



Natural and not so natural disasters have been in the news lately. The recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan are reminders of how quickly our lives can change. On April 18, we took our annual look back at the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906. Before '06, the moniker "Great San Francisco Earthquake" was held by the 7.0 quake that shook the southern portion of the Hayward Fault in 1868.

The Hayward Fault generally runs along the western base of the East Bay hills, through the center of Memorial Stadium, and through Richmond. The geological record shows that about every 140 years there has been major slippage along the fault. It has been 143 years since the southern portion slid 6 ft. in 1868.

Depending on the saturation of soils at the time of the quake, USGS scientists estimate that there could be 165 billion dollars in damage to roads, bridges, buildings, and pipelines should a similar quake occur. There is a good chance that the main water pipes providing water to Richmond and the East Bay will be severed. Many of the Delta levies could collapse. Gas and fuel pipes are likely to fail. Power could be cut off.

We don't know when it will happen, but a large quake on the Hayward Fault is becoming more likely. When it happens, the normal 911 first responders will be overwhelmed. We will need to rely on ourselves and our neighbors for days, and possibly weeks. With that in mind, we have invited Carla Bowman to give us an idea of how we can best prepare for the disaster. On a related subject, Don Woodrow will give us a synopsis of the recent RNCC pipeline safety presentation that included representatives from P.G. & E, Kinder-Morgan, EBMUD and Chevron.

As part of our getting-to-know-your-local-business portion of our meeting, we heard from Nancy Allen Burns of the Body Wisdom Studio at our March meeting. She is the newest business in downtown Point Richmond. The next newest business is the Up and Under Pub and Grill. Many of you have enjoyed a drink and meal at the Up and Under and have said that it is a great addition to the Point. Nate Trivers, the owner, has become active in the community and has done bang up job with his Pub. We will have a chance to hear his story at this meeting.

Maureen Decombe, from our Waste Treatment Plant Committee, will again give us an update of developments at the facility. She will propose two resolutions to be presented to the Richmond City Council. We will vote on ratifying them at this meeting.

We will also vote for new PRNC officers. If reelected, Sue Rosenof and I will continue in our present positions as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and President. Louise Fender will move to treasurer. The nominees for the two remaining positions are Megan Bleckinger and Jean Womack for First Vice President and Margaret Jordan for secretary.

The PRNC will kick off its membership cycle by having a booth at the upcoming Farmer's Market, which is the same day as our next meeting. I hope to see you all there.

Peter Minkwitz, *President*

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



# AGENDA

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## POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 pm **Call to Order**
- 7:30 **Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2011**  
**President's Report** by Peter Minkwitz (510) 232-3663 5 minutes
- 7:35 **Police Report** Officer Joe Anderson  
(510) 621-1212 Ext.7145 [janderson@richmondpd.net](mailto:janderson@richmondpd.net) 10 minutes
- 7:45 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 3 minutes
- 7:48 **Treasurer's Report** Art Mowry (510) 215-0501 2 minutes
- 7:50 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**  
2 minutes each Up to 13 minutes
- Point Richmond Business Association  
Women's Westside Improvement Association, Margaret Morkowski  
Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey (510) 234-3822  
Arts of Point Richmond  
Red Oak Victory, George Coles  
PRNC Safety Committee, Tom Brichta  
Formula Restaurant Ordinance Committee, Marsha Tomassi
- 8:00 **Introduction to a Point Richmond business**, Up and Under Pub and Grill  
Nathan Trivers
- 8:10 **Update on Veolia and the Waste Treatment Plant**, Maureen Decombe  
**Vote** on two resolutions for the City Council
- 8:25 **Report from Don Woodrow on the Pipeline Safety Forum**
- 8:35 **Disaster Preparedness**, Carla Bowman
- 9:00 **Election of PRNC Officers and dues for 2011/2012**  
**Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** Rod Satre  
*Items to be considered at the Committee's May 25, 2011 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by May 11, 2011.*  
*Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or [rdsatre@live.com](mailto:rdsatre@live.com)*
- No items were submitted**
- 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 to Peter Minkwitz (510) 465-2527 (B), 510-232-3663 (H) by April 13, 2011*  
[peter@sanfranciscomarinesurveyors.com](mailto:peter@sanfranciscomarinesurveyors.com) or [peter180@comcast.net](mailto:peter180@comcast.net)

**Adjourn**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- \*\* May 25**  
**Wednesday**      **Next Regular meeting of the PRNC**  
**7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington**
- \*\*May 11**  
**Wednesday**      **Last day to submit proposed projects to the Land Use/Design**  
**Review Committee**
- \*\*May 4**  
**Wednesday**      **Next meeting of the PRNC Board of Directors**  
**Call Peter Minkwitz for the time and place (510) 232-3663**
- \*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**      **Next meeting of the Point Richmond Business Association**  
**12:00 noon, The Baltic**
- \*\* April 29**  
**Friday**      **Point Richmond Acoustic Music Series,**  
**Steve Meckfessel and Chris Kokesh**  
**8:00 pm First Methodist Church**
- \*\* May 8**  
**Sunday**      **Red Oak Victory Pancake Breakfast, \$6.00**  
**(Mother's Day) 9:00-12:30 am**
- \*\*April 27**  
**Wednesday**      **The first Point Richmond Farmer's Market of the season**  
**4-8 pm**
- \*\*1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of the month, 6:30 pm, Richmond City Council meets
- \*\*May 7**  
**Saturday**      **Annual Junktique Sale**  
**9-3 pm First Methodist Church**
- \*\*May 30**  
**Monday**      **Annual Point Richmond Memorial Day Garage Sale**  
**to benefit the Masquer's Playhouse**

*Be sure to check  
[pointrichmond.com](http://pointrichmond.com) for up-to-date  
details on all events*

**Minutes**  
**POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**March 30, 2011**  
**Point Richmond Community Center**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President, Peter Minkwitz (510) 232-3663

**Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2011:** Corrections to the minutes include: Update on the Richmond Treatment Plant managed by Veolia, the sign at Lindsay Hall, as reported by Richard Katz, “can be changed any way they want since it is not historical” and the Women’s Westside Improvement Club is the correct name of this group. These changes are noted and the minutes were then approved.

**President’s Report by Peter Minkwitz (510) 232-3663** Altha Humphrey was missed and there is no substitute for the gentle care she provides for all of us. The City Council meeting on Tuesday April 5, 2011 will be totally dedicated to the Point Molate Casino issue. It is hoped that the new Council will oppose the casino as the community has voted its opposition. The Farmer’s Market will be starting on the Wednesday of our next meeting 4/27. It is a “great community event”. There will be more flowers, more food concessions and bands, which will be a “bit more of an event”. The PRNC will have a booth at the Farmer’s Market, as it is the beginning of the dues kick off for new members. There will be 3 votes tonight: 1) Accepting the nominating committees recommendation for officers 2) A letter of support to the Planning Commission on the General Plan 3) Funding for a placard honoring Maurice Doherty.

**Police Report: Richmond PD Officer Joe Anderson: [janderson@richmondpd.net](mailto:janderson@richmondpd.net) (510) 621-1212 x 7145.** Officer Anderson, from the North Richmond Police Department, graveyard beat officer, reported that there has been an increase in catalytic converter thefts and many are going unreported. There has been an increase in stolen vehicles, all older model Nissans and Toyotas. Burglaries have dropped off. However, there is a newer model maroon pick-up truck in the area that the police department wants citizens to report on, if seen, to give them investigative leads. There has been an older gold Mercedes, which has been possibly casing the Mechanics Bank. There are no plates on the car and a white male has been seen as the driver. Be aware!! Make sure you lock your doors and garage as the two recent burglaries have happened via open doors. The Graffiti Hot Line number is 965-4905. Call to report any new graffiti.

**Report on Membership Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197** The fiscal year starts May1st: \$10 single, \$15 per household and \$500 lifetime dues are the options, as well as a waiver if the dues pose a financial challenge.

**Treasurer’s Report Art Mowry (510) 215-0501** Art reports \$5209.52 in the General fund, expenses of \$42.88 for printing supplies, dues of \$100. The Bishop Alley Path Fund has \$711.06, the Ferry Point Fund has \$1989.58 and Wig Wag Fund has \$2970.94 with a total of \$10,937.25

**Ordinance Committee:** Peter announced the creation of an Ordinance Committee with members: Marsha Tomassi, the head of the committee, Linda Newton, resident and business owner, Nate Trivers, owner of Up and Under Pub and resident, Norma Wallis from Questa, Braith Cleary property owner, and Josh Genser, Attorney, legal adviser and landlord. The Committee of the Neighborhood Council will come up with the wording. We will then review it as the Executive Board and the PRNC members will vote on it.

**Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups: (2 minutes each)**

**Safety Committee: Tom Britcha:** There have been a few instances of theft on Sandpiper Spit. The “squeaky wheel” effect has increased patrol in that neighborhood. Burglaries have been “crimes of opportunity”. Ask yourself the question: “How would I break into my own home?” Get involved.

**Point Richmond Business Association: Margaret Morkowski.** There will be 2 concerts in the Point in the Acoustic Music Series, 5 free concerts on the second Friday of each month and 5 free concerts in September. There will be a Grand Opening for the Farmer’s Market, with ribbon cutting between 5:30-6:00 on the first market, 4/27. They are starting 3 weeks earlier and stopping 2 weeks early in the fall. There will be fish included in the products sold this year. The PRBA meetings are the 2nd Wednesday at the Baltic at noon.

**Women’s Westside Improvement Association, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934** No report. The next meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) at 11:30 at the Methodist Church. The last meeting will be in June.

**Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934** No report

**Arts of Point Richmond, Linda Lee and Linda Drake (510) 672-0793** No report.

**TRAC Bruce Beyaert** The mission is to complete the San Francisco Bay Trail. On April 30<sup>th</sup> there will be an opening of the West County Former Land Fill Loop. There are tidal marshes and San Pablo Creek. There will be interpretive plaques. Details to follow.

**RNCC (Richmond Neighborhood Council Committee) Don Woodrow** On April 14, at 6 pm, the RNCC will host a talk regarding pipeline safety. One pipe goes up Canal, 150 feet from the school. Three companies will speak: PGE, Chevron and Kinder Morgan.

**Red Oak Victory, George Coles** The Victory ship is the largest artifact in the Richmond Museum of History. “Our ship is your ship”. This is the last of 747 ships and “will be preserved forever”. It is going into dry dock this July for hull reinforcement and painting. The first Pancake Breakfast is April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. They run out of food near 11:30, so come early. George is “great at mixing Mimosas”. The average age of the docents is 88 years. New docents are needed.

**Point Richmond Business Introduction, Body Wisdom Studio, Nancy Allen Burns.** This studio has been in business since 2007, recently relocating to Washington St. across from the Library. Nancy offers a myriad of options to produce wellness in the body. She offers Restorative Exercise, a biomechanical model of health. It is predicated on alignment. Most diseases associated with aging are preventable. She offers movement education, to teach how to live in your body and how the mechanics work. “We have to change the paradigm of aging by practicing healthy aging”. Joining the preventative exercise classes is an option for that change. Free introduction classes offered the first Saturday of the month. You will learn 5 exercises that could change the status of your health. She invites us to visit or attend a variety of classes.

**Update on Richmond Waste Management Plant, Maureen Decombe** Our water treatment/ sewer service is one of the most expensive services provided by the City. The City voted on the 15<sup>th</sup> on 2 agenda items. They will look at feasible options. That was approved. They will refrain from re-opening the digester operation until it is demonstrated that it would not have an ill effect on the community. That was approved.

There was high praise for Maureen and her efforts. She is now gathering data and fact checking and developing time lines, wanting to get a perspective that spans a longer period of time. Chad Davidson from the City is identifying criteria to move forward. Input from the community is REALLY important. They will be setting up meetings at The Point to get input during the week of April 11. The City was directed to purchase 6 continuous monitors providing credible data much like the Air Board. John Hart, Plant Manager, described a new “marshmallow” on top of the digester. They are working on the digester so there will be no leaks. It is filled with water and air now. There is a 10-year guarantee on the new digester cover. Veolia is paying for all of this. It will take \$1-1.5 million dollars to get everything back on track.

**Report from PRNC Nominating Committee, Bruce Beyaert.** The bylaws require that every two years, at the April meeting, the community elects a new slate of officers. These members will present a slate: Don Woodrow, Shirley Butt, Peter Minkwitz and Sue Rosenof. We are losing two good officers - Ken Blonski and Art Mowry. Bruce has “never seen a Treasurer speak so clearly”. Peter will stay as president for another 2 years as will Sue stay as Second Vice President. Louise will move to Treasurer. There are 2 slots to fill. The nominees were announced as Megan Bleckinger as First Vice President and Margaret Jordan as Secretary. Jean Womack nominated herself for First Vice President. There was a motion and a second to close nominations. It was approved.

**Review of the SUBWAY denial by the Richmond City Council.** The General plan has a description (1994) of Point Richmond with which the SUBWAY would not be compatible.

**Vote of the membership to support an amendment to the current General Plan.** A vote was called to send a letter in support to continue the wording from the 1994 General Plan into the new General Plan. There was a motion to support the retention of the wording from the 1994 plan with one vote opposed.

**Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee. Rod Satre** *Items to be considered at the Committee's April 30, 2011 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by April 13, 2011. Contact Rod at 510-232-5059 or [rsatre@live.com](mailto:rsatre@live.com).*

**A new single-family residence on Tremont for Clear. Tuan Le, Designer.** Linda Newton, from the Design Review Committee, stated that the design was acceptable without conditions, however, there are serious water problems with the lot and they will be revisiting these issues with the neighbors and the City. It was requested that the design be accepted. It was moved, seconded and approved.

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Joe Puleo reported that the traffic portion of the EIR for Point Molate was “extremely detrimental to Point Richmond”. “We will not be able to drive out of here”. He reiterated support for the project to be DENIED and the project not be approved for the casino.

Margaret Jordan requested that as many people that can be available to attend the April 5 Point Molate Casino vote should attend and speak to give a clear picture for the Council that we are serious.

Zuhair Saadat from the West Contra Costa Public Education Department, and a Point Richmond resident since 2010, is helping to raise money for the school district. They will offer 19 scholarships awarded. There will be an Excellence in Education Banquet on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Newton wants to present a petition, which will be voted on next month by the PRNC and turned into the State, regarding an ordinance in the City of Richmond. This ordinance was passed and was to go into effect on January 2011 against smoking. California is 100% smoke free in work places. No signs have been posted as yet in the Point reflecting the limitation of smoking. Bill Lindsay will be contacted.

**Vote on proposal to place a placard at the viewpoint park on Western Drive.** Our new adjournment procedure was incorporated into this tribute to Maurice Doherty. He was instrumental in putting together four city parks on Western, Santa Fe, Clarence and Marine. It was Lucretia Edwards, who was the mastermind in the 70’s, who introduced the project. She asked Maurice to complete the project in the 90’s. Tim, Maurice’s son, asked permission to put a natural stone plaque at the Western location with a bronze plate attached honoring Maurice. The California Coastal Conservancy has provided the funds. \$1,200 was allocated for the improvement of the mini parks and he would like to spend some of the funds on the proposed signs. It was moved that the PRNC endorse the establishment of the memorial at Western Shoreline Access, naming it the Maurice Doherty Shoreline Access and support approval from the City. We all should feel very proud of these parks. This motion was approved.

Mid Dornan announced the annual Junktique at the Methodist Church, May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, which will share 10% with the Masquers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Louise Fender, Secretary (510) 260-0309

**Our next meeting will be 4/27/11 at 7:30 p.m.**

