

Fellow Members,



Update on Peter Minkwitz

I am happy to report that Peter has been discharged from his isolation at Stanford earlier this month. Granted, Peter is staying locally to continue his treatments but it nice to know his immune system is strong enough to handle life outside of the hospital. Please continue to keep Peter and Doreen in your thoughts as he still has a long road ahead of him to full recovery.

Community Center Roof

During the October Public Forum, Altha Humphrey suggested that the PRNC write a letter asking the City Recreation Department renovate the Community Center roof at the same time as the Fire Department. Given the close proximity of these buildings and condition of the roof, the Board agreed that a letter would be appropriate. The Board sent an email to Keith Jabari, Recreation Director, on November 3rd, 2011 respectfully requesting that the department consider the proposal. Currently, no response has been given from the City.

Neighborhood Watch

This topic was postponed from October because Michelle Milam, Crime Prevention Coordinator from the City of Richmond, had a last minute scheduling conflict. But at November's meeting, Michelle is scheduled to present neighborhood watch information and will show us the groups that currently exist in the community. The Point has quite a few blocks that are not covered by any existing group, so I hope this meeting spurs those blocks to form a group and to consider disaster preparedness plans in the event of an earthquake.

Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see you at the November Meeting.

Megan Bleckinger, *1st Vice President*

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



AGENDA



POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Wednesday, November 30th, 2011
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 pm **Call to Order**
- 7:30 **Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2011**
- President's Report** by Megan Bleckinger, 1st V.P. 5 minutes
- 7:35 **Police Report** Officer Joe Anderson
(510) 621-1212 Ext.7145 janderson@richmondpd.net 10 minutes
- 7:45 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 2 minutes
- 7:47 **Treasurer's Report** Louise Fender (510) 260-0309 2 minutes
- 7:50 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**
2 minutes each Up to 20 minutes
- Point Richmond Business Association, Margi Cellucci
Women's Westside Improvement Club, Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219
Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934
Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey
Red Oak Victory, George Coles
PRNC Safety Committee, Tom Brichta 510-620-6538
Friends of Richmond Tennis Committee, Gary Hurlbut glh@tia.org
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan 510-234-5334
- 8:10 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** Rod Satre
Items to be considered at the Committee's December 28th meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by December 7th.
Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com
- 8:15 **Introduction to Norcal Gourmet**, G. Ronald Thomson, Owner
- 8:20 **Introduction to new Chevron Refinery Manager**, Nigel Hearne
- 8:30 **Neighborhood Watch**, Michelle Milam, Crime Prevention Coordinator
30 minutes - presentation
10 minutes - questions

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 for consideration by the December 7, 2011 to Megan Bleckinger (510) 242-2288 or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>

Adjourn

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

2. Minutes of meeting of September 28, 2011 were approved.

3. **President's Report Megan Bleckinger, 1st VP (832-493-1416)**

- Michelle Milam was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will give her presentation on Neighborhood Watch Groups at the November General Membership Meeting.
- November PRNC General Membership meeting will be Wednesday November 30.
- Maureen Decombe will distribute magnets with phone number to report odors from Waste Management Plant.
- A new resident will be moving into Point Richmond--Megan is pregnant!

4. **Police Report/Discussion- Officers Longacre and Opdyke-**

- Bank-owned apartment building at 153-157 Santa Fe now unoccupied and boarded up.
- Members of PRNC who have a chocolate importing business at 200 Garrard reported that at 3pm last Sunday a large number of cars came into their parking lot. They were racing, swerving around, etc. The members were concerned that the cars would go through the business window. The police did respond. Cars cleared out at about 4 pm.
- Question—who put up very large “No Loitering” and “Drug Free” signs on Community Center and Library? There was concern that the signs are out of character with community. City has been asked to take them down and replace them with something less intrusive.
- E-mail topdyke@richmondpd.net to be on Officer Opdyke's mailing list.
- Report of attempted daytime auto burglary in garage at Brickyard Landing. Police arrived at the scene, but perpetrators not apprehended.

5. **Membership Report Sue Rosenof (510-599-1197)**

- Contact Sue at suenjica@aol.com to find out if your membership is up to date, or if you think you may have paid dues twice to let Sue know what to do with the extra dues money

6. **Treasurer's Report Louise Fender (510-260-0309)**

- Balance Forward: \$5767; Expenses: \$14.97; Dues Collected: \$155, Sims Metal \$35.25; Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$1989.58; Wig Wag Fund: \$2970.94; General Fund: \$5671.58 **Total Balance: \$11628.86.**

7. **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups**

- Women's Westside Improvement Club: Margaret Morkowski 510-234-4219. Meeting Tuesday, November 1 at 11:30 am at the Methodist Church. Dessert provided, bring lunch.
- Knit and Such: Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934. Next meeting Wednesday, November 2, 12:30-2:30 pm in the Community Center. No meeting in December.
- Arts of Point Richmond: Altha Humphrey. Meeting Tuesday, November 15. Potluck dinner and meeting in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Mercy Church. All interested are welcome.
- Arts of Point Richmond is holding a Holiday Fest in the Community Center on Saturday, December 10 from 11 am to 5 pm. Come for art exhibit, holiday gift sale, and music. No charge. Call Linda Drake (510-672-0793) for more details.
- Red Oak Victory Ship: George Coles. The ship is back. There will be a celebration on November 11 (Veterans Day) at 11am.
- PRNC Safety Committee: Tom Brichta 510-620-6538. No report. Working on Neighborhood Watch in Seacliff.

- Friends of Richmond Tennis Committee: Garry Hurlbutt (glh@tia.org) Getting more support on City Council. Wrote vision statement. First priority is Nicholl Park. Second is Plunge. Garry will attend Parks and Rec Commission on November 2. Garden is in input stage. Maureen is working with immediate neighbors discussing their concerns.
- Point Richmond History Association: Mid Dornan. Next issue comes out in middle of November. Association membership, notecards, available for gifts. Association is part of consortium of 10 history associations which met in Hercules last month.

8. Introduction to New Point Richmond Business: Downtown Pets (510-234-4157), Owner: Deborah Reynolds. Downtown Pets is located on Washington next to Christian Science Reading Room. They carry food and supplies for cats, dogs, and other pets. Prices will be competitive with Petco. Every Tuesday they will offer a 10% discount for Pt. Richmond merchants. Adoptions on Saturdays for cats and dogs.

9. Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee

Project: 44 Montana Street; Driveway repair with landscaping. Solid driveway (first 20 feet), rest of driveway permeable material to assure proper drainage. Moved, seconded, passed unconditional approval of this project. Items for the Committee's November meeting must be submitted by October 12. Call Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or rsatre@live.com.

10. Solar and Energy Efficiency Rebate Program Alex Thibadeau from Solar Richmond gave presentation on City of Richmond's Solar & Energy Efficiency Rebate Program which includes:

- Rebates offered for energy upgrade projects.
- Rebates for home solar installation (free for qualifying low income homeowners).

Additional state refunds and federal tax credits can be applied. Low interest financing available through state. Rebate is available on a first-come first-served basis, with typical installations generating \$3,000-\$7,000 rebate depending on the system size. Employment of Richmond residents to install solar systems is a condition of the program. For more information and for applications, homeowners should visit www.richmondenvironment.org or call 510-620-5537.

11. Community Air Monitoring, Chevron Heather Kulp, Walt Gill, Public Affairs, and Bob Chamberlain (air quality expert at the refinery) described Chevron's air monitoring program. They are deciding where to put a monitor in the Point Richmond area. The lead location for the new monitor is the roof of the Community Center -- with the large part of the unit housed inside the center itself in the storage closet. Members were interested in how monitoring results will be used.

12. Public Forum

- Altha Humphrey: Community Center roof leaks. Requests that the board send a letter to Keith Jabari requesting that the roof be replaced at the same time as the scheduled replacement of the roof on the fire station.
- Pat Pearson concerned about very large signs that have been placed on the Community Center which are out of character with building. Was assured that the city is aware and is planning to replace the signs with more appropriate ones.
- Bruce Kaplan: 300-400 people attended each Point Richmond Musical Festival concert. For the winter months there will be an Acoustic Music Series the second Friday of each month at 8 pm at First Methodist Church. Tickets \$15 (Peter Rowen \$20). Schedule and specific concerts will be announced on www.pointrichmond.com. The Festival committee is discussing adopting and subsidizing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Submitted,

Margaret Jordan (510-412-3673)

PRNC Secretary



IMPORTANT DATES

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| ** November 30
Wednesday | Next Regular meeting of the PRNC
7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center |
| **December 7
Wednesday | Last day to submit proposed projects to the
Land Use/Design Review Committee |
| **December 7
Wednesday | Next meeting of the PRNC Board of Directors
Call Megan Bleckinger for the time and place |
| **2 nd Wednesday
12:00 noon | Next meeting of the Point Richmond Business Assoc.
The Baltic Restaurant |
| **1 st and 3 rd
Tues. 6:30 pm | Richmond City Council meets |



Point Richmond Acoustic Concerts

Held on the second Friday of each month at 8 pm at the First Methodist Church of Point Richmond. Upcoming scheduled performances are:

- December 9.....A special evening with Bluegrass legend Peter Rowan and band. Rowan has had songs recorded for Emmylou Harris, Ricky Skaggs, Jerry Garcia, Commander Cody and dozens of other artists.
- January 13Singer songwriter Hans York
- February 10.....Rita Hoskins
- March 9Karen Sevoca and Peter Heitzman
- April 3Bill and Kate Isles
- May 11Master of finger style guitar Rick Ruskin

For more information, visit www.folkunlimited.com

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PRNC.

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, 2011 to April 30, 2012. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500. If the amount of the dues is a financial hardship, a waiver is gladly granted.



POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

New

Membership Application

Renewal

May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012

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

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Yes No

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