



ON POINT *December 2015*



The PRNC meeting on December 2 will be the last of 2015! We hope you come to add your voice to important decisions about our community and share Kaleidoscope coffee and treats from the Hotel Mac. **And bring a toy for the Richmond-El Cerrito Police and Fire Department Toy Drive!**

Point Richmond Street Lighting In the fall of 2014, the city of Richmond approximately doubled the number of street light fixtures in Point Richmond at the same time it replaced the existing sodium vapor lights with LED lights. This resulted in a huge increase in brightness. Many in Point Richmond were very concerned about this sudden increase in light (for complete information on the topic go to Richmond-smart-lighting.org). After a test on a few streets of the impact of dimming the lights, we asked that the city consider dimming the lights in the residential areas of Point Richmond. The City agreed and dimmed the lights in Zone 1 facing the Bay. We asked all interested folks to go and take a look. At our meeting on December 2 we will be voting on whether or not to dim the lights in the remaining residential areas of the Point. We will also begin discussing how we can respond to continued concerns about light after the dimming. Come and take part in this important discussion.

Development in Point Richmond—We continue to have a lot of development activity in Point Richmond. Laconia Development, developer of **Terminal One** presented plans at two Design Review Board meetings in September and October. A large group of residents attended each and spoke eloquently on the project, primarily pointing out the ways in which the project as proposed was not suitable for the location. After the second meeting Laconia canceled its scheduled presentation at the PRNC October meeting to revise the plan again. We can only hope that they listened and will come back with a more appropriate plan. The Draft EIR for the project will be published soon. We will notify members when we know the date.

In addition to consideration of a planned remodel of a home on Ocean Avenue, the LUDRC will be considering a proposal from Chris Coomber who is planning to open a brewery, the **“East Brother Beer Company”** at 1001 Canal Blvd. While there will be facilities for tasting, the plans do not include a full restaurant/pub. Chris will attend the November/December meeting to talk about his plans.

After many, many delays, **The Point**, a proposed 26-unit development (rental) made its way through the Design Review Board and will be heard next by the Planning Commission. We enthusiastically approved this project in October 2014, and we will keep you posted as we request supportive community members to attend Planning Commission meetings.

Tool Lending Library—The city is organizing a tool lending library that will be available for Richmond residents doing home improvement projects. If you have extra tools that you could part with, e-mail Guadalupe_morales@ci.richmond.ca.us or call 510-620-6553.

PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES--Still the best deal in town—\$10/individual, \$15/household. We will be considering a number of crucial issues regarding development in the next year. **You can pay your dues to Charmain or Garry at the door before the next meeting starts.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Jordan".

Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 *Call to order and approval of Minutes from November 4, 2015* 2 minutes
- 7:32 *Police Report, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Officer Villalobos, Chris Roderick* 10 minutes
- 7:42 *President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673* 5 minutes
- 7:47 *Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267* 1 minute
- 7:48 *Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111* 1 minute
- 7:49 *Land Use/Design Review Committee* 15 minutes
Items to be considered at the January meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by January 7. Contact Rod at rdساتre@live.com, (510) 232-5059. The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC Meeting at 6 p.m. at Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place. Please attend if your project is being considered.
- *715 Ocean Ave., Remodel (Todd and Meg Wilson, owners)*
 - *Proposed East Brother Beer Company, 1001 Canal Blvd (Chris Coomber, Owner)*
 - *Positive Train Control, Crest Avenue (BNSF Railroad)*
- 8:04 *Street Lighting – vote on whether or not to dim lights in Zones 2 and 4, Hilary Brown* 15 minutes
- 8:19 *Nurturing Birds in Point Richmond, Christine Volker* 5 minutes
- 8:24 *Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups*
2 minutes each-up to 15 minutes
- *Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal, dbschoen@hotmail.com*
 - *Knit and Such, Terri Phillips, (510) 237-6865*
 - *Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934*
 - *Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081*
 - *Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111*
 - *Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334 **Consider request for PRNC to help fund the proposed kiosk on the southwest corner of the triangle.***
 - *Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org*
 - *TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail*
 - *Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559, magicklantern.org*
 - *People for a Healthy Shoreline, Pete Bingham, (510) 778-8314*
 - *Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown, Jordan DeStaebler (510) 697-2742*
 - *USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-1045*
- 8:39 *Update on Kaleidoscope, Cassie Cushing* 3 minutes
- 8:41 *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, submit issues to Margaret Jordan at 510-412-3673, mjordan00@gmail.com or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.*
- 8:51 *In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn*

Winter Celebration with Kaleidoscope coffee (caf and decaf) and Treats from Hotel Mac



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 4, 2015

1. Called to Order at 7:35 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were corrected to spell Bruce Beyaert's name correctly. After amendments, minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Board Members: Margaret Jordan, Charmain Tyler, Jordan DeStaebler, Garry Hurlbut, Maureen Decombe, Charmain Tyler, Hilary Brown.

2. Police Report - Officer Moreno: One incident of domestic violence in the Point when a father refused to let his child's mother leave. Police use "Lethal Assessment Protocol" (LAP) when there is a domestic violence incident. Police use a ten-question assessment, if certain questions are answered "yes," that triggers an automatic response. Police also rely on observations, so protocol can be followed if they determine it is in best interest of parties even in absence of an automatic trigger. Automatic triggers include use of a gun, previous violence, and general feelings of safety. When protocol is triggered, a victim of domestic violence is placed in a safe location. This is used for all victims of domestic violence including men, women, and transgender people. Other notable activity:

- Chevron has increased traffic over last few months because of hundreds of employees and contractors temporarily working on site. This extra traffic is expected to go until early next year.
- RPD is partnering with EBRPPD to increase patrols in parks, RPD will respond to incidents in parks.
- There have been increases in auto burglaries, especially in Miller Knox Park.
- Shooting on Dornan Drive reported by a security guard. Security guard heard gun shots, but he was not sure if he was the target.
- Suicide in Miller Knox.
- Increased number of speeders. RPD is working with CHP to address this. New pursuit policy for RPD is police will not pursue vehicles for property crimes. If a car does not yield, then they will not encourage a high-speed chase. If there is a serious felony or a weapon is involved, they will pursue.
- Police defensive pursuit driving practice is ongoing at Port near Seacliff. Practice involves high speed driving on an enclosed track. Residents may hear sirens.
- Officers' shifts are changing next year, and RPD may hire and realign staff.
- Chief Magnus is one of three finalists in Arizona. City may look internally to replace the chief.

Chris Roderick, Safety and Crime Committee: Neighborhood council safety reps gathered for neighborhood dinner and officer gala. Coming up: Holiday food and toy drive for Richmond and Contra Costa Counties. November 14th is Litter Bug Patrol community cleanup: neighborhoods that signed up with city will have cleanups led by police foot and bike patrol. There will be cleanups on Richmond Parkway at W. Ohio and on Greenway at 6th and 16th and Ohio.

3. President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673

- Hug a Bear event sponsored by Santa Fe Neighborhood Council: A hosted dinner at Hotel Mac, guests asked to bring a bear. Bears go to police to give them to children when they are upset or traumatized.
- The November-December meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd.
- We will ask people to bring toys for the toy drive.
- New swim center is now open on Cutting on 7th, and the pictures look great!

4. Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267

Membership increased by 31 new or renewed members after our August mailing. Total membership is 155 paid members. We have mostly resolved problems with emailing; let us know if ongoing issues.

5. Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111

The only expense in the past month was website maintenance. We received \$120 for membership dues. The Benevolent fund is still looking for local causes to support. Bishop Alley Fund has been rolled into the General Fund. Current balances: \$2,597.71, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,406.91, General Fund.

6. Land Use/Design Review Committee - no projects were presented or discussed.

7. People for a Healthy Shoreline, Terminal 1 - Jane Lundin: There have been 3 DRB meetings devoted to Laconia. There were 32 speakers at the DRB meeting all of whom supported development of the site, but expressed concerns about mass, height, size, overall project design. Straw poll at DRB showed unanimous support to limit the height to 55 feet. Recommendations to reduce height on the inland buildings and put more density instead of single family houses toward water side of the development. Story poles: legally these represent the average height of the structure, not the tallest point. Tallest point may be between 74 and 80 feet; story poles represent average height, so story poles may be 52 or 61 feet. Developer refers to building height of 4 stories, however the building podiums are equivalent to one story, plus the peaked roofline is equivalent to one additional story. Developer submitted photo simulations of what the project would look like, but these photo simulations were inaccurate as shown by photos taken by locals and presented as counter evidence at the DRB meeting. Currently it is unclear how much height they are allowed to have. It is assumed there will be a fourth open study session with additional changes; it is possible developer will proceed to the planning commission and ask to have the project approved. If anyone does not approve of the project at the planning commission, then the project can be protested and elevated to the city council. An environmental report will be paid for by the city. The toxic waste problem was remediated and over time residuals have dissipated.

8. The Point Project – Jordan DeStaebler. This project is much smaller than Terminal One, and is an urban infill project on a triangular plot of land next to the rail lines behind the Mechanics Bank. The development design had some challenges because of shape and location. After initial presentation to PRNC, community recommendations were incorporated in design. A view corridor was added and first floor units were modified to remove stairs for elderly and people with disabilities. After design changes there was almost unanimous support for the project.

11. Committee Reports and Announcements from Point Richmond Non-Profits

- **Knit & Such, Altha Humphries** - meets 1st Wednesday of month. Next meeting is 1/6/2016.
- **Arts of Point Richmond**, – Post Office exhibit will change soon, El Sol has new exhibit. Christmas show on December 5th from 11-4 at Community Center. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Women’s West Side Improvement**, Linda Newton 510-235-0081 Saturday garden work party on from 10-12, everyone is welcome. No tools necessary, but encouraged to bring sheers. Holiday Luncheon on December 1, please RSVP if planning to attend.
- **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut** - Moving sporting events to other parts of town. Looking to have events at two courts here in the Point, and also Parchester Village and MLK. Currently there are 310 kids playing tennis, also trying to expand sports opportunities for children. Plunge Garden is progressing, paths are almost finished and then planting will be completed before winter rains.
- **History Association, Mid Dornan** - next month will have concept and estimated cost for kiosk, which will be community project. Deadline for newsletter is approaching, so please submit any news ideas asap. Membership to history association makes a great gift.
- **Masquers Playhouse, David Cole** - new show opening November 13th “World Goes Round,” only musical this year. If you purchase season tickets before a certain date, then you get one free ticket - 5 shows for price of 4.
- **TRAC, Bruce Beyaert** – Currently seven active Bay Trail projects, which will complete six miles of new trail over the next two years. Three of these projects are in the Point Pinole area, and two are between Point Richmond and Point Molate. EBRPD is partnering with city to design 2.5 miles of shoreline trail from Stenmark Drive exit to the northern border of city’s Point Molate property.
- **Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition, Hilary Brown** – city turned down street lights to 40% in zone 1. Next step is to vote on whether to make it permanent in zone 1, and to vote to dim the lights in other zones.

12. Open Forum

- **Cordell Hindler**, city ambassador – Youth Leadership Committee is seeking support and funding and contributions to their cause. Kids need something to encourage them to be involved with their future.
- **Mid Dornan** – Thanksgiving Day at Methodist Church, everyone is invited to share dinner, with food donated by community. Also, Saturday December 19, women of church will have a fun day to share cookies and goodies.
- **Point Richmond Gateway Foundation** paid the building loan, now more money is available for causes.

13. In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn - Bill Smith, member of the community since 1915. He was very influential in getting the Red Oak Victory out of the Mothball fleet, and he did a lot of work on the ship.

PAY DUES NOW AND YOU'RE COVERED UNTIL MAY 2016. The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are minimal: \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a household. If this is a financial hardship, a waiver is gladly granted. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500. Bring dues to next meeting or mail check and application to: **PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807 – DO NOT mail membership to PRNCC address in front of mailer – delivery will be delayed.**

New

Individual

Renewal

Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting:



***Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.
Point Richmond Community Center***

Here are some highlights of the meeting:



- * Vote on Street Lighting for Zones 2 and 4
- * Nurturing Birds in the Point
- * New Business: Kaleidoscope



*** Please bring a toy for the Richmond and El Cerrito PD and FD toy drive**

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