



**ON POINT** *October 2017*



## ***The Point is Spooky!***

The time of year brings out ghosts and goblins to the Point and Beyond! We love this time of year. Our house was decorated for Halloween the 3rd week in September. The stores are doing it, so why not us as well.

Karen Buchanan will be leading a spooky ghost tour through Point Richmond on Saturday October 21 at 7pm. You can get \$20 tickets for the tour at <https://www.cesarzepeda.com/uncoverdiscoverrichmond>. Proceeds go to the Masquers Playhouse. 21 and older only.

There is also a wonderful Dia De Los Muertos event at the Richmond History Museum on Sunday October 29, 1pm to 4pm. Located at 400 Nevin Ave, Richmond, California 94801- Live Jazz by Nat Bolden - Food Trucks- Dia De Los Muertos/ Day of the Dead craft workshop. Come and create a Dia De Los Muertos/ Day of the Dead masque and an altar to honor those who have passed.

The annual Point Richmond Business District Halloween Parade with students from Washington Elementary will take place on Halloween October 31. Likely beginning around 10:00am/10:30am. Details are being finalized with the Point Richmond Business Association and the school.

The October PRNC General Membership meeting will feature guest speaker Denee Evans to share an update on plans for adding more parking stalls, changing Park Place and Washington Ave to one -way streets and additional street safety enhancements.

The Land Use Design Review Committee will be reviewing 3 projects this month. 128 E. Scenic Ave./ 88 Buena Vista Ave. New House & 2nd Unit. Tewksbury Artist Lofts and the AC Transit

We are now starting our look for the next President of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council. That is someone to replace me. This is a great role. I have had a lot of fun serving as President. It requires some work but we have an absolutely tremendous Board where everyone pitches in to even the workload to make it doable. Anyone who is interested in discussing over a scoop of ice cream, coffee or beer contact me at [schoenthald@gmail.com](mailto:schoenthald@gmail.com) or call 510-710-4621

See you all around the Point!

***David Schoenthal***

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

PS: We would like to provide an opportunity for community members to support Nate Trivers and Let's Grow Richmond (Nate's nonprofit to feed Richmond homeless) and the Up and Under Pub and Grill to feed displaced families and first responders of the terrible fires in Napa and Sonoma Counties. Checks can be written directly to Let's Grow Richmond, a 501(c)(3) organization eligible for tax-deductable donations.

Donations can also be made at: <https://www.gofundme.com/LGRFirerelief>

**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, October 25, 2017, 7:00pm (Early start time)  
Point Richmond Community Center  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

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| 7:00 | <i>Call to order and approval of Minutes from the September 27, 2017 PRNC meeting</i>   | <i>2 minutes</i>  |
| 7:02 | <i>Police Report, Richmond Police Department</i>  | <i>5 minutes</i>  |
| 7:07 | <i>President's Report - David Schoenthal</i>  | <i>2 minutes</i>  |
| 7:09 | <i>Introduction of New Board Members – Buzz Bayliss and David Bleckinger</i>  | <i>2 minutes</i>  |
| 7:11 | <i>Treasurer's Report, Buzz Bayliss</i>   | <i>2 minutes</i>  |
| 7:13 | <i>Report on Membership, June Hight</i>   | <i>2 minutes</i>  |
| 7:15 | <i>Land Use/Design Review Committee</i>   | <i>30 minutes</i> |
|      | <i>- Tewksbury Artist Lofts</i>   |                   |
|      | <i>- 128 E Scenic Ave/ 88 Buena Vista Ave. New House 2nd Unit</i>   |                   |
|      | <i>Items to be considered at the 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. <u>The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting at 6:00pm at the Point Richmond Community Center at 139 Washington Ave. Please plan to attend the LUDRC meeting at 6:00pm and General Membership meeting at 7:00pm if your project is being considered.</u></i>   |                   |
| 7:45 | <i>Downtown Point Richmond Parking and Traffic Plans</i>  | <i>30 minutes</i> |
|      | <i>Denee Evans - Department of Transportation - City Manager's Office</i>   |                   |
| 8:15 | <i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i>  | <i>26 minutes</i> |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045</i></li><li>• <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081</i></li><li>• <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org/">http://richmondneighbors.org/</a></i></li><li>• <i>Point Richmond Business Association, David Schoenthal- <a href="http://www.pointrichmondbusiness.com">www.pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></i></li><li>• <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934</i></li><li>• <i>Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, <a href="http://Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org">Richmond-Smart-Lighting.org</a></i></li><li>• <i>Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 <a href="http://www.rta-ca.org">www.rta-ca.org</a></i></li><li>• <i>TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, <a href="http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail">www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail</a></i></li><li>• <i>Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Gene Scott</i></li><li>• <i>Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334</i></li><li>• <i>Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, <a href="http://www.masquers.org">www.masquers.org</a></i></li><li>• <i>Plunge West Garden update, Maryn Hurlbut 510-596-8880, <a href="http://www.rta-ca.org/plungewest">www.rta-ca.org/plungewest</a>.</i></li><li>• <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding</i></li></ul> |                   |
| 8:41 | <i>Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers (2 minutes each).</i>  | <i>10 minutes</i> |
|      | <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>  |                   |
| 9:01 | <i>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</i>   |                   |



**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**  
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1. **Called to Order** at 7:30 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting on August 30, 2017 were approved with no amendments. Board Members present: Dave Schoenthal, Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Hilary Brown, and Garry Hurlbut. Absent: Charmain Tyler and Buzz Bayliss.
2. **Police Report, Richmond PD:** No update at this meeting.
3. **President's report, Dave:**
  - a. The PRBA issued grants to Richmond Swims, The Mindful Life Project, the Washington School PTA, PRAM, Milo Foundation and Let's Grow Richmond in the amount of \$7,500 which was the net funds raised by Picnic in Point. Usually we get a stage donated by Chevron, but due to a scheduling conflict this year the PRNC sponsored a rented stage. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event a success, and thank you to all the neighbors who came out and enjoyed the day!
  - b. The preliminary report from the TRAC survey has been received regarding parking in the triangle area. One way traffic flow on Park and Washington are both viable options, but they are still considering impacts to deliveries to businesses. Project is still being considered by the fire department. The impact of the project, when it is complete, will provide more parking stalls. The next step is going through the City Council.
  - c. Dave Schoenthal volunteered for one of the open seats on the city council last week. He did not get the nomination, but he is exploring the possibility of running for office in the future and he is considering if he needs to step down from his current term as PRNC president. His term is complete in April and if he resigns early from this office, then per the PRNC bylaws, the board will appoint a president to complete the term. We will talk more about this in future meetings.
  - d. Sustainability Committee: last year members of the sustainability committee created an excellent website at the PRNC, but currently the committee is no longer active. Hilary Brown has volunteered to step up to lead that committee; if you would like to participate please send her an email at "hilarybrownie (at) Hotmail.com"
  - e. The July cleanup day generated money from metal recycling. PRNC got \$177.86!
4. **Introduction to new board members:** We are pleased to announce the board has filled two vacant positions:
  - a. Buzz Bayliss will be the new treasurer.
  - b. Dave Bleckinger will be the new First VP. Dave is a proud Point Richmond resident and his wife Megan was previously on the board of the PRNC including holding the position of president. Dave was inspired to be more engaged in the community he would like to help move things in the community in a positive direction.
  - c. Garry Hurlbut is stepping back from First VP to hold one of the "at-large" positions. He plans to continue to participate on the board, but in a more limited role.
5. **Garry - Treasurer's report:** As mentioned in earlier months, Stephen Schaefer generously bequeathed \$10,000 to the PRNC to be used for beautification projects around the Point in memory of Bob Young. Last month we received \$125 in membership dues. We supported Picnic in Point for \$700 and we supported the Summer Classic at East Brother's Brewery for \$300. The money set aside in the Wigwag Fund are still dedicated to that project, however there has been no progress for a long time. There are some who are still trying to get the Wigwag operational, and we hope to have more updates in the future. Some of Stephen Schaefer's money was used to purchase an engraved brick in memory of Stephen Schaefer and Bob Young. Current balances: Benevolent Fund, \$12,213.96; Wig Wag Fund, \$2,970.94; General Fund, \$2,947.61; total, \$18,132.52.
6. **June Hight, membership:** Our current membership is 31 individual individuals and 51 households. If you are having trouble opening attachments or getting emails please let June know or email "PointRichmondNeighborhood (at) gmail.com"

7. **Land Use / Design Review Committee:**

- a. AC Transit Operator Bathroom at the Castro and Tewksbury stop: project includes a bathroom for AC transit staff and bike storage facilities. Currently there is just a port-o-potty at that location. The LUDRC requested the applicant return with architectural elements that reflect the historic scope of neighborhood. The applicant will return to LUDRC with additional details in the future.

8. **Single Sale Alcohol – Impacts on Communities:** No presentation

9. **Community Briefs**

- a. **Red Oak Victory, Graham Perrett:** October is Fleet-week month, and there are several celebrations. Celebration for Vietnam Vets on Saturday, October 7 from 11-6pm: men in period costumes in period display; admission \$20. Same evening they will have a jazz band and swing dancing. Dinner served from 5-9pm; cost is \$65. Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 8 from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$10. Movie night on October 19: Kerry Grant “I was a male War bride!”
- b. **RNCC:** Last meeting included discussion of roles and responsibilities of three departments: Planning, Code Enforcement, and Building Services. Next meeting is October 16 at 7pm.
- c. **Point Richmond Business Association:** October meeting will include a talk by Betty Reed Soskin. Lunch will likely be at Hotel Mac; networking from 11-12 and presentation at 12.
- d. **RTA, Garry:** Richmond Tennis started after a group noticed the derelict courts behind the Plunge. This blossomed into a rejuvenation of tennis throughout the city. Children’s tennis (3 to 8 year old) held at 9:30 every Saturday, free of charge. Two teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the championship. Winning games is always fun, but mostly RTA is about being active and promoting a healthy lifestyle
- e. **Plunge Garden Update:** We are still working on the Plunge Gardens; if you would like to buy a paver, please visit <http://rta-ca.org/drupal-7.0/?q=nod/119>. Keep an eye out for continued improvements to the garden in the next few months.

10. **Open Forum**

- a. **Hilary Brown:** There is a new kiosk near the History Association at W. Richmond and Washington. PRNC contributed money to the kiosk and we will have our own panel. What would we like to include? Meeting agendas, community events, a semi-permanent display? If you have ideas, suggestions, or would like to help create a display, please email [PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)
- b. **Cordell Hindler:** Crime prevention meeting included a talk by Officer Lande about causes and impacts of cyber bullying. Cordell suggested the PRNC consider hosting Alonso Saravia from the Human Rights Commission. Contra Costa Civic Theatre is running “Cabaret” from September 22 through October 22. The Crime Prevention Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 6-8:30 at the Rec Center.
- c. **Joe Puleo:** a community bulletin board was negotiated with the owner of the Point Market and that has been helpful and successful. So far it has been very tidy. Currently in discussion with the owners of the Santa Fe market to add a second bulletin board on the wall of their building.

11. **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** Texanita Bullitt, a member of the Human Rights Commission, passed away recently. Jeff Kilbreth and his wife are now grandparents of a baby girl who has yet to be named. Cordell’s niece Chelsea Torres turned 6 on September 21<sup>st</sup> and niece Andrea will turn 8 on Friday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. We remember long time PRNC member and generous benefactor Stephen Schaefer and his friend Bob Young. We remember Nico Martinez, a young victim of gun violence in Richmond, he liked animals and frequently visited the Milo Foundation. Finally, we close in remembrance of the many victims of natural disasters including the hurricanes in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico and the earthquake in Mexico. We close in gratitude and celebration of all of these people, near and far.

12. **Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm**

*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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*\* LUDRC will consider construction of a permanent Operator Restroom facility in place of the blue Porta-Potty at the Castro and Tewksbury*

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