

PAR Planning Association for the Richmond

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Planning the La Playa Safeway

Representatives from Safeway invite PAR members to share their visions for a new state-of-the-art Safeway and the redeveloped property.

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Wednesday, 23 July 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Richmond Recreation Center

251 18th Avenue (between Clement & California Streets)

Paid parking is available one block away in the lot behind the Alexandria Theatre between Clement Street and Geary Boulevard.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,
Ron Miguel, who has served as PAR president since 1993 has recently stepped down in conjunction with his appointment to the City's Planning Commission.

For one person to attempt to replace Ron as President of PAR is akin to shoveling sand with a fork! Ron has created, maintained, and left for us so many valuable contacts and sources of information in the community that I was initially awed and overwhelmed.

Since we aren't able to clone Ron, we've taken this opportunity to look at how PAR is organized. Fortunately, Ron is continuing as a Board member. Our talented Board of Directors has looked at how we have been organized in the

past and reorganized itself into a set of standing committees to focus on the many different issues and institutions that impact the Richmond District.

On page 2 is a listing of those new committees, their chairpersons or co-chairpersons, and the initial sets of issues they will be addressing. We know that there will be overlap between committees on some issues. However, a standing committee structure gives the Board—and our Members—the ongoing ability to identify, track and respond to ongoing as well as unexpected issues. Our goal is to operate as effectively and efficiently as possible to best serve our Membership and our community.

As part of our reorganization, we have updated the PAR Web site so that it will be

more user friendly. Check it out at www.sfpar.org.

As always, a lot is happening in the Richmond. We have settled our long-standing complaint with the V.A. Medical Center. The California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park is on track to reopen on September 27. There is a new trail at Lands' End. At our July 23rd membership meeting, we will talk about the changes to PAR's organization and update our Members on the status of these and other Richmond District events.

If you have additional issues that you suggest PAR address, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Raymond R. Holland, President

Outgoing PAR President Ron Miguel says good-bye

Dear Members,

When I last addressed you in our April Newsletter, I mentioned that Mayor Gavin Newsom had asked me to serve our City on one of its Commissions. This happened in late April, and I now serve as the Vice-President of the San Francisco Planning Commission.

Because of constraints on my time and because of possible conflicts with PAR's positions on land use issues, I have stepped down as President of PAR after about 16 years—I will, however, remain on our Board of Directors.

Your Board has wisely selected long-time Board member, Ray

Holland to serve as the new PAR President. Ray has long years of experience and involvement, not only in the Richmond District, but with our City in general. He is well positioned to work with all of you, our loyal members, to keep PAR as a powerful force to maintain the Richmond District as a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

My personal thanks to each one of you for your enthusiasm and interest, which I know will continue for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Ron Miguel,

Immediate Past-President

PAR Committees

Committee	Chair	Member/Resource	Specific Tasks
President	Ray Holland		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Runs meetings and sets agenda ○ Directs issues to committees ○ Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter • Correspondence ○ Liaison with City Hall
VP	Michele Stratton		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts in President's absence
<i>Executive Assistant</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates and distributes roster ○ Coordinates meeting schedule ○ Collects & deposits dues ○ Maintains membership database ○ Distributes member mailings ○ Collects, screens PAR mail ○ Screens and forwards PAR email ○ Answers PAR phone; refers calls ○ General administrative—copies, supplies, filing, correspondence
Secretary/ Treasurer	Paul Rosenberg		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prepares minutes ○ Pays PAR expenses ○ Tracks fiscal agent accounts ○ Provides financial statements ○ Files tax return
Membership	Brenda Altman	Lynn Altshuler Matt Tuchow Julie Burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mailing Plan, letters ○ Member outreach ○ Assist with General Meetings
Transportation	Maria Sousa	Michele Stratton John Kalin Jason Jungries Paul Epstein Margie Hom Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interface with DPT, DPW, MTA ○ BRT, Park Presidio, JFK, 25th Av ○ MUNI - TEP ○ Traffic & Parking ○ Street improvements ○ Bike lanes, bicycle issues
Land Use	Peter Winkelstein	Dan Baroni Jason Jungries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interface with City Planning ○ Contact for building issues ○ New developments; use permits
Parks & Recreation	Camille She Paul Epstein	Michele Stratton Bob Fries Sandra Treacy Matt Tuchow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neighborhood Parks, park user committees ○ GG Park ○ Liaison w/ Rec & Park, Neighborhood Parks Counsel
Federal Government Projects	Redmond Kernan Gene Brodsky	Ron Miguel Herb Elliott Bill Shepard Julie Burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presidio ○ VMAC ○ GGNRA
Community Services	Jason Jungries	Matt Tuchow Margie Hom Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Police/safety ○ Liaison with merchant organizations ○ Litter ○ Libraries, community centers
Website/ Communications	Julie Burns		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical ○ Marketing
Nominating	Fred Altshuler	Maria Sousa Matt Tuchow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviews nominees for Board positions ○ Presents nominations at annual Meeting
<p>PAR Representatives to Other Organizations Neighborhood Association for Presidio Planning: Paul Epstein, Redmond Kernan, Ron Miguel Housing Action Committee: Dan Baroni Neighborhood Working Group for Presidio Master Plan: Redmond Kernan Kaiser Permanente Citizens Task Force: Peter Winkelstein</p>			

Safeway anticipating renovation for Ocean Beach store



Located next to Golden Gate Park and a block from Ocean Beach, the LaPlaya Safeway is a handy place to pick up food for a nearby picnic.

Safeway has announced that it purchased the La Playa Safeway property in January 2008 and is preparing to work on a total redevelopment of the property to include housing and a new state-of-the-art Safeway store.

“We are in the preliminary stages, and Safeway believes it is vital to begin a dialogue with the community regarding a vision for the project,” said Natalie Mattei, Safeway real estate manager.

Representatives from Safeway will meet with the PAR general

membership on July 23rd to learn how the neighborhood views Safeway’s current store and operation and what items are important in a future redevelopment.

“Safeway views this as an informal brainstorming meeting and plans on returning at a future date to review site plans and architectural designs,” said Mattei.

The Ocean Beach Safeway, as it is known by many locals, has been a Safeway store since 1971, when it was originally built on the site of the old Playland-at-the-Beach.

Hiking trails offer quick getaways for District residents

As rising fuel prices make summer trips more and more expensive, Bay Area residents can be grateful they already live where many people would like to spend their vacations.

In the Richmond District, ongoing conservation projects throughout the Golden Gate National Parks mean that hiking trails and scenic vistas are a quick bike or bus ride away.

Most recently, improvements to the Lands End trail have been completed. Enhancements include an improved hand-capped accessible Coastal Trail segment.

Hundreds of bags of invasive weeds have been removed, and 23,500 plants have been installed by volunteers. The parking lot has been graded, and its entrance has been relocated to provide easier access to the trail.

Maps, brochures, and more information from the Golden Gate Parks Conservancy are available at the Richmond YMCA, 360 18th Avenue. To learn more about the Trails Forever conservation and trail projects or volunteer opportunities throughout the Golden Gate National Parks, go to <http://parksconservancy.org>.

And enjoy your “stay-cation” right here where so many others wish they could be.

PAR’s only income is the tax-deductible dues contribution paid by our membership either to PAR or by naming PAR as a United Way designated recipient. PAR does not accept any government money or any grants, thus maintaining its complete independence.

You have made PAR the largest neighborhood organization in San Francisco and kept it as a viable voice for the Richmond District since its inception in 1970.

In the following list, we gratefully acknowledge those members who have contributed in excess of the basic \$15 membership dues since the Spring 2008 newsletter—their generosity helps us thrive.

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Zip up batteries for curbside recycling

Curbside battery collection has come to the Richmond District—but residents are warned not to put those batteries in the curbside cans.

Instead, used household batteries should be gathered in a sealed ziplock-type plastic bag and placed on top of the black cart on the regular collection day.

Lithium batteries may be put in the bag, but the ends must be taped over to ensure

that terminals do not make contact with one another, causing a fire. Lead acid, wet cell, and automotive-type batteries are not eligible for this curbside collection service.

For more information about recycling other hazardous items such as compact fluorescent bulbs, fluorescent tubes, cellular phones, electronic devices, and microwaves, go to www.sfrecycling.com or www.sfenvironment.org.

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