



ON POINT

May 2010

Altha Humphrey regularly makes coffee for our meetings at the Community Center—which is more than greatly appreciated. She also brings cookies. The cookies were there, but because the kitchen was locked at our last meeting, Altha couldn't make coffee. Things looked bleak until Jayson from the Baltic came to the rescue with carafes of coffee, real mugs, sugar and cream from his restaurant across the street. Many kudos to Jayson.

Good weather and sun blessed the Stroll and first Farmer's Market on May 12. Tasty treats from the merchants, fresh produce from the farmers, old time rock and roll from Crunchy Frog, and a chance to connect with neighbors, made it all good.

Many of you stopped by the PRNC booth and said hello. Our Board members were there to kick off our membership renewal period, which runs from May 1 to April 30 every year. Our Membership Chair and Second Vice President Sue Rosenof brought an updated roster so people could check their membership status. Some of you were surprised to see how long it had been since you paid your dues. Many of you took the opportunity to renew your membership.

The annual dues is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families of two or more. Membership entitles you to vote at Neighborhood Council meetings, ensures that you will continue to receive the newsletter, supports PRNC projects, and helps cover our administrative costs.

Attached to this newsletter is a membership application. Please provide us with your current contact information. Especially note whether you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail only. This conserves paper and reduces costs. I will be at the Community Center at 7:00 pm, before the meeting, to accept renewals and applications. Now is the time to renew your membership for 2010/2011.

As many of you know, the Richmond City Council just approved a 15-year deal with Chevron that guarantees a set schedule of payments from Chevron and kills several initiatives that would have been contentious in November. This was a compromise, but one that both parties, and many citizens, appear to be applauding. Heather Kulp, the Community Engagement Manager from Chevron will explain the details of the agreement at our next meeting.

The traffic impact, schedule of work, and extent of the tunnel repair needs clarification. I spoke with Edric Kwan, the Interim City Engineer, at the last Neighborhood Coordinating Council meeting. At that time, he had misgivings about the funding for the project. If things are clearer by our meeting date, I hope he will attend, answer questions, and give us an up date.

I hope to see you there.

Peter Minkwitz, *President*
POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

AGENDA
POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 pm **Call to Order**
- 7:30 **Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2010**
President's Report by Peter Minkwitz (510) 232-3663 5 minutes
- 7:35 **Police Report**
Richmond PD Officer David Longacre
Voicemail: (510) 621-1212 x 7105 or
dlongacre@richmondpd.net 10 minutes
- 7:45 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 2 minutes
- 7:47 **Treasurer's Report** Art Mowry (510) 215-0501 2 minutes
- 7:49 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**
2 minutes each Up to 13 minutes
Point Richmond Business Association, Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219
Women's Westside Improvement Association, Margaret Morkowski
Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934
Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey (510) 234-3822
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan
Safety Committee, Tom Brichta (415) 686-1522
- 8:00 **The Agreement between Chevron and the City of Richmond**
Heather Kulp, Manager, Community Engagement, Richmond Refinery
- 8:30 **Proposed Repair and Reconstruction of the Tunnel**
Edric Kwan, Interim City Engineer
- 8:45 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** Rod Satre
Items to be considered at the Committee's June 30, 2010 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by June 14, 2010.
Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com
No projects were presented
- 8:45 **Public Forum** Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers—2 minutes each
Issues brought to the attention of the Council in the Public Forum cannot result in Council action at this meeting. Instead, the issue should be presented to Council President Peter Minkwitz for consideration by the PRNC Board as an agenda item at a future meeting. Must be submitted by to Peter Minkwitz (510) 465-2527 (B), 510-232-3663 (H) by June 1, 2010
peter@sanfranciscomarinesurveyors.com or peter180@comcast.net

Adjourn

IMPORTANT DATES

- **June 30** **Next Regular meeting of the PRNC**
Wednesday **7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center,**
139 Washington Avenue
- **June 30** **Next Regular meeting of the PRNC Land Use/Design Review**
Wednesday **6:00 pm, Offices of Interactive Resources, Park Place,**
Point Richmond. Contact Rod Satre, Chair
(510) 232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com
- **June 14** **Last day to submit proposed projects to the Land Use/Design**
Monday **Review Committee**
- **June 1** **Next meeting of the PRNC Board of Directors**
Tuesday **Call Peter Minkwitz for the time and place (510) 232-3663**
- **June 4** **Meet-with-the-Mayor**
Friday **5:30 – 6:30pm**
Whittlesey Room, 325 Civic Center Plaza
- **June 9** **Next meeting of the Point Richmond Business Association**
Wednesday **12:00 noon, Banquet Room, Hotel Mac**
- **May 23** **Annual Meeting Point Richmond History Association**
Sunday **Point Richmond Community Center (time to be announced)**
- **May 30** **Richmond Community Block Party at the Craneway**
Sunday **Music, Dancing, Food, and Folks 12 – 6 pm**
- **May 31** **19th Annual Masquer's Point Richmond Garage Sale**
Monday **8:00 – 4:00**

Minutes
POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
April 28, 2010
Point Richmond Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President, Peter Minkwitz

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the PRNC meeting of 3/31/2010 were moved, seconded and approved.

President's Report: "This will be a busy month". This weekend is the Junktique Sale (Saturday), The Cinco de Mayo Parade on 23rd St. (Sunday), The Native Garden Tour (Sunday-6 gardens plus a honey bee extraction), Farmer's Market Wednesday, May 12 (PRNC will set up a booth with applications as dues are now due), and the annual Stroll on May 12 as well. The City is cutting back on mailings. Peter asked how would we address paying for the mailings. The more e-mail, the better when we finally get our web site up and running well. Altha Humphrey suggested she was willing to pay \$1 for the newsletter. Others agreed. The City pays postage.

Police Report Richmond PD Officer David Longacre **Voicemail: (510) 621-1212 x 7105**

dlongacre@richmondpd.net REMINDER: program your phone to 233-1214 and punch O when given the beginning of the menu to talk with the dispatcher for immediate service, not 911. A report on the crime statistics showed no crimes of violence. There were 10 property crimes with auto theft leading, as has been the pattern. There were 7 vehicle thefts, 1 residence burglary and 2 vehicles recovered. The Police Department does have special equipped patrol cars, which can read license plates, however, due to the budget issues; they are not approved for that operation. A fisherman approached one resident and then the home was burglarized. The victim was an elderly person. If you are approached by someone looking for work, or to buy something- BE CAUTIOUS! If someone asks too many questions-be suspicious.

Report on Membership Sue Rosenof 510-599-1197 Sue reports that, "we are starting the new cycle with a healthy membership". She continues to work on the current web site dilemma, trying to "get it up to par".

Treasurer's Report Art Mowry (510) 215-0501 Bishop Alley Path Fund: \$711.06 (We are custodians of this money) Ferry Point Fund: \$1989.58 (We are also custodians of this money. Wig Wag Fund: \$2970.94 General Fund: \$ 4314.98 Dues collected: \$160 Total: \$9986.56 Art commiserates re: the web site. "We have struggled with the web site for more than a year". We are seeking help to resolve this issue.

Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups:

Point Richmond Business Association, Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219 This will be the 21st annual Stroll. There will be many booths and raffles, including the History Museum raffle. Storefronts provide refreshments. The ribbon cutting will be at 6 p.m. on the stage by the Indian Statue and The Crunchy Frogs will entertain. It will be combined with the Farmer's Market, which will add an additional 10-15 vendors this year. The new manager of the Farmer's Market is Mike Thornton. He has vast experience and knowledge and was encouraged by both the vendors and the residents in Point Richmond who were pleased with the outcome from last year's initial market. There will be general elections with this group. New Board Members include Nathan Trivers, Pam DeWitt, Joan Davis, Defan Spring, as well as returning members Jake Smith and Steve Hurst. The next meeting will be May 12 (the 2nd Wednesday of the month) at Hotel Mac at noon with a guest speaker.

Women's Westside Improvement Association, Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219 The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4th at the Methodist Church. It will be a fundraiser, with "really good salads" available for \$8. Mike Thornton, the new manager of the Farmer's Market will be the guest speaker. Elections will be held.

Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934 The next meeting is at the Community Center (the first Wednesday), May 5, from 1:15-3:45. It's a small group that is free. "We have fun". Gentlemen are invited.

Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934. There will be no use of the Community Center for the next meeting so it will be held at the new restaurant at 25 West Richmond. It is from 6-8 p.m. with a guest speaker. The art exhibit at the post Office is "all about doggies". "We hope to see your faces".

Safety Committee, Tom Brichta (415) 686-1522. There are "crimes of opportunity committed here". If you are a victim, it's a scary time. But if you can pick up little details (i.e. a tattoo tear drop on the face, the color of the eyes, garments, shoes, (although definitely hard to keep your wits) it is easier to track him down.

City of Richmond Budget for 2010-2011 Presentation by Councilmember Ludmyrna Lopez and City

Department representatives. We were joined by Jim Matzorkis, the Executive Director of the Port of Richmond, Andrea Miller, the Budget Administrator in the Finance Department, Yader Bermudez, of the Public Works Division, Bert Jones from the Financial Department and Teresa Puentes-Sweetser an intern for Councilmember Lopez. Ms. Lopez has been on the Council for 4 years and stated: "It is an honor and pleasure to serve all of you". She reported on the new Honda business, which is creating more than 100 new jobs (30% are required to be Richmond residents) and bringing the City a significant amount of revenue (\$10 million over the next 15 years). Honda ships arrived Tuesday and will be arriving at 6 per month, with 145,000 vehicles annually for 15 years. A quiet zone at the crossings will be enacted. A revised audit in October brought dim news. Police, fire, street paving and recreation services will be spared. The new budget will be presented on May 18 and public response is encouraged. A handout re: the accomplishments despite the fiscal challenges and where the tax money goes were distributed. The City of Richmond website is www.ci.richmond.ca.us for those of you who want to explore this helpful Fiscal Year 2009-10, Budget-in-Brief. Discussion veered toward the marijuana dispensaries. Debate continues with the council re: limiting the number of dispensaries, registration with the State, and the moratorium through November. Street paving on West Richmond in front of the Plunge will happen in 2 weeks and the Plunge is scheduled for opening midsummer. A reported 80% of the City needs to be resurfaced, but the money is the question. Vacant positions in the City have not been filled cutting more than 100 jobs. Discussion re: funding of the sewer program the utility tax ordinance and Chevron's stand on the cap were discussed. The tunnel will be "rehabbed" although the structure is OK, the surface needs to be made waterproof and the paint will be a lighter color. Priorities re: street paving was discussed. Burt Jones, Finance Dept. concluded: "Gonna be a tough year".

Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee Rod Satre *Items to be considered at the Committee's May 26, 2010 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by May 13, 2010. Contact Rod at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com* No projects submitted and none reviewed.

New Business: No new business

Old Business: Report from the Drive-by Mailbox Committee and vote on location. Reports were made by Marcus Sandoval, Artrese Morrison, Margaret Morkowski and Victor Morales. A map was provided for visual understanding. Two options were presented satisfying the following criteria: 1) drive by service, 2) easy access in town, 3) a quota requirement of 75 pieces of mail per day to maintain the new mailbox and 4) checking in with the local residents for their opinion. The existing mailboxes will remain. The "3 minute parking" will stay the same. The options were presented: The island where the buses turn around, which is City property, placing the box at the far end of the island and placement on Cottage, redoing the street so that it would become a one way street heading up the hill with the mailbox situated on the left side of the street. After numerous well considered questions were answered, the options positive attributes were considered. The natural nature of the turn around at the bus island with easy freeway access versus the cost of remarking Cottage and how the City would deal with that issue. The choices were presented for vote. There were 4 members who voted for Cottage Street placement and 13 who voted for the bus turn around. Victor Morales will present our choices to the P.O.

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Mid Dornan reminded us of the 2010 Historic Preservation Awards to be presented on Monday, May 24, 2010 from 5-7 pm., at the Richmond City Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza, followed by a reception in the Auditorium Lobby, catered by the Contra Costa Culinary Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Louise Fender, Secretary

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

THE POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (PRNC) provides a forum where issues of concern to the community can be discussed and acted upon. Monthly meetings help keep you and your neighbors informed on issues that are important to Point Richmond.

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue.

Meetings typically include:

- An Open Public Forum where issues of immediate concern are raised.
- A presentation by our Land Use/Design Review Committee where proposed renovations and new construction in Point Richmond are presented and voted upon
- Reports and updates by City, County, school officials, representatives from the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, the Arts of Point Richmond, the Women's Westside Improvement Club, the Safety committee, the Point Richmond Business Association, Knit and Such, etc.
- A Police Report from our local beat officer

Everyone is welcome to join us and participate in our meetings, but only members can vote. Membership provides you with the monthly newsletter, by mail and/or e-mail updates and alerts, and voting privileges.

WE URGE YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER!

The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are minimal. Rates are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a household. New and renewed membership covers the period May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500.



POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

New

Membership Application
May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011

Renewal

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Bring dues to the next meeting or mail check and this application to:

PRNC
P.O. Box 70386
Point Richmond, CA 94807

Do you want to receive the Newsletter by mail ? Yes No
Do you want to receive the Newsletter by e-mail ? Yes No
Do you want to receive alerts and extra notices by e-mail? Yes No