



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 6, 2017 – 7:00 PM/FDA Building – 208 Strawberry Street

In Attendance:

Brian Baird, President (nonvoting)
Everett Reveley
Bill Beville
Jack Burke
Katherine Jordan

Matthew Stanley (nonvoting)
Tim Feehan
Mary Davis-Barton
Heather McQuillin
Robyn Tyer

Absent:

Jennifer Mullen
Danielle Dick

D. Walton
Christy Lantz

Guests:

Greg Felton, VCU External Relations Officer
Sergeant Nathanson, RPD Third Precinct
Tito Luna, VCU Community Relations
Delegate Jeff Bourne

Call to Order & Approval of minutes

Brian Baird called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. January 2017 draft Board minutes were approved as written.

Guest Presentations/Reports

Sergeant Nathanson, RPD Third Precinct

A crime report prepared by Lt Woo was presented. Violent crime has decreased 50% over the same period last year, however, larceny / theft has increased due to many reports of shoplifting from the ABC location at 1217 W Broad Street (27 of 32 reports). Two arrests have been made in association with that location

Greg Felton, VCU External Relations Officer

Officer Felton noted that alley cleanup dates are 6/3, 7/8, and 8/5/2017. In addition, dumpsters will again be placed in the Fan for collection of trash by students moving out. Apartments at the 1500 block of Grove were noted to be a problem area and a request was made to place a dumpster in that location at least periodically. A request was made to inform the FDA when dumpsters were removed or relocated. Officer Felton is the liaison for this initiative.



Tito Luna, VCU Community Relations

Tito reported that April 8th is the Parks cleanup date and that volunteers will be available at that time.

Delegate Jeff Bourne

Delegate Bourne thanked the Board for its time and gave a brief overview of priorities, such as school funding. He was encouraged to attend the annual meeting / membership appreciation party as well as other meetings as available.

Other Neighborhood and Community Association Reports

Alice Tousignant, Robinson Street Association

Alice reported that banners will be hung along Robinson Street as soon as May but possibly in June, and the proposed design was shown to the Board

President's Report

- a. State of the FDA letter. Brian has completed and has arranged for printing, these should be available in early March. Board and volunteers will be recruited to hand deliver the letter directly to member residences.
- b. Mayor's inspection of alley at 305 N Allen St. Brian has heard that Mayor Stoney will be inspecting the alley at 305 N Allen in addition to several other locations in the vicinity on March 7th around 1:15 PM, if any Board members would like to be present. This location at 305 N Allen has been problematic for flooding since the City repaved Allen Ave two or more years ago.

President – Elect's Report

Katherine Jordan updated the Board on the candidates so far, and how she is attempting to fit candidates with committees and otherwise build a strong Board for 2017 – 2018.

Treasurer's Report

Everett presented updated Statement of Activity and Statement of Financial Positions to the Board. Volunteers for the financial review were requested, Mary and Tim both agreed to help with this process.

Committee Reports

Zoning/Code Enforcement (Jack Burke/Bill Beville).

- a. Jack Burke presented a special use permit application for 1806 Grove Avenue, which was previously an administrative variance until the variance was opposed by an adjacent neighbor and therefore required a formal review. The plans were to wall off a side porch without changing the footprint of the primary structure (house). A motion was made and seconded to not oppose the request, and the motion was passed.
- b. Jack provided information regarding the property at 1601 Hanover Avenue, no vote was required at present.



Historic Overlay. Tim provided the Board with a draft historic overlay document, which was reviewed briefly by the Board. Tim and Brian encouraged the Board to read the document in detail and bring feedback to the next Board meeting. The need for an explanatory brochure was discussed, as the full document is intimidating upon first glance.

Holiday House Tour. Heather McQuillan is planning on chairing the 2017 HHT.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next FDA Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 3rd, 2017.