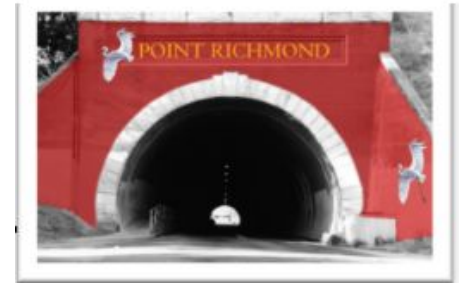




# ON POINT *February 2017*

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I still can't believe we are in **February 2017**, time moves by so fast. When I was a kid I couldn't wait for the next exciting holiday to come or the next big milestone to happen. It always took so long to get to that point. Now as a father of a teenager, where every day of her life to this point has been marked with some sort of milestone, as such I find time to be moving by so fast I want it to slow down.

Super excited to have the former Baltic reopened as Brezo at Baltic Square! I got a glimpse at the menu and it looks tasty!

This month's agenda has some interesting speakers. We will have Jessie Stewart, Executive Director of Richmond Promise to discuss their efforts to help Richmond students pave a pathway to college. Also, Denee Evans from the City of Richmond's Transportation-Parking Services, Office of the City Manager to discuss the new Neighborhood Parking Permit Program. We will also have Gwen Buchanan from Herbalife to discuss health and wellness.

We will have a few interesting projects before the Land Use Design Review Committee including a possible housing development in the former Bottoms Quarry Site just above Canal Blvd as you go over to Seacliff.

Point Richmond is the place to be! The rain continues to march on, relentlessly pounding day after day. As I write, it has let up and I am truly grateful for the sun shining down upon us.

**PRNC MEMBERSHIP DUES**—are still one of the best deals in town! Dues are \$10/individual, \$15/household. Membership payments for 2017 are being accepted now! Pay with cash or check at the next meeting. If you want to vote at our General Membership meetings each month, be part of the solution become a member today!

*David Schoenthal*

**David Schoenthal, President  
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**



# AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
Point Richmond Community Center  
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:30PM

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| 7:30 | <b>Call to order and approval of Minutes from December meeting</b>   | <b>5 minutes</b>  |
| 7:35 | <b>Police Report, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Officer Hector Esparza</b>   | <b>10 minutes</b> |
| 7:45 | <b>President's Report, David Schoenthal (510) 710-4621</b>   | <b>5 minutes</b>  |
| 7:50 | <b>Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267</b>   | <b>2 minutes</b>  |
| 7:52 | <b>Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111</b>  | <b>2 minutes</b>  |
| 7:54 | <b>Land Use/Design Review Committee</b>  | <b>15 minutes</b> |
|      | <i>Items to be considered at the March meeting, must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. Contact Rod at <a href="mailto:rdساتre@live.com">rdساتre@live.com</a>, (510) 232-5059. The LUDRC Committee meets monthly one week prior to the PRNC Meeting at 6 p.m. at Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place. Please attend if your project is being considered.</i> |                   |
|      | <i>* Plunge West Collaborative Projects – Maryn Hurlbut/Andrew Butt</i>  |                   |
|      | <i>* Housing Project at the Bottoms Quarry Development - New West Communities – Todd Floyd</i>   |                   |
|      | <i>* Home Renovation at 719 Golden Gate – Paige Tomaselli and James Knight</i>   |                   |
| 8:09 | <b>Richmond Promise - Jessie Stewart - Executive Director</b>  | <b>15 minutes</b> |
| 8:24 | <b>Plunge Garden Projects - Maureen Decombe</b>  | <b>5 minutes</b>  |
|      | <i>Approve motion to provide \$1000 to the plunge garden project for design, butterfly garden, and teaching area</i>   |                   |
| 8:29 | <b>Presentation of Neighborhood Parking Permit Program</b>   | <b>15 minutes</b> |
|      | <i>Denee Evans, City of Richmond Transportation-Parking Services, Office of the City Manager, 450 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94804 (510) 621-1718 <a href="mailto:Denee.Evans@ci.richmond.ca.us">Denee.Evans@ci.richmond.ca.us</a></i>  |                   |
| 8:44 | <b>Health and Wellness - Gwenn Buchanan - Herbalife</b>  | <b>10 minutes</b> |
| 8:54 | <b>Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups</b>  |                   |
|      | <i>2 minutes each-up to 15 minutes</i>   |                   |
|      | <i>- Point Richmond Business Association, Daniel Butt, <a href="http://www.pointrichmondbusiness.com">www.pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></i>  |                   |
|      | <i>- Knit and Such, Terri Phillips, (510) 237-6865</i>   |                   |
|      | <i>- Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934</i>  |                   |
|      | <i>- Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081</i>   |                   |
|      | <i>- Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 <a href="http://www.rta-ca.org">www.rta-ca.org</a></i>   |                   |
|      | <i>- Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334</i>  |                   |
|      | <i>- Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, <a href="http://www.masquers.org">www.masquers.org</a></i>   |                   |
|      | <i>- TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, <a href="http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail">www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail</a></i>   |                   |
|      | <i>- Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, (510) 232-2559, <a href="http://magicklantern.org">magicklantern.org</a></i>  |                   |
|      | <i>- Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, <a href="http://Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org">Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org</a></i>  |                   |
|      | <i>- USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-2532</i>   |                   |
| 9:04 | <b>Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers (2 minutes each).</b>   |                   |
|      | <i>Issues brought to the attention of the Council in the Public Forum cannot result in Council action at this meeting. Instead, submit issues to Dave Schoenthal at <a href="mailto:dbschoen@hotmail.com">dbschoen@hotmail.com</a>, or <a href="http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm">http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm</a>, prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.</i>  |                   |
| 9:08 | <b>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</b>  |                   |



# Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

## General Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, January 25, 2017

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1. **Called to Order** at 7:33 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on December 7, 2016 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Charmain Tyler Garry Hurlbut, Jordan Destabler, Maureen Decombe, and Hilary Brown.
2. **Police Report** - no officer present; no updates.
3. **President's Report, Dave Schoenthal:** Parking permit pilot program was just approved by city council. This means Point Richmond will have a specialized parking program customized by the neighborhood, and each block can opt in to participate. More information will be provided at future meetings including another presentation from Denee Evans from the city. We have had a lot of rain recently, which is helping with our drought. The Women's Marches that took place last weekend were nice to see. We have done a lot of positive things locally; let's see if we can send some positive thoughts to the rest of the country as well.
4. **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler:** PRNC membership goes through April 30<sup>th</sup> and dues can be renewed at any time. PRNC dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family and lifetime membership is \$500. Currently we have 117 members.
5. **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut:** Membership contributions last month were \$165. The benevolent fund is almost depleted, but we are still looking for local causes to support. Last month we donated \$175 for cookies to Kennedy High School, \$300 to PRAM for the downtown holiday lights, and \$90 to the RNCC for pre-meeting refreshments for the upcoming year. Current balances: \$713.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$6,363.95, General Fund.
6. **Land Use/Design Review Committee**
  - o 233 Arizona Ave, Priscilla Minn: Project was approved by the LUDRC without conditions.
7. **Plunge Garden Projects, Maryn Hurlbut:** The property on the west side of the Natatorium (between the building and railroad tracks at the tunnel) is a barren and unused eyesore. This project will transform that area into a beautiful, purposeful park and add a pathway from the front sidewalk, through the front plunge gardens, into a butterfly habitat and outdoor teaching area, then lead into a bocce ball court and finally flow into the back garden area by the tennis courts. This project is a collaboration of many local organizations including the RTA, PRNC, PRBA and PRMusic. In order to complete this project, we need volunteers and we need contributions. Donations can be made through the RTA website at RTA-CA.org. One of our fundraising options is to purchase a brick for the pathway etched with your name or motto. A motion was made for the PRNC to donate \$1000 to go to a landscape architect for the design of this project; motion is tabled until the next meeting when plans will be easier to see on an overhead projector.
8. **Renaissance Center, Bret Alexander Sweet:** The Renaissance Center is a local non-profit organization formed to help foster and incubate small businesses in economically disadvantaged areas like Richmond. Communities that do not have "local economies" are those that do not have basic amenities within a 6 mile radius. Renaissance Center offers three things: 1. Training on how to start a business, like writing a business plan, hiring employees, dealing with legal issues. 2. Assisting with networking events like meeting with neighborhood associations and building support systems. 3. Exposure to Capital: assisting business owners with preparing presentations to lenders. Funding for the Renaissance Center is granted by foundations and corporations. Their office is located by the Bart Parking garage. Contact Bret by email at [bsweet@rencenter.org](mailto:bsweet@rencenter.org); more info is available at [www.rencenter.org](http://www.rencenter.org).

9. **Discussion of Malodorous Events:** (multiple contributors including representatives from Republic Services, Chevron, and Contra Costa County Health Services)
- **Republic Services, Don Lichfield:** There have been challenges with composting at the west county facility in Richmond. There has been success for many years, but recent state mandates require getting more organics and green waste out of the landfill resulting in a larger volume of compost. Since these requirements have been coming for several years, Republic Services applied for a bigger permit with the air district several years ago. They knew they needed more space and more volume. It took 4 years to secure this permit.
    - i. The old compost system involved taking green waste, removing garbage and setting it in piles which was rotated and ground daily for 30-60 days. In the end it was screened, filtered and then put in bags for customer use.
    - ii. The new system puts the compost into a bunker and blows air into the compost which speeds up the composting process, reducing total processing time to about 21 days and reducing emissions by over 90%. We expect to be fully converted to the new system in 60-90 days.
    - iii. Unfortunately, before the compost stream could be moved into the new processing facility, there was an increase in the volume plus a wet year, which caused difficulties with temperature and oxygen levels. Republic Services offers apologies for the odor issues, they recognize this is unacceptable, and believe the worst is over. We strive to improve our facility and our staff.
    - iv. Materials come to Richmond from central and west county; nothing from outside the county.
    - v. The current permit is for 350,000 cubic yards. We believe we are operating within our permit since there was a verbal agreement with the permitting agency and because a survey of the piles indicated we had only about half of that volume. There has been confusion about how to measure the volume of compost on site and whether the facility exceeded the permitted volume. Part of the problem is the permit is for tons of waste (weight); we measure in cubic yards of waste (volume).
    - vi. The operation is allowed to divert some waste into a landfill, and the volume that has been diverted to control odors is within our means. There is no harm to the community from the diversion of compost to the landfill.
    - vii. Bielle with Richmond Sanitary is available at any time at 510-215-4908
  - **Chevron, Patti Conessa,** public relations at Richmond Refinery: There are many potential sources that can contribute to odors. There have been several minor flaring incidents recently, and all have been reported to required agencies. An investigation is currently ongoing with both the refinery itself and BAAQMD. They cannot comment on ongoing investigations, however they can say they take these incidents seriously and they try to be proactive with managing these. The refinery likes getting complaints from the public in real time so they can investigate and pinpoint the problem.
    - i. **Fence Line monitoring** measures different chemical components emitted from the refinery and may be used to narrow down what was happening at the refinery.
  - **Contra Costa County Health Department, Joe Dosier:** Staff has been investigating odors at all hours of day and night and has been in regular contact with Republic Services. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to improve the composting facility. Earlier this month, compost temperatures were up to 180 degrees and there have been self ignition events in the past. Heat kills off good organisms needed for composting and leads to anaerobic (smelly) decomposition. RS was able to lower the temperature, however they should have known the temperature was too hot without waiting for county health inspectors to tell them. Mishandling of current windrows may mean there will be future odors from anaerobic decomposition, and when these are removed or disturbed we can expect more complaints. Significant county resources have been brought in to deal with these problems. In addition, drainage issues and leaching have lead to difficulties with aeration windrows and lead to more liquid waste remaining on site. County Health issued a cease and desist order requiring RS to stop accepting new feedstock (greenwaste).
10. Due to time constraints there were no committee reports, no open forum, and the meeting was closed without a remembrance or celebration.
11. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30pm

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND PAY YOUR DUES!** 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 PRNC address in front of mailer – delivery will be delayed.**

- New
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***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting:  
Wednesday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.  
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***Plunge Garden improvements, in partnership with PRNC, PRBA, PRMusic and other local organizations: Please consider making a tax deductible donation to improve the Plunge Gardens by donating through the Richmond Tennis Association: <http://rta-ca.org/drupal-7.0/?q=node/26>***

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