

Fellow Members,

October's Agenda -- we have several interesting topics for this upcoming meeting.

Kandea Mosley, Deputy Director of Solar Richmond, will stop by to discuss the Solar and Energy Efficiency Rebate Program. Earlier this month the PRNC forwarded the introduction to this program to our email receiving members. For more information and for applications, homeowners should visit www.richmondenvironment.org or call 510-620-5537.

Chevron will solicit public input on the location for one new community air monitor in Point Richmond. Chevron will install it consistent with an agreement with the city. This is the community's opportunity for public comment on the new installation. Keep in mind that air monitors operated by other organizations are in place at the Point Richmond fire station and on the Washington Elementary fence line. Please think where you would like a monitor to benefit the entire community and be prepared to submit your idea.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Michelle Milam, Crime Prevention Coordinator from the City of Richmond, won't be able to present neighborhood watch information. Unfortunately, the snail mail version had already been formatted, so we added a label to the agenda page to alert the membership of the change. This email version is correct. The plan is to have Michelle speak at next month's meeting. The Point has quite a few blocks that are not covered by any existing group, and I hope this meeting spurs those blocks to form a group and to consider disaster preparedness plans in the event of an earthquake.

The Red Oak Victory is back from dry dock! A Seacliff neighbor spotted the vessel October 14th on its return journey home sporting a fresh coat of paint – see Gordon Imrie's photo below. The vessel arrived just in the nick of time for the Home Front Festival on October 15th. From the Red Oak Victory website it appears no Pancake Breakfast is scheduled on board yet. I hope the volunteers muster up and get one together because my husband and I would enjoy an excuse to visit the restored ship. <http://www.ssredoakvictory.com/index.htm>

I hope to see you
at the October Meeting.

Megan Bleckinger,
1st Vice President
POINT RICHMOND
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



Photo by Gordon Imrie



AGENDA



POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Wednesday, October 26, 2011
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 pm **Call to Order**
- 7:30 **Approval of Minutes from Sept 28, 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, Garry Hurlbut glh@tia.org
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan 510-234-5334
- 8:10 **Introduction to Downtown Pets**, Deborah Reynolds **510-234-4157**
- 8:15 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** Rod Satre
Items to be considered at the Committee's November 30th meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by November 16th.
Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com
44 Montana Street, Landscape Project
- 8:20 **Solar and Energy Efficiency Rebate Program**, Kande Mosley
- 8:50 **Community Air Monitoring**, Chevron, Heather Kulp
10 minutes - presentation
10 minutes – questions/ submit location ideas

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 November 15th to Megan Bleckinger (510) 242-2288 or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>

Adjourn

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

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

2. Minutes of 8/31/11 were approved.

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

- ◆ 3rd Annual Point Richmond Fall Fest, Sat, October 8, 10 am -6 pm, Music, Games, Food, Drinks
- ◆ Red Oak Victory Ship went to dry dock this month. Photos available

4. Police Report (Officer Joe Anderson, 520-621-1212 Ext. 7145; janderson@richmondpd.net)

- ◆ A bank owned apartment building at 153-157 Santa Fe was boarded up today. Will take 30 days to evict current resident.
- ◆ 300 block of E. Richmond (E. of Wine) older Southeast Asian male in silver Honda seen engaged in lewd conduct in his car.
- ◆ Sept 15 at about 6 pm mother and daughter were walking through tunnel toward Keller Beach. African-American male in 50's, about 5'8" tall wearing beanie approached, made inappropriate comments and touched mother inappropriately. Charge is sexual battery. Not apprehended.
- ◆ Two burglaries in last month. One private house was unlocked; one commercial.
- ◆ Discussion **Clarification** "Crime View" is source for reported crimes, but after investigation, many incidents are different than originally reported. **Question:** Is there reason to be concerned about current resident at 153 Santa Fe? A member reported that on one occasion the resident entered church with a knife. Should be asked to leave when he wanders into meetings. **Report:** Theft of items from cars parked in front of houses. Police notified by mail. Officer Anderson recommends calling with oral report.

5. Report on Membership (Sue Rosenof, 599-1197) Currently 443 members. About ½ receive newsletters by mail which saves the city money and is better for the environment. Due to an error in the newsletter some paid 2011-2012 dues twice. Sue will notify these people to make adjustments.

6. Treasurer's Report (Louise Fender, 510-260-0309) Treasurer's Report Balance Forward: \$5697.55; Expenses: \$14.99; Dues Collected: \$85; Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$1989.58; Wig Wag Fund: \$2970.94; General Fund: \$5767 **Total Balance: \$11439.14.**

7. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profits

- ◆ Point Richmond Business Association (Margaret Morkowski) Washington School's Halloween Parade will be at 10am, Monday 10/31, through town where children will get treats. Last Farmer's Market of the season will be 10/12. PRBA meets 2nd Wed. at 12 Noon at Baltic. All welcome.
- ◆ Women's Westside Improvement Club (Margaret Morkowski) Meeting Tuesday, October 14 at 11:30 am at Methodist Church. Great place to meet neighbors and learn about the Point.
- ◆ Update on Wig-Wag (Margaret Morkowski for Victor Morales) One wig-wag was blown into air when water main burst. Is now in city's corporate yard. Estimate to repair has been submitted to EBMUD for reimbursement. Railroads that formerly committed to get wig-wags operational now want to renegotiate this agreement with the city.
- ◆ Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey) Meets 1st Wed. 12:30 to 2:30 pm in community center. Will have yarn swap. Anything left over will go to National Institute of Arts and Disabilities (NIAD).
- ◆ Arts of Point Richmond (Altha Humphrey) Each meeting features a new artist. October 18, 7-9 pm.
- ◆ PRNC Safety Committee (Tom Brichta, 510-620-6538) There have been 2 copper thefts. In one case neighbor noticed and reported to police, car found, person identified. Call 233-1214 to report.

- ◆ Friends of Richmond Tennis Committee (Garry Hurlbut) Expect Nicholl Park court and court closest to tunnel will be refurbished first. Working on USTA funding. Two public courts in Marina Way. Maureen Decombe showed a diagram of possible Community Garden by the PR courts.
- ◆ Point Richmond History Association (Mid Dornan) The association has been asked to join with a number of historical societies in county to discuss outreach and education.

8. Introduction to Saffron Strand (Yvonne Nair, CEO)

The non-profit, located on Washington in Point Richmond, started in 2008 with the goal of helping the homeless find employment. They focus on developing work skills and social skills. Participants help with day-to-day operations and event planning which provides an opportunity to practice and gauge work and social skills. Have worked with 140 people, 48 people went back to work. 42 currently working. Two members described their paths back to employment with the assistance of Saffron Strand. Call Yvonne (510-778-9492) if you are interested in learning more or assisting in organizing a national Homeless Conference to be held in Richmond on May 25, 2012. **Why the name?** Saffron is a valued spice that has to be cultivated and picked by hand to survive. Yvonne sees homeless as needing the same care. Thanks to businesses and community members who have donated to the effort.

9. Update on Veolia and the Waste Treatment Plant (Maureen Decombe)

Veolia is being cooperative in helping the community with the odor issues. Monitors are in place. Neighbors near treatment plant received leaflets on their doorstep informing them of a planned activity that would likely cause an odor spike. Monitors did pick up early morning spike. A community group will distribute a refrigerator magnet with numbers to call with odor issues. Maureen suggests that the PRNC Committee disband, as the issue is now in hands of regulators; she will be putting together a means of communicating monthly about what's going on with waste water treatment plant. Contact Maureen (Maureen@decombe.com) to be on the list.

10. Report on Draft Formula Restaurant Ordinance (Megan Bleckinger)

The committee completed guidelines which, after board review, will be sent to Councilmember Ritterman and the City Attorney to be formulated into an ordinance. If completed, ordinance will be discussed at Nov. PRNC Meeting.

11. Report from Land Use/Design Review Board

No new items. Items for the Committee's October 26 meeting must be submitted by October 12. Call Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or rsatre@live.com.

12. Discussion of General Plan: Zoning of North Shoreline

The question under discussion was zoning of the North Richmond Shoreline. Currently it is zoned "Light Industrial." The Draft General Plan recommends changing this to "Parks and Open Space."

Patricia Jones, Citizens for East Shore Parks (a non-profit "dedicated to creating a necklace of shoreline parks from Oakland to Carquinez Strait") spoke in support of the parks and open space zoning. She said that the citizens of Richmond, most of whom do not have access to private natural areas, will benefit from this zoning, as a result of less pollution and increased opportunity for relaxation and exercise as a way to decrease obesity and improve health. She cited projected sea level rise as making light industrial development problematic both with respect to the integrity of the developments and as a threat to endangered species.

Dan Murray, whose family owns 55 acres of North Shoreline property, advocated that, while he doesn't oppose development of parks in the area, he opposes re-zoning from "Light Industrial," to "Parks and Open Space" because rezoning would lower the value of the property and take away property owners' right to sell the property at the current market rate. He favors the parks buying it at its present value. He stated that a project under consideration that might have brought jobs and sales revenue income to the city was dropped because of opposition of those who favored the zoning change. He appealed to a sense of fairness—that the property had been bought with one zoning, and that it shouldn't be changed to

another without compensation of those who had bought it. No vote was taken. Both Patrician and Dan encouraged us to attend the October 6 Planning Commission Meeting when this will be discussed.

13. Public Forum

- ◆ Gary Bracken read statement which he is putting on record for the City Council, (based on a personal health crisis), for the need to keep Brookside Hospital Emergency Services open.
- ◆ Mike Parker announced city sponsored class on Refinery Operations, Thursday, 10/29 in Council Chambers. Class is part of a series to prepare public to discuss Chevron expansion EIR.
- ◆ North Shoreline Festival, Saturday, at Point Pinole, October 8 from 10 am – 5 pm. “Food and Fun Events for Kids of All Ages”
- ◆ Altha Humphrey announced two series of art classes for seniors. Call Altha (232-2934) for details.
- ◆ Our Lady of Mercy Pancake Breakfast at church 3rd Sunday of month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Submitted by Margaret Jordan,

Secretary, PRNC (510-412-3673)



IMPORTANT DATES

- ** October 26** **Next Regular meeting of the PRNC**
Wednesday **7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center**
- **November 16** **Last day to submit proposed projects to the**
Wednesday **Land Use/Design Review Committee**
- **November 2** **Next meeting of the PRNC Board of Directors**
Wednesday **Call Megan Bleckinger for the time and place**
- **2nd Wednesday** **Next meeting of the Point Richmond Business Assoc.**
12:00 noon **The Baltic Restaurant**
- **1st and 3rd** **Richmond City Council meets**
Tue 6:30 pm
- **November 11** **SS Red Oak Victory Veterans Day Dinner**
Fri 4 PM

Yes, I drive a stick!



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.

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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

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Point Richmond, CA 94807

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