



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2016 – 7:00 PM
FDA Building – 208 Strawberry Street

- I. Call To Order – Matthew Stanley, President
Attending: Matthew Stanley, Christy Lantz, Heather McQuillin, Tricia Bryant, Jack Burke, Katherine Jordan, Tim Feehan, Christina Murray, Brian Baird & D. Walton
Absent: Danielle Dick, Jenna Mosman & Jennifer Mullen

- II. Guest Presentations and Guest Reports
 - Will Palmquist, City of Richmond Department of Planning & Development Review, Broad & E. Main Street Corridor Plan.
Shared an overview of this plan at a public meeting November 19th at DMV. The focus area is north & south of Broad and E. Main from the Fulton area to the east to just west of Staples Mill. Within this geographical footprint are 2/3 of all the jobs within Richmond and approximately 25% of the total Richmond City population. This is an essential corridor. This review will be looking for options to leverage the potential for new development by asking questions such as what you, the citizens and business community hope to see in Scotts Addition. Do the current zoning elements of building height restriction, set backs, parking, etc. impact on that vision for the future? While admittedly a large study area, with the assistance of the City Planning Office and Economic Development it is hoped that a preliminary study can be concluded by summer of 2016.
Expect the next round of public meetings to occur in March.

 - Wesley Chenault, Special Collections and Archives, VCU James Branch Cabell Library.
VCU is the current repository of numerous FDA records and with the permission and direction of the FDA board will assume the care and storage of more. VCU recently accepted numerous records and papers from Drew Carneal adding to the base of files transferred to it in the 1990s. We are under the impression that a signed letter of acceptance exists from that early transfer but as of yet it has not been located. VCU would “own” the physical files, but the Association retains the right to any and all intellectual property contained in said papers.
Today’s starting point is to establish what you, the Association, want to save and the frequency of transfer and the form, paper and/or electronic.
Perhaps the next step would be the creation of a sub-committee to outline our specific needs and wants and meet with VCU to effect the transfer.

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III. Other Neighborhood and Community Association Reports

- Tito – VCU.
Considering Saturday, April 23rd, for our “Paint the Town Green” event. This is the day after Earth Day. Please mark your calendars. Second, VCU Foundation has purchased the Sahara Club restaurant for future use. Third, the Gladding Residence Center buildings are to be torn down and work is expected to start at the Spring semester. Monroe Park rehab is still very much in the mix and has had a very successful fund raising effort – would like to see more cash in the mix as opposed to promises before the work gets underway. Given all of these projects we will be hosting a forum on “Homelessness” to discuss this neighborhood problem and potential options on February 10th at the Altria Center. VCU has just hired an “Off Campus Coordinator” to work in “Student Affairs Office”.

Thea Martin – West Avenue Improvement Assoc.
Planning our 76th WAIA Garden Tour for Sunday, May 1st.

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

There were no additions or corrections offered to the version placed in Drop Box. Minutes were accepted by voice vote.

V. President’s Report

- Virginia SUN Workshop, February 16
Details of this solar panel coop effort will follow via email but there was a ten minute story on this effort on NPR if anyone is interested.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

- January Financial Statements
Report was filed on Drop Box earlier this afternoon. Holiday House Tour revenues were in excess of \$58K with associated expenses of \$13K.

VII. Committee Reports

- Membership Committee (McQuillin): Membership Communications and Distribution
Please rsvp to the Membership Appreciation party at VCU on Friday, March 4th. The printed invite will be part of the package that includes the President’s message that should be ready for delivery this weekend.
We’ve had good experience with the new membership software thus far.
Our long time Editor of Fan Fare, Gail Zwirner, has notified me that she will be stepping down this later this year. Gail is Fan Fare and will be a tough act to follow

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but we will begin the search for a new location. If you have suggestions please let Brian Baird know.

- Programs Committee (Lantz): Membership Party
See above.
- Parks and Trees (Jordan): Green Fan Challenge
Delighted to share that we have power in Meadow Park. Will be focusing our attention to cleaning up the rose bushes and perhaps purchasing a new sun dial. Time to replace the playground equipment in Lombardy Park and it's been ordered.

VIII. Other Business

Fan Fare publication target dates for the year: May, June and September or April, June and September. Will decided which gives us the best opportunity to promote our activities.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Binford School. Not sure what is planned but we will want to support them if possible.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM

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