



Don Woodrow, President; Rod Satre and Jeff Lee, First Vice-Presidents; Fred Frye, Second Vice President; Sheila Davidson-Rollin, Secretary; Artrese Morrison, Treasurer

**Agenda
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Point Richmond Community Center
139 Washington Avenue
Wednesday, August 27, 2003
7:30 pm**

- 7:30 Call to Order
- 7:31 Agenda Review – 2 minutes
- 7:33 Reports & Announcements from Board Officers / Significant Correspondence/Review of minutes – 7 minutes
- 7:40 Report of Beat Officer and Q & A with either Police Chief Samuels or his Deputy Assistant Charles Bennett. We may also have a representative of the District Attorney - 25 minutes
- 8:05 Summary of Design Review & Land Use Committee recommendations. 15 minutes.
- Items on the Consent Calendar:
1. 217 West Richmond Ave. Applicants: Jay and Landa Betts. Architect: Jay Betts.
New Commercial building. Rezoning and General Plan amendment.
- If you are aware of someone planning to construct or modify a building in the Point, please have them contact Nancy Menghsol 510-215-5604 before the 7th of the month to arrange a review by this committee that month. The Committee meets on the same day as does the Council, at 6 pm, in the upstairs meeting room of Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond. NOTE: It is important that applicants discuss their project with neighbors in their immediate neighborhood before review by this Committee.*
- 8:20 Old Business
- *Chevron. Update. Q and A. Walt Gill - 15 minutes
 - *General Chemical. Update. Q and A. Larry Landry, Plant Manager - 15 minutes
- 8:50 New Business
- Jose Corral The need for a View ordinance in Richmond - 5 minutes
- 8:55 Public Forum / General Announcements – 10 minutes total with as many as five speakers speaking for 2 minutes each. Please sign up with the Board prior to this segment. *Note: Items are for public information purposes only; no action can be taken on items brought up in this segment. If you have an action item, please contact a board member prior to the 6th of the month to have it considered for next month's Council meeting agenda.* 10 minutes
- 9:05 Reports of Neighborhood & City Committees (if available)
- Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council – 3 minutes

- Point Richmond Safety Committee – 3 minutes
- TRAC – 3 minutes
- PRAM – 3 minutes

9:17 Reports of Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Committees (if available)

- PRNC Funds Committee – 2 minutes
- By-Law Revision Committee – 2 minutes
- Mini-Parks – 2 minutes
- Point Molate Reuse Committee – 2 minutes
- Wigwag Committee – 3 minutes
- Nicholl Knob Committee – 2 minutes

9:37 Design Review and Land Use Committee:

If you want to learn the details of a project under review this month, you should attend the Design Review and Land Use Committee's meeting at the time and place noted above. If any item listed below has not been placed on the consent calendar by the Committee or has been taken off the consent calendar during the review of projects, it will be heard at this time.

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For further information regarding the above agenda items, excluding Design Review and Land Use Committee matters, contact Jeff Lee at 510-9323-3520 or Don Woodrow at 510-234-3107.

E-MAIL VERSION OF MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

If you prefer to receive only the e-mail version of the monthly newsletter, please e-mail Fred Frye at drfrye@sbcglobal.net and ask to be put on the "e-mail only" list. Please include your name and street address in your e-mail so that we can remove you from the bulk-mail list.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 8: Last day to submit projects to the Design Review and Land Use Committee for consideration at their August 27 meeting. Projects submitted after this date will not be heard until the September meeting. Contact Jeff Lee at 510-932-3520.
- September 8: Last day to submit suggestions for topics for consideration at the September 24 meeting of the Council.
- September 24: Meeting of the Council (7:30 pm, PR Community Center) and Design Review and Land Use Committee (6:00, Interactive Resources, upstairs conference room, 117 Park Place)

NOTICES — NOTICES — NOTICES — NOTICES

Saturday, September 27, will be **DISPOSAL DROP-OFF DAY** in Point Richmond. On this day you will be able to get rid of anything except hazardous materials, refrigerators and cement. More about this next month.

A COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON THE USE OF COUNCIL FUNDS IN SERVICE TO THE POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY

The Council has, from time-to-time, funds available which may be used in service to the community. The amount of money may be large as in the case not long ago of funds made available as the result of filming in the Point. The more usual situation is one in which we find ourselves now. We have funds in excess of those needed to operate the Council and that amount is likely to grow slowly. The Board has set up a Committee, chaired by Secretary Sheila Davidson-Rollin, to advise on the use of those funds. The Committee's charge is: 1) to determine the amount of money likely to be available annually with past experience as our guide, and 2) to advise the Council about likely ways to use these funds in service to the community.

If you wish to volunteer for the committee, contact Sheila at: 510-236-0699.

A COMMITTEE TO WORK FOR UNDERGROUNDING OF WIRED SERVICES

Many residents of us wish there were some way to move underground the wires now hanging from poles in our streets. Work was started on this issue by an earlier group. We want to begin again. Let Don Woodrow (234-3107) know if you are interested in serving on the committee.

BLOOD DRIVE

PRAM (Point Richmond Area Mothers) is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, August 30, 8:30-2:30 pm. Blood will be drawn by personnel from the American Red Cross who will have their Mobile Unit parked in the lot behind the Point Richmond Starbucks. Please call PRAM at 510-215-7856 and speak to Isela about an appointment for a life-saving donation of blood. Your donation will help the American Red Cross replenish Northern California's dangerously low blood supply. Currently, California imports much of its blood because of a shortage of donors. As a result, the stock of blood is at less than one day's supply. With only an hour of your time, you can give a gift that can save a person's life in an emergency or contribute to treatments for serious diseases such as leukemia. One donation can save as many as 3 lives!

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Point Richmond Community Center
Minutes of July 30, 2003 Meeting

Officers present: President, Don Woodrow; Co-First Vice Presidents, Jeff Lee and Rod Satre; Second Vice President, Fred Frye; Treasurer, Artrese Morrison; Secretary Sheila Davidson

The meeting was called to order by President Don Woodrow at 7:35 p.m.

Corrections to previous Minutes:

- 1) The Annual Tree Lighting in downtown Point Richmond will take place Saturday, November 29 at 5 p.m.
- 2) PRNC member Jose Corrales brought a sample "tree ordinance" before the Council for consideration. The sample ordinance offers potential remedies for neighbors when a disagreement arises over trees on private property which block scenic views. Corrales has been making a grass roots effort, by collecting residents' signatures, to have such an ordinance considered in Richmond. He will present this issue at the Council's August meeting

Reports of Board Officers:

Treasurer Artrese Morrison reported the balances of the PRNC bank accounts to be as follows:

Bishop Alley Path Fund	+ .43	\$	694.43
Ferry Point Fund	+ .38		603.45
Wig Wag Fund	No change		2,970.94
General Account	+\$305. dues deposit; - \$77.62 reimbursements		3,484.27
Total		\$	<u>7513.66</u>

Announcements:

A new committee is being formed by the PRNC to consider possible uses for available PRNC funds. Anyone interested in serving on the new committee was invited to contact PRNC Secretary Sheila Davidson-Rollin at sdr3sdr3@yahoo.com.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia is still looking for a representative to serve on the West County Animal Services Task Force.

The City's "Shine a Light on Crime" night was noted to be scheduled for August 5 at Civic Center Plaza.

The Richmond Center for the Arts was noted to be holding a Family Day and Open House on August 16.

Downtown Point Richmond will be hosting a Music & Arts Festival on Saturday, August 16, with bands, arts activities, and food from local restaurants.

A professional film crew was noted to be scheduled to work in the area near Janice Park on Washington Avenue, and will be creating some noise with an on-site generator.

Police Report

Officer Lawton of the Richmond Police reported that he had no statistics as he hadn't been given any. This prompted complaints from the audience that not enough information is being provided by the police department on what the incidence of crime in Point Richmond is, and what the department is doing about it. Lawton noted that the new computer system in use with by the department is part of the problem. He advised that when a citizen report a crime to the police, it is important to get the name of the dispatcher who takes the report. That way, it will be possible to track what action was been taken on the crime.

Community Improvement Report

There was none.

Summary of Design Review & Land Use Committee recommendations:

1. Application of Matthew Birder to add windows, modify existing windows and a French door at 636 Golden Gate Ave. was approved with the condition that the windows be made of wood in keeping with the house style.

The PRNC members approved the recommendation of the Committee.

Old Business:

1. Richard Kalayjian of the City of Richmond Fire Dept. gave an overview of the steady reduction of personnel in the Department over the past 32 years. In 1971 the Department employed 150 people in fire prevention and fire suppression, and it now employs 100, despite the growth of the city. The department receives some 16,000 calls per year with seven stations, and currently has just one fire truck staff full time in the entire city. Kalayjian reported that the fire station in Point Richmond is NOT being closed. He also reported that despite the reductions, response times to emergencies have not decreased, and the area has not been reclassified for insurance rating purposes.
2. Walt Gill from the Public Affairs Department of Chevron gave an update on the Chevron plant operations. He reported that as of March, the refinery's new General Manager is Jim Whiteside, and Gary Fisher has been appointed to a new position of General Manager of External Affairs. Fisher will function as the community contact. Gill said Chevron is working toward "a continuation of safe operations and concern for the environment," and that their goal is "to not be seen or smelled or heard." He said that as a result of

the merger with Texaco two years ago and the end of the two year moratorium on buying and selling assets, the corporation will likely be in the news a lot. He urged residents not to worry as the changes will not affect the Richmond plant operations. He said the local plant has been "challenged" by the corporation to improve performance, and they will be working on that through various means. In response to questions from the audience, Gill said residents are welcome to call the refinery at any time to report problems and someone will come out to investigate. Gill will return in September for another question and answer session and update.

3. A formal presentation by David Singleton, president of Eagle Rock Aggregates, Inc. described in detail the firm's proposed "marine transported construction aggregate terminal" at Parr Yard West. To meet the growing need for construction raw materials such as sand and gravel, the firm wants to bring shiploads of construction aggregate from Vancouver Island, British Columbia to Parr Yard West, where it would be unloaded into an enclosed system of distribution via trucks to construction sites in the area. The proposal includes a covered terminal 600 x 85 x 75 feet where the aggregate would be held in enclosed storage bins, with some 100,000 tons on a 4.5 acre site with direct access to Interstate 580. The firm is proposing active operations 24 hours per day six days a week.

New Business

1. A new committee is being formed, to be chaired by PRNC Secretary Sheila Davidson-Rollin, to provide suggestions for the use of PRNC funds which have been accumulating over the years. Volunteers interested in serving on the committee were solicited.
2. Richmond Police Sergeant Berry explained that as of July 30, 2003, "code enforcement and abatement" are now under the jurisdiction of the police department. This change, said Berry, "...allows a new tool to revitalize the city." Berry explained that administrative fines for code violations such as illegal banners and signs, will start at \$250 for the first citation, and can quickly go up to \$1,000 per day for every day the violation is not abated. Sargeant Berry made reference to a case involving apparently illegal signage. He explained further that this new authority is expected to be used to improve neighborhoods where illegal housing has provided a haven for illegal activities, and will provide police the basis for investigating and cleaning up neighborhoods.

Reports of Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Committees:

- Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council: No report
- Point Richmond Safety Committee: Artrese Morrison reported that "Safety is really about us making the difference in our own neighborhoods."

- TRAC: Bruce Beyaert reported that the developers of Seacliff Estates at Terminal One have agreed to build a mile of Bay Trail to connect the existing Bay Trail to Canal Boulevard in Point Richmond.
- PRAM: Alana Dolberg reported that the organization has earned a grant for literacy workshops for parents of children under age 7, and that they are working on having a community forum in October.
- By-Law Revision Committee: No report
- Mini-Parks: No report
- Point Molate Reuse Committee: Rod Satre reported that the Secretary of the Interior would receive a letter from the City of Richmond accepting a grant deed for Point Molate with certain conditions. Ten parties have expressed interest in being awarded the opportunity to develop the vacated Naval supply base at Point Molate; some plan residential and others, commercial development of the area. By early Fall, a "short list" of potential developers will be selected by the City. In response to a question from the audience, Satre said the Navy is required to give the first opportunity for development of abandoned bases to organizations serving the homeless population. He said this property was offered to agencies in Richmond, but at least partly because there is no operable infrastructure, they turned it down.
- Wig Wag Committee: David Dolberg reported that in a meeting between the railroad and the City, an agreement was reached in principle, that the streets in the area of the wig wags will be realigned and the wigwags will only be operated for ceremonial purposes. The railroad will put up small crossing arms, and will sell a piece of land near the wig wags to the City for a "reasonable" price. He proposed that the existing Wig Wag Fund be used for something else.
- Nicholl Knob: A banner was displayed for the members commemorating the completion of the Nicholl Knob acceptance by the East Bay Regional Parks.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

FREE DISPOSAL DROP OFF

Presented by
The City of Richmond
Richmond Sanitary Service
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

Saturday, September 27, 2003

It will begin at 7:00 a.m.
And it will end at 12:00 noon or
until dumpsters are full

This is NOT a curbside Collection

Dumpsters will be located at:
Wine Street at Washington Elementary School

Simply Bring your disposable items, along with a current California I.D.
or a recent PG&E bill. Only residents who live within the geographic
boundaries will be allowed to participate.

Volunteers Needed!

To check IDs, direct traffic, etc. Please plan to
work a 2-hour shift (No heavy lifting)

Seniors or Disabled Person

If you need help, or for any other information contact
Ray Lambert at 620-6783 or Theresa Austin at 621-1220

This clean up is for the disposal of household items such as Sofas,
Mattresses, Box Springs, Appliances, etc..

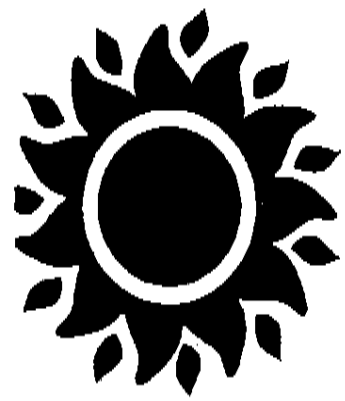
DO NOT INCLUDE

Refrigerators
Hazardous Waster

Tires
Water Heaters

Oil
Paint

For hazardous Waste Removal, call County Health
Hazardous Waste at (925) 646-2286



Clean

Up

Day





Greetings to fellow Point Richmond residents and property owners!

This is an invitation for you to observe and hopefully participate in the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meetings. The meetings are designed to serve and inform the members of our diverse community and we want to encourage all of you to attend.

Membership is not required to attend the meetings. However, we do encourage you to invest the modest \$5.00 necessary to become a supporting, voting member of YOUR neighborhood council. All memberships are for a one-year period beginning May 1, so join now, your membership is good for the entire year!

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
New and Renewal Membership Application
May 1, 2003 – April 30, 2004**

Name

Mailing Address

Telephone

E-Mail

New or Renewal?

Statement of Purpose

1. To serve the people of Point Richmond in a non-partisan, non-commercial manner and to work cooperatively with local, state, and federal governments.
2. To help residents determine the important needs and problems of their neighborhood and community by providing a place where ideas and information can be exchanged, problems studied, and actions planned.
3. To promote a spirit of neighborliness.

Signature

Date

Bring dues of \$5.00 to the next meeting or mail to:

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
PO Box 70386
Richmond, CA 94807-0386

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue. Each month members are mailed a copy of the agenda of the upcoming meeting, together with a copy of the minutes from the previous month's meeting. *We encourage you to add your email address in order to receive the agenda in the timeliest manner.*

The Design Review and Land Use Committee meets at 6:00 PM at Interactive Resources on the same night as the Neighborhood Council general meeting. *All building permits in Point Richmond are reviewed in the Design Review and Land Use Committee.*

This is a time of great growth and change in Richmond, which is making an impact on our community of Point Richmond. The Point Richmond Neighborhood Council provides a forum where you can express your views and affect the issues. Please join - we need your ideas and support.