

MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2009	<p>Held at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church 4401 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Minutes taken by FHNA Secretary Vicky Hamrick</p>
MINUTES	<p>President Grace LeRose called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.</p> <p>The May and June minutes had been posted to the website for review prior to the meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. There was no discussion and approval was passed by unanimous vote. There was no meeting for July.</p> <p>The Treasurer's Report was received and there was a reported cash balance of \$17,254; however, Treasurer Roger Clark pointed out that it did not account for an outstanding bill of \$4,000 for flag manufacturing. Roger requested permission to make the annual 43rd Street Festival donation; motion was made and seconded to approve. There was little discussion and approval was passed by unanimous vote.</p> <p>Old business: Motion was made to follow through with the purchase of three (3) additional staging platforms at \$500/each for Music In the Park (MIP) and other association-sponsored events. Discussion ensued between deferring the purchase until after the house tour and ordering as soon as possible. Point was made that this association had solicited sponsors for MIP based on the need to purchase additional staging; motion to table the purchase did not pass; motion to purchase immediately carried.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.</p>
MEETING NOTES	
4 th District Update	<p>The Honorable Kathy Graziano thanked the association for its donation to Sunday In the Park With Friends, and also recognized Robley Jones for his efforts in organizing the volunteers for the event. She announced the district quarterly meeting on September 9 and advised that Mayor Dwight Jones and School Superintendent Dr. Yvonne Brandon will present at the meeting. Also, Forest Hill Park lake renovations are scheduled for completion by January 1.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Dorna Braswell reported that 44 of 50 pre-release flags have been sold. An additional 200 will be manufactured.</p> <p>She advised that House Tour advertising sales almost cover printing costs so far, and there is a need for someone to make additional sales calls. Volunteers are also needed to cover the association table at the Farmers' Market and 43rd Street Festival, and various aspects of the house tour.</p>
Membership Report	<p>Peter Hubbel reported that all but 100 of the 750 membership notices have been delivered.</p> <p>There were 20 June new or renewals, and 14 July new or renewals; so</p>

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	far 7 are the newly offered 2-year membership.
Neighborhood Watch Committee	<p>Shannon Taylor reported that approximately 50 people attended the association's National Night Out event. Plans for next year include water games and a later start time.</p> <p>Lt. John A. O'Kleasky, Jr., RPD, was present and warned about aggressive contractor solicitations and a new hi-tech ATM scam.</p>
Park Improvement Committee (PIC)	No report.
Announcements	<p>Mike Mather, arborist for the city from the Department of Public Works, presented information on the city's Adopt-A-Tree program. Grace LeRose suggested using money from the budget marked for "Beautification" to split the \$50 cost with interested members of the association.</p> <p>Joy Glass announced a committee has formed to work on obtaining a "Historic Neighborhood" designation for Forest Hill. She directed the attendees to their website, www.historicforesthillneighborhood.com, for more information and ways to help out.</p>