

## MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

<p><b>AUGUST 11, 2011</b></p>	<p>Held at The Stone House at Forest Hill Park Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia</p> <p>Minutes taken by Vicky Hamrick, Secretary</p>
<p><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p>President Richard Day called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.</p> <p>The June 9 general meeting minutes had been posted to the website for review prior to the meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. After discussion regarding a potential problem opening special executive board meeting minutes due to alleged password protection, the June minutes were approved by majority vote (one dissension). Motion made to unprotect special executive board meeting minutes was tabled until webmaster can see what the problem might be, as password protection was not intended.</p> <p>Treasurer Zac Sheldon presented the treasurer's report. Current cash balance is approximately \$22,000, with outstanding balances payable to the RPD for \$600 donation and to 43<sup>rd</sup> Festival for \$500 donation.</p> <p>Luke McCall reported that the Executive Board met in June to prepare proposed revisions to the Association's by-laws, and that the revisions would be posted to the website for membership review prior to voting on at the September meeting. He advised that revisions were mostly to clean up and reorganize for better readability, but little of substance had been changed, including the boundaries. The posted version will show deleted text as black-lined (struck through) and added text in italics. Carolyn Paulette made a motion that the vote by membership regarding the by-laws be put off until October so hardcopies could be brought to the September meeting for anyone who might not have Internet access. After discussion, the motion was rescinded and a new motion was put forth to publish a notice in the September newsletter as well as the Richmond Times Dispatch announcing the proposed changes and that a copy could be requested in writing with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, as well as announcing that hardcopies would be left at the library. Motion passed.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.</p>
<p><b>MEETING NOTES</b></p>	
<p>4<sup>TH</sup> District Update</p>	<p>Councilwoman Kathy Graziano announced that Council approved the Mayor's proposal for a new city jail.</p> <p>Council continues to work on re-districting following the 2010 census.</p> <p>Mrs. Graziano and Richard Day jointly reported on proposed traffic-calming solutions as offered by Tom Flynn of the Department of Public Works, to include:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Dunston – Residential Traffic</li> <li>• 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Dunston – Residential Traffic Circle</li> <li>• Dunston from Roanoke to 41<sup>st</sup> - Speed Cushions; must have approval from Fire and Emergency Services, must be properly designed, and have a consensus from the abutting residents</li> <li>• 41<sup>st</sup> and Forest Hill - Rapid Flashing Beacons</li> <li>• 43<sup>rd</sup> and Forest Hill – Rapid Flashing Beacons</li> </ul> <p>Upon neighborhood consent, the city will seek funding for the proposals. Consensus, per Mrs. Graziano, would be satisfied by a listing of 65%-70% of residents in favor in the affected areas. A request was made for additional consideration for the 45<sup>th</sup> St/Taylor/Reedy Avenue intersection, and for a speed bump/cushion on Taylor Avenue. Mrs. Graziano reiterated that resident consensus must be reached and submitted to her office, and that the city fire chief must also be consulted before speed bumps/cushions could be installed. An inquiry will be made for a list of fire department-approved traffic-calming devices.</p>
Safety/Neighborhood Watch	<p>Officer Stacy Rogers reported that overall things were going well in the neighborhood. He requested that everyone continue to call in suspicious activity to his cell number, 972-2688. Attendees advised of a man going around asking for gas money.</p> <p>Officer Rogers invited neighbors to attend Sunday In The Park With Friends, scheduled for August 28, where he will be participating in the bike rodeo.</p> <p>Questions arose regarding issues with emergency services having problems locating the park for a medical emergency during the Farmer’s Market. Officer Rogers advised that while the RPD and the RFD use the same system, Richmond Ambulance Services does not. However, he reported that a purchase order was in process for markings in areas such as the Buttermilk Trail to assist with locating callers to emergency services. He will look into adding locations such as Shelter 2 in the park.</p> <p>Attendees were informed that Officer Rogers was the RPD Officer of the Month for May, and he received the association’s congratulations.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Dorna Braswell reported a successful National Night Out event on August 2, with over 100 participants from Forest Hill and Woodland Heights bringing personal documents for shredding.</p> <p>The Old Dominion Model A Club will be in attendance at the next Music in the Park on August 21.</p> <p>Volunteers are still needed to man an Association table at the Saturday Farmers’ Market and the upcoming Sunday In The Park (August 28) to sell memberships and merchandise.</p>

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	<p>The next Social Committee meeting will be September 14 at Dorna’s home, with an agenda to discuss increasing membership, scheduling usual and new events, and the wine club.</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>No report given, but Dwight Wood recommended coordinating the solicitation of signatures for the Historic Designation petition with the solicitation of members.</p>
<p>Park Improvement Committee (PIC)</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Historic Designation</p>	<p>Richard Day reminded everyone to attend the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) informational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, August 15 at the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church regarding the Forest Hill nomination. The association was made aware that DHR does not recommend the nomination as submitted for acceptance by the boards; the Historic Designation Committee is currently circulating a petition of support throughout the neighborhood and simultaneously reminding neighbors to attend the boards hearing at 10 a.m. on September 22 at the Virginia Historical Society on The Boulevard.</p>
<p>Announcements/ New Business</p>	<p>Dwight Wood raised issues with the city’s planting of saucer magnolias along Forest Hill Avenue that could potentially block the view of oncoming traffic if entering Forest Hill Avenue from driveways or side streets, and suggested they be relocated and replaced with trees. Questions also arose regarding dying trees due to lack of watering. Luke McCall advised that the city would handle visibility problems as they arose, and also that the trees were under warrantee and would be replaced in the fall. Grace LeRose made a motion for the association to contract True Timber to water the trees. The motion was not voted on. Lee Shewmake advised that their councilman Marty Jewel had appropriated funds to get a water bladder that they could drive around on a pickup truck and water the trees in Woodland Heights.</p>