

MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2010	<p>Held at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church 4401 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia</p> <p>Minutes taken by Vicky Hamrick, Secretary</p>
MINUTES	<p>President Grace LeRose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The September minutes had been posted to the website for review prior to the meeting and then went MIA. Approval was postponed to the November meeting.</p> <p>Grace LeRose offered the Treasurer's Report in Roger Clark's absence, which was received. Year-to-date revenues of \$13,916 came in; expenses of \$17,855 went out.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.</p>
MEETING NOTES	
Membership	<p>Vicky Hamrick reported there are records for 246 households on the roster, however, a number are up for renewal. Setting up a Paypal account for the website was again discussed. Carolyn Paulette suggested including a membership slip with an upcoming mailing regarding the Historic Designation. Peter Hubbell proposes a mailing targeted specifically to current non-member households.</p>
4 TH District Update	<p>Liaison David Hathcock reported for Council President Kathy Graziano that their district meeting the night before included good presentations by both Shannon Taylor (Neighborhood Watch) and the Richmond Police Department.</p> <p>He advised of some changes to the method of waste collection, though they are not likely to impact Forest Hill, and that the leaf collection schedule has been determined, subject to weather.</p> <p>He further advised that the Scenic Virginia Byway sign has been installed on Riverside Drive. New guardrails along Riverside Drive are in the planning stages.</p> <p>He recommended inviting Kim McClain, an expert in crime-proofing your home and your person, as a guest speaker to a future association meeting.</p>
Park Improvement Committee (PIC)	<p>Robley Jones advised the six river birches purchased through the city's Adopt-A-Tree program will be installed some time between November and April. Volunteers are needed to water the trees after planting. He suggested that as part of the PR for the next regatta to declare the Forest Hill Lake as a "Great Lake."</p> <p>Bill Shanabruch and Suzette Lyon of the Reedy Creek Coalition advised the association that they are working with an environmental engineer to come up with a "planting plan" for the park which includes the elimination of invasive species, erosion control, and a native plants wish</p>

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	list. They promoted the upcoming Reedy Creek Watershed Shuffle, an educational outreach scheduled for October 24.
Social Committee	Phil Licking and Grace LeRose reported on behalf of Dorna Braswell successful sales of merchandise and memberships at the 43 rd Street Festival. The Social Committee proposes scratching Music In the Park concerts for July and August because of the heat, and perhaps adding April instead. Also, ideas are needed for additional fundraisers. Some suggestions are Lights In The Park (at the holidays), holiday cards, artists' donations, and a kitchen/garden "crawl."
Safety/Neighborhood Watch	Officer Stanton appeared on behalf of RPD with updates regarding St. Johns Woods, thefts from autos, Valero robberies, Rookie of the Year candidate Ben Frasier, avoiding crimes of opportunity, and advice on useful details to catch if you are the victim of a crime (especially noting shoes – style, color, approximate size).
Historic Designation	Carolyn Paulette reported strong sales of their calendars and note cards at the 43 rd Street Festival. The nomination application is being corrected and adjusted per the requests of the Board for Historic Designation. The committee will host a meeting on 11/15/10 to take questions from the neighborhood. The formal presentation to the Board is scheduled for 12/16/10 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Announcements/ New Business	Sally from Friends of Forest Hill Park announced their Halloween Howl on 10/31/10 which will include a costumed dog parade. Martha Cooper announced the deadline for submissions to the next Flyer is November 1.