

SPECIAL MEETING:

Point Richmond Land Use/Design Review Committee

Our Land Use and Design Review Committee will be holding a special meeting this Wednesday, March 24, at 6:00 pm at the Point Richmond Community Center.

The meeting has been called to review public art works and mosaic medallions which have been proposed to be placed on the exterior of the Richmond Plunge, a contributing structure to the Point Richmond Historical District.

Todd Jersey, the architect for Plunge rehabilitation project, has requested approval for:

- Replacement of the missing original terra cotta medallions which were located at each of the eight lower windows on the northern entrance façade with a new conch shell mosaic tile design.
- Replacement of the missing original terra cotta 3' x 5' art panels, which were located at each end of the eastern façade facing Garrard, with a new seahorse mosaic tile design.
- Installation of a children's fountain and splash pad in the forecourt area.

The artist is Arlin Robins, a respected local mosaic tile artist and sculptor. She will present the proposed art to the committee.

The seahorse and conch shell motif are proposed because photos or documentation of the original medallions could not be found. Since the request for the approval was made, slides showing the original terra cotta medallions were located. They will be **shown** at the meeting.

Approval by the Neighborhood, guided by our LU/DR Committee is a prerequisite to approval by the City of Richmond Design Review Board. Hector Rojas, the staff contact for the project, has recommended that approval by the City DRB be held over to 4/28/10.

The Plunge will open this summer. Affixing art to the exterior of the building should not delay the project in any way.

The recommendation of our Land Use and Design Review Committee will be presented and voted on at the upcoming Neighborhood Council meeting on Wednesday, March 31.