



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

August 4, 2014 – 7:00 PM

FDA Building – 208 Strawberry Street

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT**

Matthew Stanley, Laura Bateman, Tricia Bryant, Christy Lantz, Danielle Dick, D. Walton, Bennette Burks, Brian Baird, Ted Theofanos, and Christina Murray

### **GUESTS**

Pam Haney, VCU Global Education; Officer Greg Felton, VCU Police Department; Ken Venos, FDA Parks and Trees, Parker Agelesto, Richmond City Council; Bill Gallasch, MAPS

### **GUEST PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

- VCU Friendship Family and Cultural Exchange Program (FFACE)** – Pam Haney, VCU Global Education
  - FFACE enables international students to engage with domestic students and faculty, and with off-campus Richmond residents
  - Distributed program flyers which discuss how Richmond residents can become involved:
    - Students are matched with individuals or families
    - Interactions may be short-term (such as hosting a dinner) or longer-term residential homestays where the student lives with the family and pays rent
  - FDA will provide information on FFACE to its membership via the online newsletter
  
- City Council Report – Parker Agelesto 5<sup>th</sup> District**
  - Project Clean Move:
    - Campaign to reduce litter, may be called ‘Company is Coming’
    - Especially with next year’s bike race, want to show Richmond in a favorable light
    - Will use enhanced enforcement, if necessary
  - Rental Inspection Districts:
    - State-level legislature that would create rental inspection districts based on three criteria: density of rental (in 2010 census, 56% of city HH were rentals), number of Code Enforcement complaints, and age of housing



- Program already exists in Williamsburg. Inspection fee is \$50, no inspections for four years if pass the first one. Inspection frequency and fees increase for properties that do not pass
- Next step is to formulate Richmond program and obtain community support
  - John Walsh now heads Code Enforcement. He would craft code and his inspectors would do inspections. He designed the Fredericksburg program.
  - Once target districts are identified, all property owners would be notified and all landlords would be required to communicate with the city
- Second Abatement Program:
  - Passed ordinance earlier this year that will allow second abatements on houses currently still under their first abatement, as long as they meet 25% improvement thresh-hold. First abatement is cancelled and house will receive a new, higher base
- Alley improvements:
  - Almost done. Most of it was not in Fan
  
- VCU Police Report – Officer Greg Felton**
  - Alley Clean-Up:
    - 7 tons of garbage were removed from Fan
  - Code of Conduct:
    - It applies to trash, breaking bottles, etc., not just noise and is leverage for him to talk to students. Problems are cured 80% of time. He visited 200 houses last year, 27 became real problems.
  - Noise Meters:
    - They're getting trained on Wednesday on how to use them. Press conference on Thurs afternoon.
  - Bike Safety:
    - There will be two weeks of promoting bike laws/safety in September
    - Moratorium on writing summons in October & November, will use time to educate
    - Will probably start to write summons in December
  - Staffing Levels:
    - Will soon have 13 more officers on street, up to 90.
  - Party Patrol:
    - Will be more intensive during first few weeks with zero tolerance in the beginning
  
- FDA Parks and Trees Committee – Ken Venos**



- Lombardy Park:
    - There are irrigation issues.
  - October 18<sup>th</sup> Park Clean-Up:
    - He is meeting with Holly Gordon, from Hands On VA.
  - Tree Mapping:
    - Will begin mapping trees in the entire Fan. Parker Agelesto noted that Urban Forestry launched three-year mapping program.
- **Comment from guest Bill Gallasch, MAPS**
    - Fan is looking shabby. Need program to provide financial support to improve houses.

#### **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

- Laura Bateman moved to approve the June meeting minutes and the motion was approved.

#### **Officer Reports**

##### **President's Report: Matthew Stanley**

- Parking Committee
  - Jennifer Mullen could not attend board meeting
  - Ms Babs:
    - Requested waiver for the number of required parking spaces. Parking committee voted to approve SUP. Bennette Burks motioned to approve. Motion was approved.
  - Lee Circle:
    - MAPS originally concerned about median extensions impacting historic nature of circle. Now in favor for safety issues but will oppose \$300K for street coating.
    - Parking committee recommended supporting proposal. D. Walton motioned to support to support concept of plan, but still question expenditure of coating and lack of pedestrian access to center of circle. Motion was approved.
  - Floyd Bike-Walk Street: Parking committee recommends approval. Danielle Dick moved to make results public. Motion approved.
- Registered agent:
  - FDA needs to hire a replacement. Wayne Hundley quoted \$150. Jo Nolte quoted \$300, has served on the FDA board, and researched the requirements for FDA. Laura Bateman moved to approve Jo Nolte. Motion was approved.
- Fan street signs:



- Historic Monument Ave Foundation has been partnering with FDA to replace aging signs. Need someone, preferably with an engineering background, to manage the process.
- Building Rental:
  - Lease began in mid-July. No issues to date.

**Education Committee Report: Danielle Dick**

- VCU Student Outreach:
  - Will order black & gold t-shirts and green & white shopping bags (to be filled with off-campus living information)
  - Will have booths at Monroe Park welcome party, student engagement fair, and off-campus housing fair

**Holiday House Tour Committee Report: Tricia Bryant**

- House Status:
  - Recently lost another house, now down to seven. Need three more houses.
  - Photo shooting will begin in early September.

**Parks and Alleys Committee Report: D. Walton**

- Alley Clean-Up:
  - Next clean-up scheduled for August 23rd. Need coordinator as he will be out of town.