

ON POINT

Your PRNC Officers have been working well together. Sue Rosenof, our Second Vice President, ably stood in for Louise Fender, our Secretary, by recording the minutes of the last meeting while Louise was visiting friends on the East Coast--and I appreciate Ken Blonski, our First Vice President, for being me at the last meeting. Summer is a time to pass the ball around.

Sue and I are collaborating on making a sandwich board announcing the time and place of our Neighborhood Council meeting (Sue does signs. I do wood and paint). It will be placed outside the Community Center doors during the Farmer's Market on the last Wednesday of the month. There have been good crowds at the Market. We hope the placard will remind neighbors of the meeting--and maybe even attract a curious resident or two who may not be a member.

At our next meeting, Josh Genser will be making a presentation to promote a proposed residential live/work development on the old Freethy Industrial Park property. This property is located on the southern side of the North Richmond shoreline. Mr. Genser will show slides, maps of the site, and his group's tentative plans for the development. He welcomes questions from members.

In response, Patricia Vaughan Jones, the Executive Director of Citizens for East Shore Parks, will present their vision for the Richmond Shoreline. After Patricia spoke to us in February 2008, Shirley Butt made a motion to "retain the current open space, recreation and park designations for the North Richmond Shoreline between Wildcat Creek and Point Pinole west of the Richmond Parkway, and refrain from up zoning to higher land uses". Whether Mr. Genser's project is a good fit for the site, or conflicts with this resolution, will be addressed.

The direction development takes along the North Richmond Shore will be guided by the City's General Plan. Cities and counties in California are mandated to create a General Plan as guide for future development. Ours has been in the works since February 2006. A draft of the plan was released on July 15. The public review period runs to Wednesday, September 16. Chapters of the Plan can be seen online and downloaded from www.cityofrichmondgeneralplan.org. Hard copies can be reviewed at the Planning and Building Services Department at the Civic Center.

If any of you see an issue that is of particular concern to our membership, I invite you to raise it at our upcoming Public Forum. It could then be considered for a vote in August, and a letter could be sent to the City. As a group, we always have more of an impact.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Peter Minkwitz, *President*

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