



ON POINT *June 2018*

Having just chaired my first membership meeting (5/30) As the new President, I've been given a front row seat to learn how the PRNC and LUDRC functions. I must say, it's gratifying to see that the Point has such a passionate and involved constituency.

The Point Richmond Neighborhood Council presents a remarkable opportunity for our community to learn what makes our town so remarkable. We aren't simply a news source, but a gathering place to express our opinions on subjects important to our fellow residents.

This month we are looking for an explanation for the curious bouquet that some believe emanates from Veolia Water Systems. We'll have a conversation about asking the City to adopt the Countywide noisy animal ordinance. We will have brief discussion on the City's lighting ordinance and the local situation and Chef Todd Corboy will be on hand to tell us about the Grand Opening of Nobilis Restaurant at Point San Pablo Marina.

Also, Point Richmond Music had its first outdoor concert in Point Richmond on June 8 -- downtown Point Richmond on Park Place 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Maria Muldaur sang for hours, it was magnificent! See you there for July's concert; Friday the 13th!

Peter Thelin

President

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

LUDRC meeting starts at 6:00pm in the Point Richmond Community Center just prior to the PRNC meeting.

*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.



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 7:30pm

Point Richmond Community Center

PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

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| 7:30 | Call to order and approval of minutes from the May 30, 2018 PRNC meeting | 2 minutes |
| 7:32 | Police Report, Richmond Police Department, Officer Ben Mendler | 5 minutes |
| 7:37 | President's Report, Peter Thelin | 2 minutes |
| 7:39 | Treasurer's Report, Buzz Baylis | 2 minutes |
| 7:41 | Membership Report, June Hight | 2 minutes |
| 7:43 | Community Briefs (2 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510) 232-2559 ● Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – Margaret Jordan http://richmondneighbors.org/ ● Arts of Point Richmond ● PRCert, Edie Sellers and Shaun Partlow https://www.prcert.org/ https://www.facebook.com/prcert | 8 minutes |
| 7:51 | Special Topic; regarding issues surrounding Veolia Water Services
Ryan Smith from the Richmond Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects Department
and Aaron Winer, Veolia Water Services | 30 minutes |
| 8:21 | Community Briefs (2 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Richmond Smart Lighting Coalition (510) 697-2742, richmondsmartlight.wixsite.com/website ● Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton, (510) 235-0081 ● Point Richmond Business Association, David Schoenthal- www.pointrichmondbusiness.com ● TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail ● USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, (510) 234-1045 ● Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 www.rta-ca.org ● Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334 ● Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org | 16 minutes |
| 8:37 | Conversation about asking the City to adopt the Countywide noisy animal ordinance | 10 minutes |
| 8:47 | Public Forum: Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers (2 minutes each).
Chef Todd Corboy to announce the Grand Opening of Nobilis Restaurant (at Pt San Pablo Marina) on Saturday, July 7, 2018.

<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 pthelin1@yahoo.com prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting.</i> | 12 minutes |
| 8:59 | In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 30, 2018
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com

1. **Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. Minutes from the meeting on April 25, 2018 were amended to indicate in the heading the minutes were for April 25 rather than May 30. After amendments, minutes were approved. Board Members present: Peter Thelin, Dave Bleckinger, June Hight, Buzz Baylis, and Hilary Brown.
2. **Police Report, Officer Ben Mendler:** Crime has been fairly low recently and the Point has been very quiet. There was an auto burglary on Western and a residential burglary around the same time. Someone involved in the San Rafael to Point Richmond stolen car cycle has been arrested and that seems to have temporarily stopped our stolen car spree. There have been complaints about people congregating in vehicles along Dornan, but upon PD inspection most of those people are out there for the view and quiet. Someone was doing doughnuts on the corner of Seacliff & Canal. Police ask that if you witness someone doing doughnuts or driving dangerously, please report to RPDstopspeed@richmondpd.net. If it is safe to do so, please take a picture of the license plate of the dangerous driver and include the picture with the email reporting the incident.
3. **President's Report, Peter Thelin:** The outgoing president Dave Schoenthal was very efficient and organized, and he left big shoes to fill! Peter had considered running for city council, but after reflection he thought the PRNC was a better fit for him and he recognizes that in many ways the PRNC is as important to our neighborhood as the city council. The PRNC is our community's forum and how we can come together to discuss issues that affect all of us and how we can affect change.
4. **Treasurer's report, Buzz Bayliss:** In the last month we brought in \$185 in dues plus what was collected tonight. Our general fund account has \$4505.82. No change to the Benevolent or Wig-wag Funds.
5. **Membership Report, June Hight:** We currently have 44 members for the new membership year. If you would like to vote, please make sure your membership is up to date. If you are unable to pay and would like to request a waiver to join, let talk to June. Dues are \$25 for a family and \$20 for an individual.
6. **Land Use Design Review Committee:** Rod Satre, chair of the LUDRC: The LUDRC is an advisory committee to the PRNC, and their role is to make recommendations based on presented plans. Recommendations are ultimately for the city to use regarding whether the neighborhood stands for a project or against it. If anyone does not like the LUDRC recommendation, (either community members or project developers/owners) then those concerns can move forward from the LUDRC to the PRNC. The LUDRC's role is to mitigate conflicts at the local level before they go to a Planning Commission or City Council meeting. In the event a conflict cannot be resolved, projects should move forward to be resolved at the city level. Five project sites were presented for consideration as consent calendar items. The first three were not removed from the consent calendar and were informed they would then be considered as presented. Projects for 70 and 80 Belvedere were removed from the consent calendar by the applicant.
 - **19 Cottage Ave:** This is a 1903 building on Cottage Ave across from Hotel Mac. The LUDRC recommends approval of the project with the following requests: window trim color have a darker shade similar to what would have been used in the 1920's, the 2nd floor window arches color match the first floor, the trim color and the side match the windows color on the front of the building, and the base wall clapboard be cream colored. PRNC membership did not vote and there was no discussion or opposition on the project.
 - **50 Nichol:** This is a request to add an auxiliary dwelling unit where the garage used to be; the garage is currently dilapidated. LUDRC recommends approving and supporting the project. We ask they put a door on the North East side and have exterior access to facilitate ingress and egress of waste containers. No vote was taken by PRNC membership, and no discussion or opposition was voiced by membership.
 - **527 Sante Fe:** This is a consideration of a new single-family home. LUDRC recommend approval without conditions. No vote was taken by PRNC membership; no discussion or opposition voiced by membership.
 - **70 Belvedere:** This is a consideration of a new single-family home. LUDRC recommend approval of project; extensive discussion of project was taken by PRNC membership.
 - **80 Belvedere:** This is consideration of a new single-family home next door to 70 Belvedere. LUDRC recommended the project return to LUDRC for further consideration.

- i. The applicant wished to have these projects (both 70 and 80 Belvedere) reviewed and decided for support or deferral by the community. The story poles were considered in the wrong location and wrong heights. The Applicant was requested to correct this issue.
- ii. **Summary of 70 & 80 Belvedere:** Both properties are on a steep 45 degree slope. Each property is only 8 feet wide at Belvedere, but expand in a pie shape as property runs downhill. In some areas the property line is 10 feet from the edge of the road, requirement is to have an additional 10 foot setback. Erosion is a concern on the property; engineers have designed foundation, piers, and water collection and channels for hillside stabilization. Architect has considered and incorporated the previously approved plans in 2014 for 70 Belvedere including conditions for that project. Street-side landscaping will be done with California native plants. Garages will be cedar and other materials are chosen to fit in with other neighborhood houses. Elevations of houses will generally follow the street.
- iii. **Q & A with owner and architect:** Q: What are the sizes and heights of the houses? A: One is to be 2100 square feet, and one is 1900 square feet. Both buildings are below the maximum height with the tallest elevation at 16 feet. Q: Belvedere is a one lane, two-way dead-end street with no turnaround. Neighbors have concerns about emergency access during construction, concerns the street will collapse, concerns about adequate street parking, concerns about impact on views. A: Two separate geological reports show the development of the hillside will stabilize the street. Angled parking will increase parking on the street and legal requirements for garages, driveways and setbacks will allow for additional off-street parking at the residences. In addition, one public parking place per unit will be provided on the street. Some story poles are missing because poison oak prevented contractor from placing the poles. Architect did not have time before tonight's meeting to verify the story poles that were put in place were located correctly. Q: Some of our questions tonight fall outside the building design and are technical in nature. A: While there was much concern for street access and damage to Belvedere during and after construction, LUDRC Chair Rod Satre advised the neighborhood council that soils, structural, and geotechnical review of a project is well outside of the authority of the LUDRC and is the responsibility of the applicant, their professional consultants and the City of Richmond building construction and street engineering. For purposes of tonight's discussion, the LUDRC / PRNC role is to consider the shell of the property. These were the last projects that were considered by the LUDRC and there was not enough time to thoroughly discuss the project. The owner and architect have presented to the LUDRC twice and would prefer to present directly to membership for a vote.
- iv. **A motion was made to postpone the project** for one month to have enough time to adequately discuss the safety of the entire project at 70 and 80 Belvedere. All those in favor of postponing for one month: 17 votes in favor of the motion; 5 votes opposed; motion carries. NOTE: Votes by the PRNC is for a recommendation to the city about neighborhood support for the project and it is up to the city to ultimately make decisions about this project. The PRNC is a forum to talk about the project and we can only make advisory recommendations to the city. Q: Are applicants allowed to proceed without approval of the community or PRNC? A: Yes, PRNC and LUDRC are a courtesy and ultimately PRNC just makes an advisory recommendation. Q: Can PRNC vote on whether to have an ad-hoc meeting to continue discussion of project? A: An ad-hoc meeting will cost the PRNC \$400 for use of the community center.
- v. **A motion was made to direct the PRNC board to set up a special ad hoc meeting which will be coordinated by Bruce Beyaert in agreement with the builder.** The purpose of this ad hoc meeting is so the next membership meeting will not be devoted to this one single project. This motion was approved by majority present.

7. Community Briefs:

- **RNCC, Margaret Jordan:** The next meeting is Monday, June 11th at 7pm in City Council chambers. The next meeting will feature an annual report by Tim Higare, the head of DIMO (Code enforcement, Parks, Rec). The May meeting featured two topics: Elaine Dockins and Emma Clark from Friends of Library spoke about building support for Richmond libraries. Chad Mason spoke about the new Ferry which will start operating this fall, initially just as a commuter ferry but eventually will have an expanded schedule.
- **PRCert:** This is a new community organization gaining support to help train neighbors to prepare for emergency response, and to organize coordinated responses so neighbors can help each other in case of emergency. At the last meeting, they suggested everyone keep a pair of gloves (preferably leather gloves), a pair of shoes and a hard hat under your bed. If an emergency like an earthquake happens and there is broken glass on the floor then you will be ready to get out of bed and go! The next meeting is June 6, from 7pm – 8:30 here in the community center. All are welcome!
- **Women's Westside Improvement Club, Linda Newton:** The final meeting of this membership year is on Tuesday, June 5th at 11:30am at the Methodist Church. If you are interested in attending, please call Linda Newton (her phone number is on the PRNC agenda). Lunch will be a salad potluck; cost is \$5 if you bring a salad, and \$15 if you do not bring a salad. The final meeting is always hat day, so bring a festive hat! This is a fun tradition, and all are invited to attend!
- **PRBA, Dave Schoenthal:** The first concert in the Point Richmond Music Summer Concert Series will be June 8th starting at 5:30pm in the triangle. The monthly luncheon on Thursday 5/31 featured a talk by a young woman who crossed the Atlantic Ocean twice by herself in a boat.

- **TRAC, Bruce Beyaert:** The \$300,000 grant application for a “ferry to bridge complete streets plan” to improve substandard bike lanes between the ferry and bridge has been awarded! This will benefit Point Richmond because we have so many missing links between our local bike trails. Stay tuned for workshops to plan for safe bike lanes for the community. Info at Pointrichmond.com; click on Bay Trail for more info.
- **Red Oak Victory, Graham Perrett:** Red Oak Victory Ship will go up to the Marine Academy in Vallejo to rev up the engines and get the ship operational. Thursday May 31 we are showing the uncut version of Das Boot! Movie starts at 6pm and serving hot dogs, sauerkraut and German beer. June 14th at 6:30pm showing “Destination Tokyo” and June 28th “Casablanca.” June 17th from 9-12:30 is the Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast; \$5 for kids & \$12 for adults.
- **Richmond Tennis Association, Garry Hurlbut:** Part of our mission is to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle for children, and we in April we were able to get 230 children out on the tennis courts at Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School. We are hoping to work with Washington School next. The Rec Department has been incredibly helpful!
- **History Association, Kathe Kiehn:** The annual meeting celebrated Mid Dornan and Pat Pearson who have retired after many years. Bonnie Jo Cullison has taken over as president. History Association is currently working with the Magick Lantern to explore getting shades installed in the community center which will help with slide show presentations during the day time.
- **Masquers, Kathe Kiehn:** The 25th annual garage sale was a great success! Over \$2000 was collected from the community and we made sure the park was kept clean.

8. **Open Forum**

- **Cordell Hindler:** May crime prevention featured Block Captain Training for neighborhood watch groups; there was large turnout with 25 people in attendance. June 20th Crime Prevention meeting is at 7pm at the Rec Center and will feature a guest speaker from RPD to lead a discussion about car burglaries. The Contra Costa Civic Theater is showing “Ragtime” starting June 15 through July 22. Suggestions for future PRNC agenda topics: Friends of Richmond Public Library or RPD Officer Lande to talk about cyber bullying.
- **Diana Cort:** A Member of the AOPR, a local writer’s group here in Point Richmond. Local writers organized and got a rotating schedule for speakers to use community center to talk about their writing projects, and then learned it would cost \$400 per meeting to use the community center. We are passing a petition around to ask community members to support the Rec Department to allow city, community and local non-profit organizations to use the community center without paying exorbitant fees. The community center is vacant and locked most of the time. Please consider signing the petition! Garry Hurlbut mentioned the Recreation and Parks Commission is reviewing a proposal to have the Commission provide a forum for review of non-profits and other organizations’ requests to lower or eliminate fees for Community Center usage. Garry believes a blanket elimination of fees is not appropriate. Margaret Jordan indicated she supports the petition, but explained the city’s financial situation was driving the need to collect fees.
- **Linda Newton:** The Indian Statue Garden under the spruce tree was traditionally a place where the PRNC and WWIC would get together to organize gardening beautification. Unfortunately, that area has never been irrigated and without significant maintenance it looks bad. The WWIC would like to bring attention to the general community to improve the garden area by the Indian Statute. We are hoping to have a nice planting there and make it last.
- **Fran Smith:** Pinole Community Players is supporting Masquers on June 9; when reserving tickets at the Pinole Theater mention “Masquers;” showing “Laughter on the 23rd Floor,” by Neil Simon.

9. **In Remembrance and Celebration/Adjourn:** Cordell’s nephew Dylan Tonningsen had his 22nd birthday on May 6th. Ricky Miranda turned 8 and Audrey Miranda turned 4 on May 16th. Garry is now a great grandfather! Sophia Dahlin was born in Oklahoma City. We remember and honor Betsey Raymond who passed away in winter or early spring. She lived over in the Ocean / Marine area and helped the community by purchasing vacant lots to keep them as open space

10. **Meeting adjourned at 9:10 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: \$20 for individuals and \$25 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.

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