

MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

<p>JUNE 9, 2011</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>MINUTES</p>	<p>President Richard Day called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.</p> <p>The May 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 alternative methods of minute taking, the May minutes were approved by unanimous vote.</p> <p>Treasurer Zach Sheldon was unavailable, so Dorna Braswell presented the treasurer's report. Current cash balance is approximately \$19,900.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.</p>
<p>MEETING NOTES</p>	
<p>4TH District Update</p>	<p>David Hathcock reported for Councilwoman Kathy Graziano that the Mayor has proposed a new city jail for Council to consider.</p> <p>Mrs. Graziano will introduce an ordinance for 100% tax relief for disabled veterans, retroactive to January 1, 2011 if passed.</p> <p>In response to concerns raised at the May meeting, Mrs. Graziano has asked staff to remove the line item in the city's 2030 Vision Plan for a study of future use of Forest Hill Avenue through the Forest Hill neighborhood from Westover Hills Boulevard to Semmes Avenue.</p>
<p>Safety/Neighborhood Watch</p>	<p>Officer Stacy Rogers and Sgt. Stanton reported on crime in the neighborhood. Officer Rogers requested that neighbors be on the lookout for a white panel van with a ladder rack driven by a black male who avoided questioning by Officer Rogers.</p> <p>They also warned of an increase in scooter thefts and reminded neighbors to secure their scooters.</p> <p>Responding to questions about a shooting at the Dunston Manor apartments, they advised that the vehicle and a victim were found at Community Hospital but that they had no other significant details.</p> <p>Officer Rogers advised of two campaigns for the summer season: 1) green notices that look like parking violation tickets reminding citizens to secure their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight; and 2) coordinated efforts with 13 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to fight crime in Richmond's hot spots.</p> <p>In response to questions regarding noise violations, Officer Rogers advised that there currently is no city ordinance to enforce since the last two were deemed unconstitutional.</p>

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Social Committee	<p>Dorna Braswell reported a successful neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, June 4.</p> <p>Volunteers are still needed to man an Association table at the Saturday Farmers' Market to sell memberships and merchandise.</p>
Membership	<p>In conjunction with the Social Committee report, Dorna Braswell requested ideas for increasing membership. Ideas offered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oktoberfest for members only; • Party for members only in conjunction with 43rd Street Festival; • Door-to-door solicitation; • Welcome packets/gift bags for new homeowners; • Business passport; • More timely notification of expired membership (Liserve?); • Wine party for members only; • Mailed notices or door hangers targeting non-members; • Gifts with membership; • Social night at O'Tooles.
Park Improvement Committee (PIC)	No report
Historic Designation	Carolyn Paulette reported that the nomination had been submitted to the Department of Historic Resources on June 3 and that the public hearing will be held September 15.
Announcements/ New Business	<p>Jean Hepburn from United Methodist Family Services presented information on fostering/adopting children. She can be reached at 254-9695, or more information can be found at www.umfs.org.</p> <p>Dena Fultz and Luke McCall reported on the City's Sustainability Workshop where information was presented and roundtable discussions took place regarding the development of the City's direction on "green" issues and where resources should be applied.</p> <p>Luke McCall requested neighborhood assistance with watering the newly planted trees along Forest Hill Avenue.</p> <p>Sue Cline reported on her work with the City to develop a Forest Hill Avenue/Semmes Avenue business corridor roughly covering Jahnke Road to the Manchester area.</p> <p>The Executive Board will meet in June or July to finalize their proposed changes to the Association's by-laws, and discuss an increase in the Safety Committee budget. Carolyn Paulette requested that the vote by membership regarding the by-laws be put off until September.</p>