



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 6, 2015 – 7:00 PM

FDA Building – 208 Strawberry Street

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Matthew Stanley, Tricia Bryant, D. Walton, Danielle Dick, Bennette Burks, Jennifer Mullen, and Jenna Mosman.

GUESTS:

Greg Felton (VCU Police Department), Alice Torisignant (Robinson Street Association), Joan Obere (Bike/Walk RVA), Calder Loth (Fan Resident), and Mamie Taylor (Richmond School Board)

Introductions and Call To Order – Matthew Stanley

Guest Presentations and Reports

A. Greg Felton - VCU Police Department

VCU Police is putting together the same type of clean up program they had last year. There will be a total of four dumpsters which will be placed at the following intersections: Ryland & Grace, Grove and Morris, W. Cary and Morris, and Floyd and Plum. The dumpsters will be available from April 29 through May 27 and then again from July 26 through September 3, which are prime student move in/out periods.

B. Alice Tousignant - Robinson Street Association (RSA) -

RSA will be delivering flyers in the footprint surrounding Robinson Street corridor. The flyer aims to inform neighbors of several news items including

- The efforts to reroute the GRTC 4 bus and to encourage people to complete the online survey regarding this rerouting initiative.
- The sidewalk sale that will take place along Robinson on April 25th
- The RSA membership drive, encouraging neighbors to join RSA
- The RSA annual meeting which will be held at Retreat Hospital on May 26th

C. Calder Toth - Fan resident

Calder shared information on two upcoming events that will provide opportunities for the Fan to showcase its alleys. On May 30th a cycling event called Peddle through the Petals - will bring a group of bicyclists through the Fan alleys. And then on June 26th, Tyler King of Storefront for Community Design will bring 30 or so landscape architects, community planners, and related professionals through the Fan alleys. The June 26th tour is just one of many activities offered as part of a three day conference taking place in Richmond and hosted by the Association for Community Design.

Calder is hoping Fan residents will help clean up the Fan alleys for both of these events.



D. Mamie Taylor - Richmond School Board -

The Richmond School Board is in the midst of trying to finalize its budgets. City Council is now reviewing submitted budgets. In addition to finalizing the budget, the School Board is looking at right sizing schools. There is a Task Force in place that is examining how many students are at each school and how best to allocate resources. The School Board is also looking at the Academic Improvement Plan and determining how best to implement this plan, balancing the need for more specificity, the high expectations associated with this plan, and developing realistic implementation steps and measures for success.

E. Joan Obere - Bike/Walk RVA Academy -

D. Walton introduced Joan Obere. She is a recent graduate of the Bike/Walk RVA Academy. This Academy trains citizens to be advocates for bike/walk friendly initiatives. Joan is trying to connect representatives from from different community areas to help with the bike/walk advocacy and information sharing.

Prior Meeting's Minutes: The motion to approve the prior meeting's minutes was passed.

Officer Reports

President's Report:

Matthew Stanley reported the following:

- City Council is having a meeting tonight, preventing Councilmen Agelasto or Samuels from attending the FDA Board meeting.
- The Fan Area Business Association (FABA) has a new president - Kevin Wilson, who is also president of the Uptown Association. FDA Board member Tricia Bryant is now on the FABA board.
- MAPS has dealt with the My Noodle patio issue. The special use permit will remain associated with the business owner - not the business address.
- West Grace Street Association has a new president - John Marcus.
- West Avenue s getting ready for its annual garden tour on April 29th
- At the Annual FDA Meeting, we will be voting on the four new Board members who were highlighted in the recent FanFare. We will also be thanking our outgoing Board members for their service.
- New Committee Assignments for the upcoming year are planned as follows:
 - Jack Burke: Zoning
 - Katherine Jordan: Parks & Trees
 - Heather McQuillin: Membership
 - Tim Feehan: Historic Preservation Issues
 - Christy Lantz will continue with Education and is also taking on Programs
- We still need a chair for the Holiday House Tour. We have five houses already committed to the tour. Tricia is willing to help, but we need to find a chair.
- There continues to be a lot of communication going back and forth between the FDA and other local resident groups and GRTC regarding the Bus Rapid Transit system being proposed along Broad Street. The FDA will continue to try to obtain and share information on this project and on related public meetings. Carrie Rose Paste is now the public relations manager for GRTC.



- A Fan resident suggested that the FDA put big banners on Monument to remind everyone to when street cleaning is coming, but the Board considered this unnecessary. There is always plenty of signage during street cleaning.
- Matthew shared background on all of the hard work that Dave McQuillin has done in support of the Fan's Historic Street Sign program.
- Moving forward, FDA Board members will share their committee reports via Dropbox rather than individual emails.

Treasurer Report

Christina Murray sent her Treasurer's report via email. Tonya has done a phenomenal job of getting advertising dollars for FanFare. As a result, we can revisit increasing the frequency of FanFare's publication again. The last issue of Fan Fare was really well received.

Grants -

Jenna Mosman reviewed the grant committee recommendations which had been forwarded to the Board via email prior to the meeting. The Board approved all of the grant recommendations with the following amendments: 1. To amend the dollar amount awarded to the Visual Arts Center from \$2,440 to the requested \$2,500 and 2. To defer deciding on the grant for the Virginia Center for Architecture grant request until additional information is obtained. Jenna will research the additional information and will report back to the Board for consideration and a final vote.

Standing Committee Reports -

The following committee's had new information to report:

Parking Committee -

Jennifer Mullen reported there was no Parking Committee meeting this month, but she presented a status update on the proposed Linden Street closure. The Parking Committee suggested that if the City is going to permanently close this Street, they should make this decision before the street is re-opened. Jennifer also reviewed the effect of this closure on parking. The current two hour parking spots will be diminished. The parking zoning needs to be clarified. And VCU and the City should be sure to talk with all affected neighbors regarding egress and access.

Zoning: Bennette Burks reported there was no Zoning Committee meeting this month

Safety & VCU – Danielle Dick -

The FDA will be revisiting the need for the party patrol and determining whether this service should be continued. If we decide not to renew this, we will need to determine how best to use the funds. Danielle suggested that the FDA consider other ways we can partner with VCU.

Matthew noted that we have not been getting crime reports from RPD because they have a new online source for this information. Additionally, the Nextdoor app and VCU's Live Safe app are other sources for getting this type of information.

Holiday House Tour - Tricia has five houses committed. We need a chair for this committee.



Code: D. Walton noted that there are three dates for the Fan clean up: they are June 6, July 11 and August 8. D has been working with Alyse Marshall-Aurenheimer, who has a number of volunteers willing to help. D. will ask Alyse to help coordinate the June and August dates. He will coordinate the July date.

New Business: At the Annual meeting, we will be presenting awards for the Volunteer of the Year, Excellence in Residential Restoration and the Excellence in Commercial Renovation. We will vote on these awards at the May Board meeting. Matthew named a number of Fan residents who could be considered for the Volunteer award.

Tricia Bryant, D. Walton and Jenna Mosman agreed to serve as a task force to research possible candidates for the Residential and Commercial Renovation Awards.

Matthew will ask Brian to include a call for nominees in an upcoming FDA e-communications.

Adjournment - Hearing no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:14 pm.