



Fellow Members,

I hope your Holiday season was joyous and this newsletter finds you well.

I want to personally thank Sue Rosenof, 2nd VP, for running the December meeting during my absence. My husband, the dogs, and I visited my in-laws in Mesa, Arizona and Joshua Tree National Park during the New Year's holiday. Thoughtfully, Sue donated our extra refreshments to the Bay Area Rescue Mission the next day.

Point Molate to E580 on Ramp Closure

In early December, the PRNC sent a letter to Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District Director, with regards to the on ramp closure from Point Molate to east bound 580. I received a response from the Director on January 9th. The Caltrans community outreach plan is to include the PRNC now that they have received a letter from us. The letter addressed some of the concerns including expediting the on ramp closure by using high early strength accelerated concrete for fast curing and potential incentives to the contractor for finishing early. Due to the response letter's length, I will bring copies of the letter for the membership's viewing to the January 25th general meeting rather than attaching it to this newsletter.

If you have any further questions about this project, please contact Cristina Ferraz, Project manager, at 510-286-3896.

As announced to the membership receiving email, the Point Molate Community Advisory Committee will meet January 17th regarding Caltrans I-580 deck replacements over Western Drive and Scofield Ave. This presentation will be given by Cristina Ferraz and Gary Pursell, District Division Chief – Design. I hope to have an update to report in my President's Report during the general meeting

PRNC General meeting

This month we will re-visit Veolia plant operations with Aaron Winer, Veolia Project Manager, and receive an update from Maureen Decombe about City of Richmond/Veolia developments. Veolia will be requesting public input required for the new air monitor installation. This is a requirement of the settlement between the District Attorney's office and Veolia.

Also on the agenda, Contra Costa County Hazmat will present the industrial safety ordinance and their audit findings. The LUDRC will also have information on a proposed business, *Iron and Brush*, located at 217 West Richmond. This unique business will be an art gallery and provide personal services (tattoos) for their patrons.

I hope to see you at the January meeting.

Megan Bleckinger, *1st Vice President*
POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



AGENDA

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Wednesday, January 25th, 2012

Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 pm **Call to Order**
- 7:30 **Approval of Minutes from December 28th, 2011**
- President's Report** by Megan Bleckinger, 1st V.P. 5 minutes
- 7:35 **Police Report** Officer Dave Longacre
(510) 621-1212 Ext. 7105 dlongacre@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 gla@tia.org
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan 510-234-5334
Formula Restaurant Ordinance, Marsha Tomassi
- 8:10 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** Rod Satre
Items to be considered at the Committee's February 29th meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by February 4th.
Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or rdsatre@live.com
- Iron and Brush: Proposal for Art Gallery and Tattoo Parlor located at 217 West Richmond
- 8:25 **Contra Costa County Hazmat**
Audit Results and Industrial Safety ordinance
- 8:45 **Veolia Plant status update and public input request,**
Veolia, Aaron Winer, Project Manager 510-412-2001 15 minutes
Maureen Decombe 15 minutes
- 9:15 **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 PRNC Board as an agenda item at a future meeting. Submit agenda items by February 4th, 2012 to Megan Bleckinger (510) 242-2288 or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>

Adjourn



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes December 28, 2011

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.**
- 2. Minutes from November 30 meeting were approved.**
- 3. President's Report: Meeting was chaired by Sue Rosenof, 2nd VP.**
- 4. Membership Report Sue Rosenof (510-599-1197)** We have a total of 425 members. Of those 102 are up to date on their dues.
- 5. Treasurer's Report Louise Fender (510-260-0309)** Balance Forward: \$6,067.81; Expenses: \$77.11; Dues Collected: \$35; Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$1,989.58; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94; General Fund: 6025.70 **Total Balance: \$11,697.28.**
- 6. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups**
 - Women's Westside Improvement Club (Margaret Morkowski 510-234-4219)
 - Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. Dessert provided, bring lunch.
 - Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey (510-232-2934) Next meeting Wednesday, January 4, 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Community Center.
 - Arts of Point Richmond (Altha Humphrey) No meeting in January
 - Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles). Tours have been popular with 60 people. The ship is not open on Sundays as there is not sufficient crew. You can see the forward deck of USS Iowa for \$10. From there the ship will go to San Pedro where it will be made into a museum.
 - Point Richmond History Association. The next newsletter is planned to be out in late January.
- 7. Introduction to New Point Richmond Business:**

Flower Song, Jan Cercone, Owner. Offers Crystal Singing Bowls, Personal Sound Healing Sessions (from 10 minute "tune-ups" to longer sessions), botanical elixirs, flowers and gifts. 145 W. Richmond. Phone: (707) 206-5068.
Jan is a sound practitioner who teaches worldwide.

8. Public Forum

- Mike Lane, Project Manager from Veolia reported that Veolia is purchasing a \$50,000 monitor which will be turned over to city. He would like to receive community input regarding the site of this monitor. One suggestion is that it be in Brickyard as this area is currently not monitored. If you have suggestions please forward Jamal Muhammad of Veolia your input.
- The large signs that had been in front of the community center have been removed.

9. The meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed holiday treats from Hidden City Café accompanied by sparkling cider and hot coffee.

Submitted,

Margaret Jordan (510-412-3673)

PRNC Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES

- ** January 25th** **Next Regular meeting of the PRNC**
Wednesday **7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center**
- **February 4th** **Last day to submit proposed projects to the**
Wednesday **Land Use/Design Review Committee**
- **February 1** **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



DID YOU KNOW?

*The **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC)** is an umbrella organization for the many neighborhoods in Richmond. The RNCC meets monthly to work together to build stronger neighborhoods. We will be sharing with you the critical issues being discussed at these meetings. Agendas and minutes can also be found online at **richmondneighbors.org**.*



The Battleship Expo and the USS IOWA

The Pacific Battleship Center, the non-profit organization that is bringing the **USS IOWA** back to life, is currently hosting **The Battleship Expo** at the **Port of Richmond**. **The Expo** includes access not only to the **USS IOWA**, but also to exhibits that feature a short film on the famed battleship, 16" shells, a Sheridan tank and half-track displayed by the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation, the Blue Angels F-4 Phantom flight simulator from Pacific Coast Air Museum, and more.

Battleship USS IOWA is located at Terminal 3 and is open on weekends for tours until the end of this month (January, 2012) when it will start the voyage to its permanent home in Los Angeles. Currently the forward portion of the main deck with a view of turrets 1 and 2 is open to guests. As work is completed, additional exhibits and areas on the battleship may be open to the public. It is encouraged to return to see the progress!

Reservations are not required. **The Battleship Expo** entrance donation is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 12 years or older, and children 11 and under are free.



Once the **USS IOWA** is permanently docked in Los Angeles, the goal is to create the battleship into an interactive naval museum experience that honors and illustrates the positive contributions of the battleship and its crew at critical moments in American history. Education programs will offer lessons in history, leadership, team-building, character development, and community service.

Some **USS IOWA** facts:

- The only US Navy ship with a bathtub (built for Pres. Roosevelt)
- There were four Iowa Class Battleships from WWII. Others are:
 - USS New Jersey – in Camden, NJ
 - USS Missouri – at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
 - USS Wisconsin – in Norfolk Virginia
- The USS IOWA was the only IOWA class that served in both theatres of WWII, fought in the Korean War, and reactivated in the 1980's for the Cold War.
- IOWA fired 2700 lb., 16" shells over 24 miles that could penetrate 30 ft. of reinforced concrete.

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
May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012

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

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