



# ON POINT *July 2018*

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Well, it's already the end of July and the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council is just an example of what makes our town so remarkable. We may be a gathering place to express our opinions but we're also here to keep you informed on what's been happening and what to expect in the future.

This month, as our usual RNCC reporter, Margaret Jordan, was delayed, I attended July's RNCC meeting to help out and take notes. I learned from Community Services Director Rochelle Monk that the City will be reducing the Community Center's rent between 17% and 35%.

Also, If you're having pothole problems or sidewalk issues (tree roots are the city's jurisdiction), visit the City's website: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/72/Street-Maintenance>

If you need to report speeders in your neighborhood send an email to [RPDStopSpeed@Richmondpd.net](mailto:RPDStopSpeed@Richmondpd.net)

And finally, while the men and women of the Richmond PD are doing what they can to identify and prevent crime, you can help by taking some crime prevention measures and reducing your risk of victimization too. Richmond's Crime Prevention Program is a handy resource.

### **Crime Prevention Manager Michelle Milam**

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*Monday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM*

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Friday the 13th was Point Richmond's second outdoor Music in the Point concert from 5:30pm to 7:45pm. "Constance" performed Gospel, followed by "Aki goes to Bollywood" featuring Retro Bollywood & American Blues. In August "Laurie Lewis & the Right Hands" will be performing Bluegrass, followed by the "Mad Maggies" doing Folk/Rock/R&B/Ska/World Fusion.

*"Local restaurants are open on concert nights, offering a wide array of cuisine. We feature art by The Arts of Point Richmond, face painting for children, and dancing in the street."*

Finally, don't forget The Summer Classic Car Show at East Brother Beer Co. on August 27, 2017, from noon to 8 p.m. I hear last year's show was a lot of fun and had quite a crowd.

### ***Peter Thelin***

**President**

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**

\*The PRNC and LUDRC are advisory only capacity, and cannot approve or deny anything beyond "Recommendations for Development" to the City of Richmond. Our role is to mitigate conflict at the local level.



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
 Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 7:30pm  
 Point Richmond Community Center  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

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| <b>7:30</b> | <b><i>Call to order and approval of minutes from the June 27, 2018 PRNC meeting</i></b>   | <b><i>2 minutes</i></b>  |
| <b>7:32</b> | <b><i>Police Report, Richmond Police Department, Officer Ben Mendler</i></b>  | <b><i>5 minutes</i></b>  |
| <b>7:37</b> | <b><i>President's Report, Peter Thelin</i></b>  | <b><i>2 minutes</i></b>  |
| <b>7:39</b> | <b><i>Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis</i></b>   | <b><i>2 minutes</i></b>  |
| <b>7:41</b> | <b><i>Membership Report, June Hight</i></b>   | <b><i>2 minutes</i></b>  |
| <b>7:43</b> | <b><i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i></b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding <a href="http://MagickLantern.org">MagickLantern.org</a>, <a href="mailto:magick-lantern@att.net">magick-lantern@att.net</a>, (510) 232-2559</i></li> <li>● <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org/">http://richmondneighbors.org/</a></i></li> <li>● <i>Arts of Point Richmond, <a href="http://www.artsofpointrichmond.com">www.artsofpointrichmond.com</a></i></li> <li>● <i>PRCert, Edie Sellers and Shaun Partlow <a href="https://www.prcert.org/">https://www.prcert.org/</a>, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/prcert">https://www.facebook.com/prcert</a></i></li> </ul>   | <b><i>8 minutes</i></b>  |
| <b>7:51</b> | <b><i>Land Use/Design Review Committee</i></b><br><i>- 523 Santa Fe Ave, Single Family home, Brad Gunkel, Greg Jerum, Greg Jerum and Jennifer Twilley</i><br><i>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, <a href="mailto:rdsatre@live.com">rdsatre@live.com</a>, (510) 232-5059, at two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. <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 and General Membership meeting at 7:30pm if your project is being considered.</u></i>  | <b><i>15 minutes</i></b> |
| <b>8:06</b> | <b><i>Presentation by the Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition about new Nuisance Lighting Ordinance</i></b>   | <b><i>15 minutes</i></b> |
| <b>8:21</b> | <b><i>Community Briefs (2 minutes each)</i></b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Women's Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani</i></li> <li>● <i>Point Richmond Business Association, David Schoenthal- <a href="http://www.pointrichmondbusiness.com">www.pointrichmondbusiness.com</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>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045</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>Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <a href="http://pointrichmondhistory.org/">http://pointrichmondhistory.org/</a></i></li> <li>● <i>Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, <a href="http://www.masquers.org">www.masquers.org</a></i></li> </ul> | <b><i>14 minutes</i></b> |
| <b>8:35</b> | <b><i>Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers (2 minutes each).</i></b><br><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 Peter Thelin at <a href="mailto:pthelin1@yahoo.com">pthelin1@yahoo.com</a> prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.</i>  | <b><i>10 minutes</i></b> |
| <b>8:45</b> | <b><i>In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn</i></b>  |                          |



**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 27, 2018**  
[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

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1. **Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Minutes from the meeting on May 30, 2018 were approved. Board Members present: Peter Thelin, Dave Bleckinger and Buzz Baylis. Susan Elwell was acting Secretary in Hilary Brown's absence.
2. **Police Report:** No one from RPD was available to give us a monthly crime report. Hopefully, an officer will be available for our July meeting. Just some information in the meantime: Police ask that if you witness someone doing doughnuts or driving dangerously, please report to [RPDstopspeed@richmondpd.net](mailto:RPDstopspeed@richmondpd.net). Also, the police non-emergency number is (510) 233-1214, always good to have handy.
3. **President's Report, Peter Thelin:** Peter represented the PRNC at the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council meeting. He gave the Council information about Point Richmond Music and what a great evening everyone had at the Maria Muldaur concert and the movies at the Red Oak Victory. Peter attended a meeting at City Hall regarding the Smart Lighting Ordinance. This is a nuisance ordinance about lights being too bright and the impact on areas of Richmond. The lights' manufacturers made presentations and BNSF and Chevron were represented. The lights' strength is measured in candlepower per square foot but the City seems to have no accurate means to measure this. Also, Peter learned that barking dogs are not covered by the Richmond noise ordinance. When someone calls the City, they are referred to Animal Control who refers them back to the City. It was suggested that the Humane Society might become involved. Kate Spaulding reported that several years ago, she had led a group which sued a neighbor in Small Claims Court over a constantly barking dog, and secured a judgment, at which point the neighbor controlled the barking dog.
4. **Treasurer's and Membership reports, Buzz Bayliss:** Our general fund account has \$4,735.83. In June's absence, Buzz reported that PRNC currently has 56 members, and there appear to be a few dues envelopes, so membership is approximately 60.
5. **Special Topic; Veolia Water Services:** Aaron Winer, Area Manager for Veolia for 7 years (phone 510-412-2001, cell 510-385-6482 [aaron.winer@veolia.com](mailto:aaron.winer@veolia.com)) and Ryan Smith, Director of Water Resource Recovery for the City of Richmond for 3 years (510-620-6594 [ryan\\_smith@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:ryan_smith@ci.richmond.ca.us)) came to discuss the continuing problems and complaints regarding bad smells coming from the plant at 601 Canal Blvd. and also to update us on construction issues. They are always looking to minimize odors. Proposed improvements include demolishing the old headworks and building a new one as well as changing the collection basins to utilize chemical oxidation rather than odor masking agents. These improvements will hopefully eliminate about ½ of the odors and can begin when a loan from the State Revolving Fund is granted. This is anticipated to occur within the next fiscal year. Ryan gave a presentation to the City Council explaining the project in depth. Email him if you wish to be provided with a link to the entire presentation. The plant was built in 1953 and has been upgraded in a piecemeal way ever since. After the proposed upgrades to the headworks and aeration systems which are anticipated to take place over the next 4 to 5 years, the plant will be essentially up to date. This major project will update the primary clarifiers which generate 70% of the odor. Inorganic material sinks to the bottom of the secondary clarifiers, and the worst smelling material is in the primary clarifiers. The plant receives sewage from 2/3 of Richmond. It is staffed every day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. including weekends. Due to prevailing winds, Brickyard Landing is more impacted by odor in winter and Point Richmond in summer. More than 50% of the odor complaints come from drivers driving by the plant. Sometimes in response to complaints, no cause can be found at the plant. To report odors, call 510-412-2001. All calls are logged. Some funding for improvements has taken longer than originally anticipated because of funds needed to comply with the settlement of a lawsuit filed by Baykeeper, a Non Government Organization dedicated to clean water in the Bay. In this lawsuit, the plant was found to be in violation of the Clean Water Act. In closing, Aaron Winer said he would be open to giving tours of the facility to interested residents, as well as having a quarterly meeting with a PRNC representative.
6. **Community Briefs:**
  - **Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding:** Due to the light in the Community Center on long summer evenings, for the last 2 months, the Magick Lantern has been unable to screen movies. They need blackout window coverings to prevent this. Although the Magick Lantern, through donations, will fund this purchase, the Parks and Rec department must approve the design. The Magick Lantern submitted 6 contract proposals to Parks and Rec for approval. Parks and Rec requires that the curtains not impede natural lighting at all when opened. Also, the fire department requires that the screen, when lowered, not block the vent on the wall. The curtains which best meet these requirements

cost \$2,000 of which all but \$632 has been donated. Kate presented a letter to the PRNC requesting that it fund the balance, and also said that all donations are appreciated. Kate appeared July 11th at the Parks and Rec Commission to advise them that Magick Lantern's large screen does not impede the vent air plus that a contractor quote has been submitted to Community Service Director, Ms. Monk, for the City of Richmond's approval process.

- **RNCC, Cordell Hindler:** Peter earlier in the meeting reported in the President's report on the June RNCC meeting. Cordell said that the next meeting will be held on July 9th in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.
- **Arts of Point Richmond:** No report
- **PRCert, Kate Spaulding:** PRCert is working on the MYN (Map Your Neighborhood) project training which trains team leaders to prepare for disaster. Donated booklets and videos are being tested and evaluated by 2 residential and one downtown group. They are also clarifying their identity as a financial and legal entity to better manage funds and purchase equipment. CERT training is offered free of charge by the City of Richmond. The training is two evenings a week from 6:30 to 9 for a month, and one full day Saturday training session with fire personnel. [www.prcert.org](http://www.prcert.org)
- **Smart Lighting:** No Report; previously covered by Peter in President's message.
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton:** Linda, the outgoing President, introduced Diane Diani, incoming President. Diane can be reached at 510-685-3762 or [italiandiane@gmail.com](mailto:italiandiane@gmail.com). The group is off for the summer and will hold its next **meeting** the second Tuesday of September, the week after Labor Day.
- **PRBA:** No Report
- **TRAC:** No Report
- **Red Oak Victory:** No report. News and calendar are available at [www.redoakvictory.us](http://www.redoakvictory.us)
- **Richmond Tennis Association, Garry Hurlbut:** Tennis courts to which kids can walk after school like the Plunge court are especially good for local kids. During the month of April, 300 K-7 kids participated every week. The tennis camp at MLK has 2 refinished courts and served 80 kids who alternated soccer and tennis. The MLK school program is being expanded to 50 kids. MLK is located over the hill past Burger King behind the fire station. The shed at the Plunge has been completed to house equipment. Effort is under way to form Bocce ball teams. In answer to a question about funding, Garry said that the RTA has been very successful in applying for and receiving \$50,000 worth of grants from tennis organizations for equipment needs and in the fall hopes to serve 500 kids.
- **History Association, Kathe Kiehn:** Website is [www.pointrichmondhistory.org](http://www.pointrichmondhistory.org). Mid Dornan is now the President Emeritus. The history association has a DVD available of historical photographs with music by Dan Damon. It can be purchased at the history association.
- **Masquers, Kathe Kiehn:** Masquers is, sadly, still closed. The LSA report is in, and is being evaluated. Also being evaluated is what it means in terms of renovation in the context of the building being in the historic district. The requirement may be that the front be returned to a grocery store facade. Members of the Masquers perform live radio plays, and a series of these will be presented at the Hotel Mac August 24-26. In October a Masquers Aid Ball will be held at the Bridge Art Space. Information on these and other events will be in the playhouse window. Kathe was asked if the El Tunel space had been considered as a new home for the Masquers. She replied that the cost of buying the building and refurbishing it would be even greater than the cost of upgrading the current building. Kate Spaulding inserted that the Magick Lantern had also considered the building and found it would not work for them.

## 7. Open Forum

- **Cordell Hindler:** Invited everyone to attend Ragtime June 15 through July 22 at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre. [www.ccct.org](http://www.ccct.org). He recommends it highly! The PRBA will have Buffy Wicks as their luncheon speaker tomorrow the 28th from 11:30 to 1 in the boardroom. Lunch is \$26 but you can attend without eating. (Sadly, by the time you receive these minutes, this meeting will have already occurred). Cordell also reported that Sgt. Gard of the rpd spoke at the last Crime Prevention Meeting on the subject of car burglaries. At the next Crime Prevention meeting on July 18, Sgt. Russell of the RPD will speak on the topic of identity theft. The meetings are held at the rec center at 3230 Macdonald. There will be no Crime Prevention meeting in August.
- **Chef Todd Corboy:** Chef Corboy did not attend so Peter reported on the new Nobilis Restaurant which is scheduled to open July 7th at 1900 Stenmark Drive. Hours posted on their website are W-F 11 to 3 and Sat-Sun 9-3. The restaurant has been closed 15 years, and was originally known as the Galley Cafe. [www.nobilis-restaurant.com](http://www.nobilis-restaurant.com)

## 8. In Remembrance and Celebration:

Congratulations to Hilary Brown and Gene Hanes on the birth of Andrew, born June 18, weighing in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. Hilary says he has a bunch of blonde hair and his favorite hobbies include sleeping and eating!

Garry Hurlbut was sad to report that Michael Gonzalez, after battling cancer for several years, passed away. He will be missed.

Don Woodrow said that he thinks it is very helpful for the officers to have nameplates and he would donate them if someone will send him a list of the officers. Thanks, Don, for the kind offer. Much appreciated!

## 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Elwell, Acting Secretary; "vselwell9@icloud.com" (510) 234-1783*



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**PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807.**

- New  Individual  
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