

interesting journey, one I was glad to make.