



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
March 2, 2015 – 7:00 PM  
FDA Building – 208 Strawberry Street

**MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT**

Matthew Stanley, Christy Lantz, Bennette Burks, Laura Bateman, Christina Murray, Jennifer Mullen, Brian Baird, Tricia Bryant, and D. Walton

**GUESTS**

Harry Wyatt, VCU Facilities Management  
Erin Stenforth, VCU Sustainability  
Wyatt Carpenter, VCU Sustainability  
Daniela Jacobs, William Fox Elementary  
Greg Felton, VCU Police Department  
Kevin Wilson, Uptown Association/FABA

**I. Introductions and Call to Order – Matthew Stanley**

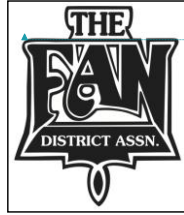
**II. Guest Presentations and Reports**

**VCU Sustainability – Erin Stenforth, Director**

- Established in 2008.
- Development of a Sustainability Plan. They have a climate change plan. She will take us through the process of a comprehensive plan. Hope to have the plan complete by September 2015.
- Stormwater management and rain gardens. Planting draught tolerant plants.
- Rain roof/Green roof that is draught tolerant
- Zip cars
- Free bike shop for maintenance and bike advice. Open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This is funded by parking and transportation
- Renewable energy – Over 700 solar panels around campus; wind turbine
- Learning garden; Monroe Park Garden at Parkwood & Harrison to be a high output garden with food to be donated.
- Purpose to be a comprehensive 3-10 year plan and to hear from Richmonders as to what you'd like to see them accomplish. How VCU/Sustainability impacts Richmond neighborhoods. They want to hear from us. They will take back information to work groups and then host an open house to discuss plans and get feedback.
- Next steps: Online survey and comment cards

**Daniella Jacobs – Fox Elementary School**

- Art Auction Saturday at Virginia Historical Society. Tickets sold on PTA website
- VCU Ramz at Recess. Sports teams come and read to the kids at Fox
- Church partnership with Area 10 Faith Community (meets at Byrd Theater). They help mulch and pull weeds
- First elementary school in the area to have a salad bar. Students can get hot lunch or go through the salad bar
- Kiss and Ride lane
- SOL test changes has been a challenge. Scores dipped a bit, but not as big a dip
- 6 new computer carts with 30 computers on each
- New reading and math series that has been implemented throughout Richmond schools.



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- Parent coordinated programs --- a reading/tutor program working one on one with a student
- Looking for new volunteers to help kids learn math facts.
- Lots of changes in the school system. On the upswing and good things happening in the City.
- Feel free to come by for a monthly tour
- 28-30 per classroom

#### **VCU Police Dept. - Greg Felton**

- It's been a busy last 3 weeks
- Party Patrol interactions has gone well.
- 2 houses in the Fan are not behaving
- Robberies, larcenies are all trending down
- Theft from motor vehicles still an issue. Half of these are because doors are unlocked
- UCI 2015 Bike Race course vis-à-vis VCU...May not be quite an issue as some had feared. 45-50 minute gaps in the loops which can open things up.
- Educational outreach to Fan bicyclists to convey safety, tuneups, etc. They are writing tickets.
  - Not illegal to ride on the sidewalks

#### **III. Other Neighborhood Association Reports:**

##### **Uptown Association – Kevin Wilson, Chairman Uptown Fan Area Business Alliance – Incoming President**

- Looks forward to working with us, Kevin Wilson
- Parking Overlay Update. Generally if any changes that happen make it easier and more transparent they are in favor of it. The patchwork on Main and Cary Sts. Is pretty crazy right now. They want it to be more unified. More opportunity for public comment on Thursday, March 26 at Binford Middle School. This is rescheduled meeting date due to snow cancellation.
- GRTC Route Rescheduling off of Robinson Street. Uptown Association is in favor of #4 bus to come up Main and down Cary Sts. or otherwise move it off of Robinson Street. Partnering with GRTC and City to help improve safety through traffic calming and improved lighting.

#### **IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Jennifer Mullen moved to approve minutes from last month. Motion approved.

#### **VI. Officer Reports**

##### **President's Report**

- Formal opposition from each of the neighborhood civic groups for of any loss of parking from **GRTC Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**. Will be doing additional awareness of the issue.
- Insuring they look at the construction phase of BRT to minimize impacts on Broad Street businesses.
- Take a firm stance
- FABA Position: Oppose loss of parking spaces on Broad Street to accommodate GRTC BRT
- **Motion by D. Walton:** The FDA is opposed to the current BRT plan that eliminates all parking and loading zones on Broad Street. Further we have significant concern about the loss of any parking on Broad Street. Motion passes 8-1.
- **My Noodle Bar, Monument Avenue** discussion as to current zoning issues. Matthew will follow up with Bill Gallasch and let us know.
- **Floyd Avenue Bike Boulevard.** FDA Survey (over 500 responses) went to Floyd Ave residents only and then FDA-wide. Matthew met with Planning Commission. What does the board want to do with survey results? The FDA survey results were sent to the City and posted on [www.richmondva.legistar.com](http://www.richmondva.legistar.com)



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Treasurer Report - Christina Murray – See Attached

- Grants Allocation – **Motion:** To allocate \$25,000 to FDA Grant funding.
- Unappropriated balance from HHT will revert to FDA general fund

#### VII. Committee Reports -

The following committee's had new information to report

##### Membership Report

- See Attached

**Parking Committee Report – Jennifer Mullen** – See Attached

- Parking committee voted to recommend support for 1600 Block of Grace Street that will restrict parking by designating as Zone 2. FDA Parking committee volunteered to help WGSA with survey of residents.

##### Zoning Committee - Bennette Burks

- Nothing to Report

**Grants committee report – Jenna Mosman** See Attached

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**Code Enforcement** - D. Walton

- Nothing to report

**Communications: Brian Baird**

- Nothing to report.

##### Programs

- Ted Theofanos - FDA Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, May 13th

#### VIII. New Business –

**IX. Adjournment:** Hearing no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:55 pm.