



# ON POINT *March 2017*

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*Happy Spring!* Or as I like to call it the Extra Rainy Season! I love the rain, but I love sunshine more. It is funny how we seem to appreciate more the thing which we do not have, when we don't have it.

At this month's Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, General Membership Meeting, Rising Sun Energy Center will be discussing their program offered to Richmond residents where they are creating Green Career Pathways while providing effective Climate Solutions for the home.

Sherry Ann Stanley from the West County Wastewater District will provide an overview of what the WCWD does in terms of regional wastewater treatment throughout the region.

Denée Evans from City of Richmond's Transportation-Parking Services, will be back to discuss a parking/traffic study to discuss the possibilities of changing the stall markings to add stalls, changing the direction of traffic on Park Avenue, as well as incorporating parklets, a bike lane and bike corrals within the Point Richmond business district.

Many have walked by the Plunge noticing with great appreciation the beginning stages of the Plunge Garden project. It will be a great new community resource. Your support is needed to keep this project moving forward.

**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 Community Center  
Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 7:30PM

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7:30	<i>Call to order and approval of Minutes from February 22 meeting</i>	2 minutes
7:32	<i>Police Report, Richmond Police Department</i>	8 minutes
7:40	<i>President's Report, David Schoenthal (510) 710-4621 Elections for Treasurer and 2nd Vice President in April, Special Membership meeting to meet with New West Communities Developers, Meeting Decorum</i>	5 minutes
7:45	<i>Community Briefs</i> - <i>Point Richmond Business Association, Daniel Butt - - <a href="http://www.pointrichmondbusiness.com">www.pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></i> - <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934</i>	4 minutes
7:49	<i>Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510) 334-7267</i>	2 minutes
7:51	<i>Community Briefs</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>	4 minutes
7:55	<i>Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111</i>	2 minutes
7:57	<i>Community Briefs</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>	4 minutes
8:01	<i>Plunge West Collaborative Projects - Maryn Hurlbut</i>	5 minutes
8:06	<i>Discussion of Parking and Traffic in Point Richmond Denee Evans, City of Richmond Transportation-Parking Services (510) 621-1718 <a href="mailto:Denee.Evans@ci.richmond.ca.us">Denee.Evans@ci.richmond.ca.us</a></i>	15 minutes
<i>Land Use/Design Review Committee (Nothing for consideration at March meeting)</i> <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:rdsatre@live.com">rdsatre@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>Current LUDRC Members: We would like to thank them for their service to our community.</i>		
	<i>Rod Satre, Committee Chair</i>	<i>Jeff Lee served 3 years</i>
	<i>Jane Lundin served 5 years</i>	<i>Linda Newton served 6 years</i>
	<i>John Rohland served 4 years</i>	<i>Kathryn Dienst served 3 years</i>
	<i>Robert Lane served 5 years</i>	<i>Don Woodrow – Newly appointed alternate</i>
8:21	<i>Community Briefs</i> - <i>TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, <a href="http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail">www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail</a></i> - <i>Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott</i>	4 minutes
8:25	<i>Presentation of West County Wastewater District operations Sherry Ann Stanley – Director 510-222-6700 <a href="mailto:sstanley@wcd.org">sstanley@wcd.org</a></i>	10 minutes
8:35	<i>Presentation of Rising Sun Energy Center Lindsey Roark – Youth Programs Assistant (510) 665-1501 ext 306</i>	10 minutes
8:45	<i>Community Briefs:</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) 234-253</i>	4 minutes
8:49	<i>Welcoming of Hector and Heather, Owners of Brezo at The Baltic Square</i>	3 minutes
8:52	<i>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 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>	
9:00	<i>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</i>	



# Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 22, 2017

1. **Called to Order** at 7:30 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on January 25, 2017 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Jordan Destabler, Maureen Decombe and Hilary Brown. Absent: Charmain Tyler and Garry Hurlbut
2. **Police Report, Officer Palma:** City is converting to a new crime statistics tracking system and they are in the process of merging to the new system, so there are no statistics available tonight. Main concerns for this neighborhood has been mail theft and suspicious persons reports. We are encouraged to contact the police if we see someone or something suspicious. Officer Palma is taking over for Officer Esparza this year; he works swing shift Monday through Thursday from 3pm to midnight, his email is [KPALMA@richmondpd.net](mailto:KPALMA@richmondpd.net).
3. **President's Report, Dave Schoenthal:** The LUDRC meeting has been permanently moved to one week before the regular PRNC meeting. Please make a note that the meeting day has changed. Also, there are a lot of things are going on in the neighborhood, so please stay tuned!
4. **Report on Membership, Maureen Decombe:** Currently there are 116 paid members. Membership dues are due April 30th for the next year. If you pay now, you will be paid up until April 30, 2018. Dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for family, \$500 for lifetime membership.
5. **Treasurer's Report, Dave Schoenthal:** PRNC donated \$300 to assist a long time Point family that had a tragic house fire in which they lost virtually everything. At the last board meeting the board decided to move \$3000 to replenish the Benevolent fund. Current balances: \$3,413.96, Benevolent Fund; \$2,970.94, Wig Wag Fund; \$3,363.95, General Fund.
6. **Land Use/Design Review Committee**
  - **Plunge Garden Projects:** Maryn Hurlbut gave a presentation last month about the proposed plunge garden projects. One requirement for public works projects like this is that there is a legal requirement for drawings to be prepared by a landscape architect or engineer. The total cost of the project may be between \$30,000 and \$40,000; Gateway Foundation has already contributed \$5000. There was a motion for the PRNC to contribute \$1000 toward the design and planning of the project on the west side of the plunge. Motion passed with unanimous approval.
  - **Bottoms Quarry Development:** This is the first presentation for a proposed project located in the quarry off of Seacliff Drive. The property is 18.5 acres, with plans to develop 6 acres leaving about 60% as open space. Project will develop 276 units and total height of 5 stories. Housing prices will range from mid \$400,000's to the upper \$500,000's with stacked flats from 1100 to 1900 square feet and town homes up to 2200 square feet. Project is in the early planning stages and developer will rely on guidance from the city with regards to affordable housing, EIR issues, and other requirements. Suggestions from community: safest access points from Canal, traffic concerns, possible water drainage issues, and trail staging access. LUDRC did not place any contingencies on this project. A motion was made to ask the developer return to the PRNC for a dedicated meeting to clarify some of the questions about this project. Motion was passed with unanimous support.
  - **719 Golden Gate, Paige Tomaselli and James Knight:** Proposed renovations to a house originally built in 1902, with most changes to the interior of the house. Envelope of building will not change, roofline will not change, and few or no visible changes will be evident from street. Unoccupied basement will be excavated and reclassified as an accessory dwelling (an "in-law") to be occupied by Paige's mom. Rear windows will be modified. In-law unit will be 820 square feet. A motion was made by one of the members of the LUDRC to approve the project. Motion was seconded by a second member of LUDRC. Motion was approved unanimously by PRNC general membership.
7. **Richmond Promise, Jessie Stewart, Executive Director:** Richmond Promise is a community wide scholarship program for all students from Richmond. The mission is to provide more than just money for graduating students, it is also to provide resources, tools and guidance so students can be successful. The scholarships

are up to 4 years with \$1500 per year. This scholarship program is still fairly new, and one of the goals of the board is to build a tracking system to measure the success of the program.

#### 8. **Neighborhood Parking Program, Denee Evans:**

- The West Contra Costa County Transit Advisory Committee is considering how traffic is impacted by development including changes to traffic from people who do not live in an area; for example many long distance commuters drive through neighborhoods to the Bart Station and park on the streets. New ferry will attract drivers from out of the area. City is looking at ways to improve the commute, health initiatives, bike plans, and pedestrian plans.
- Today's discussion is about neighborhood parking permit pilot project. This pilot allows a neighborhood to design and tailor permit parking. Each block can opt into the permit program. In order to opt in, each block needs 51% of residents to opt in, and they have flexibility of choosing how they want permit parking to function. For example, each block can ask for 2 hour parking. Permit parking is for peak period parking; in some areas that may include parking past 6pm. Critical element is enforcement, and once a pilot is started then there will be a discussion with police regarding enforcement. Currently there are no fees for permits.

#### 9. **Committee Reports and Announcements from Point Richmond Non-Profits**

- **Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey:** Reception at Kaleidoscope from 4-6:00 March 1st. And on March 3rd Arts of Point Richmond will have the annual meeting from 10:00 - 2:00. All are welcome.
- **Women's West Side Improvement Club, Linda Newton:** Brown bag lunch on Tuesday, March 7 at 11:30. Link to RSVP at PointRichmond.com. WWIC is teaming up with PRNC on various gardening projects in the business district; next one is Saturday, March 11 from 10-12 at the Map Garden. Also, there is request to assist with pocket park maintenance.
- **Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan:** There was a delay in getting newsletters from the printer. Keep an eye out for the new newsletter to come out soon.
- **TRAC, Bruce Bayeart:** 7 active bay trail projects; finishing 7 miles of new trail this year and next. Point Pinole Regional shoreline will have two new entries to the shoreline area. New bridge and parking area over rail road tracks at Atlas Road. At Goodrick at the Bruner Marsh Restoration Area there is a parking and staging area.
- **Red Oak Victory, Graham Perrot:** Third Thursday movie nights are starting on 3/16 with "Bedknobs and Broomsticks," a Disney comedy with Angela Lansbury. Movie starts at 7pm; bring a warm coat. Ship needs volunteers, especially welders.

#### 10. **Open Forum**

- **West County Waste Water District** -Sherry was here last month when we had Richmond Sanitary. I wanted to let you know I am one of the new board of directors on Waste Water. Do not actually serve us, but serves about 50% of richmond. Wants us to know what they are trying to do with waste water and reduce green house gasses. Will give an over view of what waste water districts can do, and things that we can do ourselves and things for us to think about and why Richmond Sanitary had a problem.
- **RNCC** - There will be a gathering to support the Muslim community. School District needs substitute teachers; a bachelors degree and passing the teaching exam is required. Police Chief is reviewing responses to neighborhood poll. Overall crime is down but street robberies have increased. March 8th, luncheon honoring Shining Stars.
- **Cordell Hindler** - Contra Costa Civic Theater now showing "Well." ECIA grant program has been announced. February Crime Prevention meeting featured a talk by the Police Chief. Next meeting is March 15th at 7pm and will feature a talk about narcotics.
- **Jessie West:** Highly recommend an outing to the trail around Garbage Mountain. There are beautiful bay views, wildlife, and surprisingly fresh air!
- **Osprey Nest** on the Whirly Crane by the Red Oak Victory now has two cameras installed by the Audubon Society.
- **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** Baby Isaaca Claire Lacheen was born on January 20th. Cordell's nephew Christopher had his 9th birthday on February 4th. Loraine Elliot passed away on January 4th. Dallas Wilcock died from Idaho Street. Maybelle Rossard passed away she was 103.

#### 11. **Meeting adjourned 9:41**

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



**Memo To:  
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
Regarding: Special Meeting of the LUDRC  
Project Overview of The Quarry Project  
Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

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**Greeting from PRNC President, Dave Schoenthal:**

The LUDRC (Land Use Design Review Committee) is a standing committee reporting to the PRNC. The LUDRC is how projects and developments can be reviewed and considered at the neighborhood level in order to provide advisory feedback before projects are submitted to the city. The project we are discussing tonight is a conceptualized project and this is the first step in the design review process. The LUDRC meeting is held one week before the regular PRNC meeting.

**New West Communities - Development Team**

Currently this project is in the preliminary stages, and we look forward to getting your feedback and incorporating it with our design. We plan to prepare the draft EIR and get public comments in June 2017, and have the final EIR completed in September 2017. The public hearing will be in November 2017.

Project size is 18.4 acres, with 60% of property left as open space. Current site plan includes a mix of about 60 townhomes, at 3 stories plus 216 condos. The parking area will be inside the condo complex. There will be a pool, children's play area, and community building. Housing and condos will be setback from the street and separate with bioswales and native plants. Prices for units will be high \$400,000 to high \$500,000 for condos and high \$600,000 up to \$800,000 for townhomes.

We are committed to improving the Bay Trail and enhancing the existing trail system. The concept will include large setbacks and sloped landscaping which will scale the height of the buildings with the hillside.

**Comments from PRNC:**

- Concerns about parking downtown, and impact of additional cars from this project plus two other developments being built.
- Suggestion to access property directly off Canal rather than Seacliff, due to concerns about the narrow and curvy nature of Seacliff and the volume of traffic. Note that the property does not actually connect to Canal at all, so in order to do this the property will need to get an easement from the city. There are also other traffic settling measures that will be considered such as textured paving, pavers, medians, etc.
- Impact on traffic and infrastructure (fire, police, water, sewer). This project in conjunction with other planned developments may overwhelm the infrastructure. Answer: This project is required to have an EIR, and concerns about traffic will be addressed through that process, after a traffic engineer and traffic study is completed.
- Suggestion to have a separate slow down / turn lane to access the main gate, and way to get out of the property through the staging area off of Canal.
- Suggestion to use Dark Sky Lighting for all lighting at the project side, including using fully shielded lights and 2700 degree Kelvin color temperature.
- Comment: using old degraded property for a development is a good use of land.
- Question about population diversity and appealing to youth and elderly people? Answer: We think there is an opportunity to provide housing to young professionals commuting to San Francisco, to families and people of all ages.
- TRAC is very pleased with the proposal, especially the staging area, installing bathrooms and enhancing the trails.
- Total vehicle parking spaces will be approximately 276 units \* 1.75 or average of 2 parking spots per unit.

**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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***Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting:  
Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.  
Point Richmond Community Center***

***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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