



# ON POINT *June 2017*



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## *School is out!*

The kids are excited once again for school to be out. My daughter and I went on an annual Dad's Club camping trip to Bear Valley the first weekend of June. The weather was cold, rainy and it even snowed. We were very thankful to get back home to Point Richmond where the temperature was downright balmy.

There is a lot brewing in Richmond. A taproom only brewery called Armistice Brewing Company is in the process of building out their new location in Marina Bay across the street from CVS. From what I have seen thus far it is going to be great! Alex and Gregory (Gregory lives in Point Richmond!) are brother and sister who have called an armistice to make great beer for the local community to enjoy! They are slated to open July (exact date unknown).

There is indeed a shortfall in the city's budget but the commitment to keep the city's aquatics locations open is strong. In an effort lead by private citizens to enhance the overall exterior and usability of the Plunge facility, they have been planning to create some lovely spaces along the side and front of the Plunge. Local volunteers have put together a celebration event on July 15 that will serve as a fundraiser as well for the Plunge Gardens project. Please mark your calendars for the Summer Community Plunge Gardens Celebration on July 15.

Also on July 15 is the Clean Up Day! There will be massive dumpsters set up along Wine Street in front of Washington Elementary from 8:00am to 12:00pm or when the dumpsters are full. We need some volunteers to help with this event, directing traffic and making sure the right junk goes in the right dumpster.

We have formed a new ad-hoc committee to focus on Parking and Traffic in Downtown Point Richmond there are three members thus far. We have had our first meeting with many great ideas and topics. They will next meet with Denee Evans and other city departments regarding the proposed changes to the direction and parking stalls for Washington Avenue and Park Place in the downtown historic business district. Please let me know if you are interested in this topic this is a great way to get involved without a massive time commitment.

We are in search of a new Treasurer. If you or anyone you know would be interested in serving as a Treasurer please send me a note.

See you all around the Point!

*David Schoenthal*

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

**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!



# AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 7:30pm  
Point Richmond Community Center

Note: There will be no July PRNC meeting. After the June meeting, our next regular PRNC meeting will be Wednesday, August 30th.

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7:30	<b>Call to order and approval of Minutes from the May 31 PRNC meeting</b>	<b>2 minutes</b>
7:32	<b>Police Report, Richmond Police Department</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>
7:37	<b>President's Report - David Schoenthal</b>	<b>2 minutes</b>
7:39	<b>Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut</b> <i>Garry Hurlbut is serving as interim Treasurer until we find a replacement. If you are interested in serving the Point Richmond community by serving on the PRNC board contact David Schoenthal – 510-710-4621 or <a href="mailto:schoenthald@gmail.com">schoenthald@gmail.com</a></i>	<b>2 minutes</b>
7:41	<b>Report on Membership, June Hight</b>	<b>2 minutes</b>
7:43	<b>Human Trafficking in Richmond, Detective AJ Fonseca, RPD</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>
7:58	<b>Presentation on how the sale of single alcoholic beverages impact Richmond youth,</b> <i>Nabila Sher and Ryan Orihood, Bay Area Community Resources</i>	<b>15 minutes</b>
8:13	<b>Report on The Plunge Garden Project, Charmain Tyler</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>
8:18	<b>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Pat Pearson, (510) 234-1045</b></li><li>• <b>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081</b></li><li>• <b>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org/">http://richmondneighbors.org/</a></b></li><li>• <b>Point Richmond Business Association, Daniel Butt - - <a href="http://www.pointrichmondbusiness.com">www.pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></b></li><li>• <b>Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934</b></li></ul>	<b>10 minutes</b>
8:28	<b>Land Use/Design Review Committee - *Note the location change</b> <i>Items to be considered at the June 28 LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. Contact Rod at <a href="mailto:rdsatre@live.com">rdsatre@live.com</a>, (510) 232-5059.</i> <i><u>The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting at 6:00pm at the Point Richmond Community Center 139 Washington Ave. Please plan to attend the LUDRC meeting at 6:00pm and General Membership meeting at 7:30pm if your project is being considered.</u></i>	<b>*No Applicants</b>
8:28	<b>Rich City Rides, Ebony Queen - Community Outreach Assistant</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>
8:43	<b>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, <a href="http://Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org">Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org</a></b></li><li>• <b>Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 <a href="http://www.rta-ca.org">www.rta-ca.org</a></b></li><li>• <b>TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, <a href="http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail">www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail</a></b></li><li>• <b>Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott</b></li><li>• <b>Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334</b></li><li>• <b>Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, <a href="http://www.masquers.org">www.masquers.org</a></b></li><li>• <b>Magik Lantern, Kate Spaulding</b></li></ul>	<b>14 minutes</b>
8:57	<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> prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.</i>	<b>10 minutes</b>
9:07	<b>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</b>	



# Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

## General Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, May 31, 2017

1. **Called to Order** at 7:32 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on April 26, 2017 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Jordan Destabler, June Hight, Garry Hurlbut, Charmain Tyler, and Hilary Brown.
2. **Police Officer's Report, Officer Palma:** The biggest issue in the Point is vehicle theft with 10 recent auto burglaries. Please do not leave valuables in your car and remember to lock car doors. If you see something suspicious or out of place, please call the police.
3. **Point Richmond Parking Program, Denee Evans:** The city is addressing traffic flow and transit options holistically throughout the city. Currently the plan is to address parking and traffic improvements in the triangle, and later expand improvements to the surrounding areas more comprehensively. Previous PRNC meetings have included discussions about the various options to improve parking and traffic flow in the triangle area and a poll was conducted to get feedback from the community. The most popular option which was also the option determined by city engineering to be the safest for public safety was Option 3: One way traffic on Park place with front-in diagonal parking on the west side of Park Place (the curb next to the community center) and parallel parking on the east side of Park Place (next to storefronts). The most popular option for Washington Avenue was making it one way (driving south or uphill) with parallel parking on the west side of the street by the store fronts and front-in diagonal parking on the east side of the street by the community center. A motion was made to approve these options so the city can begin to implement them. The motion is to approve Option 3 for Park Place parking and option 2 for Washington Avenue parking. Motion was passed with unanimous support. Note: parking kiosks will be located in the triangle business area and on Tunnel; any residents that would like to apply for a permit can receive one.
4. **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut:** Last fall we received a notice that long time PRNC member Steven Schaeffer passed away and was donating \$10,000 to the PRNC to use in memory of Bob Young. Steven Schaeffer is remembered as a generous man and nice person. In addition, PRNC received new member dues and paid out \$100 for the special meeting. Our current balances are: \$2,213.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$13,323.95, General Fund.
5. **Report on Membership, June Hight:**
  - Currently we have 64 paid members. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of the fiscal year; membership dues were due April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are not sure if you are current with your membership dues or if you are having trouble receiving emails, please reach out to me. Dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for family, \$500 for lifetime membership.
  - Post Office on Nevin is slated to close. An email will be sent out to members with info about how to publically comment on the Nevin Post Office. We ask that everyone who wants to keep it open should speak up as it is a well used post office.
6. **Land Use Design Review Committee: Jane Ludin.**
  - **7 Nicholl Ave:** This is a 2300 square foot house with an accessory dwelling unit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Lot is 4800 square feet, currently vacant lot. The house is being built for a client who plans to live in the house. There are apartment buildings on all surrounding properties. All windows are wood and will be double hung. There will be no vinyl windows. LUDRC voted unanimously to approve the project. Of interest, this project is a modular house and all pieces will be brought in and installed after being built in a factory. Suggestion by members: Please consider not using bright white on trim. After discussion, a motion in support of approving the project was passed with unanimous approval.
  - **The Quarry Point Richmond:** Since the last meetings with PRNC, the project has substantially changed. They have responded to concerns about the size of development by reducing the number of units by about 28% from 278 to 200 units. No buildings will be taller than 3 floors, open space has grown to 60-70% of development, setback from street will be about 60 feet, there will be a children's play area, and they plan to use native plants in landscaping. Overall design was changed to lower the height and massing. Community members voiced concerns about traffic on Seacliff; developer noted that traffic, safety, and impact on infrastructure will be addressed during the EIR by professional traffic engineers and other experts. Another comment from community: excellent example of an infill project. LUDRC recommends a motion to approve the project, with a request that they consider adding more parking. (Note: after the EIR is completed, then the project will come back for community approval). A motion was

made to approve the project with the request that additional parking be considered and included; 1 vote in opposition, 7 votes to approve project. Motion passed.

## 7. Community Briefs

- **Red Oak Victory:** Summer movie series has started and now there are 2 movies per month! First movie is Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: The Long Voyage Home. June 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Maltese Falcoln then later Casa Blanca. Pancake Breakfast on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$10 for breakfast plus wandering around the ship. Ship is open Tue, Thurs, Sat and Sunday.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton:** Final meeting of the year is Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. We are working on a committee to welcome new residents; to make them feel like they belong and give them information about living here. The next meeting will be in September.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council:** Meeting is held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month, 6:30pm in City Council Chambers. Point Richmond is having a neighborhood cleanup day on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am - 12:00 noon. There will be a giant garbage bin, and also metal and appliance recycling. Bins will be on Wine Street by Washington School, so come and bring your junk!
- **Point Richmond Business Association:** Currently the big project is Picnic in the Point, a fundraiser for local charities. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 9 from 12-5pm. Business luncheon is last Thursday of the Month from 11:30 - 1:00 at Hotel Mac. Everyone is welcome! Finally, please check out the community calendar at [PointRichmond.com](http://PointRichmond.com)
- **Special Projects, Charmain:** The Plunge Garden project is underway. Please mark your calendar for Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 10pm for a fundraiser and garden celebration. Tickets are on sale now at the RTA website for dinner donated by local restaurants, beer and wine, face painting, photographs and fun things. Visit <http://rta-ca.org/drupal-7.0/?q=node/119> to donate and purchase discounted tickets in advance!
- **TRAC, Bruce Beyart:** There are 34 miles of Bay trails in Richmond; almost 10% of all of Bay Trails! Currently completing an additional 5 miles and improving existing trails. Connection to Point Molate is under construction.
- **Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development:** We are community members organized to address environmental and other issues with new developments in Brickyard Cove area. Terminal One still does not have BCDC approval and environmental review and soils testing is still ongoing.
- **Point Richmond History Association:** Currently working on the Kiosk.
- **Masquers Playhouse:** Neighborhood garage sale was fun and successful! Thanks to all participants!
- **Magic Lantern:** Stay tuned for movies to be shown right here in the community center.

## 8. Open Forum

- **Cordell Hindler:** Contra Costa Civic Theater showing "In The Heights." Crime prevention meeting featured block captain training. Suggestion was made to PRNC board to feature a guest speaker, Detective Fonseca, to talk about human trafficking. Design Review Board has 5 vacancies; please consider submitting an application to city council to join board. Next Crime Prevention meeting is June 21 at 7pm at Rec Center.
- **Linda Newton:** We have a wonderful PRNC member named Maureen Decombe. Last month an article she wrote was featured in the monthly "Every Garden Counts" and the month before that another article was featured in the Tilden Botanic Garden Newsletter. "Watershed wise landscaping is a way to successfully make gardens that are not just pretty on the outside but sustainable on the inside" Thank you to Maureen for all the work she is doing at the State level and in our community. She is appreciated!
- **Ebony Robinson:** Community outreach assistant of Rich City Rides, a bike shop co-op on 15<sup>th</sup> and McDonald. Also, we have a lot of fun rides planned, and we do community outreach and engagement.

9. **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** Mary Anne Voigt lived on corner of Contra Costa and Western, she was a member of the WWIC. For the past 10 years she lived in Pinole, but previously she lived in the Point for over 30 years. Cordell's nephew Dylan had a birthday on May 6<sup>th</sup>; Ricky had a birthday in May; Audrey turned 3 on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Stephen Schaeffer is remembered for his many contributions to the Point, including his efforts to support the Point Village, to help older residents age in place with community support. We are grateful for him.

## 10. Meeting adjourned

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Hilary Brown; "hilarybrownie (at) hotmail.com" (510) 326-5946*



**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.**

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*\*Neighborhood **Cleanup & junk disposal** 8am-noon on Wine Street*

*\***Plunge Garden celebration**, fundraiser dinner and movie night, hosted by RTA with support from PRNC and other local organizations: Buy discount tickets in advance and make 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/119>.*

*Dinner and movie donation \$15 adult, \$5 children.*

Checks can also be mailed to PRNC, with attn: RTA - Plunge Garden Improvement

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