

MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 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 7:02 p.m.</p> <p>The May, June, and special July conference call 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.</p> <p>Roger Clark offered the Treasurer's Report which was received and there was a reported cash balance of approximately \$11,500.00</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.</p>
MEETING NOTES	
Membership	<p>Vicky Hamrick reported that no update had been made over the summer, since no meetings had been held, but that 17 new or renewals had been brought to the evening's meeting. Setting up a Paypal account for the website was discussed.</p>
4 TH District Update	<p>Council President Kathy Graziano informed the association that police would be monitoring cross walks during school hours. She also advised that half the empty lot on Forest Hill Avenue where the old CVS had been torn down has been negotiated by the city for use as parking for events at the next door recreation area. She announced the next district meeting will be held on October 13 and will feature an update on crime by the RPD and an update on Patrick Henry Charter School. She invited the association to attend design planning meetings for the new schools to be built in the city. Finally, she informed the association that paving projects around the city were being performed in two stages: 1) patch and level; and 2) seal coat.</p>
Park Improvement Committee (PIC)	<p>Robley Jones advised that the regatta proceeds would be used to purchase six river birches through the city's Adopt-A-Tree program. The birches would replace trees that had to be removed during the lake renovations. Volunteers are needed to water the trees after planting. The next regatta is tentatively planned for May 14, 2011.</p> <p>David Hathcock of Kathy Graziano's office reported on his efforts to coordinate all interested associations (Forest Hill and other neighborhoods, Friends of Forest Hill Park, James River Parks, etc.) to create better communication on park improvements, such as master planting plans.</p> <p>Monica Rumsey, for Friends of Forest Hill Park, announced that the Harvey Memorial Bridge Dedication will take place Sunday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m. She also thanked the association for its donation of the funds to replicate and install the park gateway sign, and advised that a bronze plaque now acknowledges the association's donation.</p>

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Social Committee	Dorna Braswell reported that the next Music in the Park is Sunday, 9/12, and the band is Gypsy Roots. The final concert in October will feature a reggae band. She also requested volunteers for the 43 rd Street Festival on Saturday, September 25, to man the association's table and sell t-shirts, hats, and market bags, as well as accept memberships.
Safety/Neighborhood Watch	Lt. O'Kleasky was present to introduce his replacement, Lt. Stephen McQuail (stephen.mcquail@richmondgov.com). Officer Stacy Rogers was also present, and all officers reminded the association to call if anyone sees anything suspicious. They reported that there had been a rash of shed break-ins, as well as bike trail vandalism.
Historic Designation	Carolyn Paulette reported that the first draft of the application for historic designation had been filed on Wednesday, September 1. They expect the nominating board to request changes. She advised the data had all been entered digitally, and a database would eventually be available. The HD committee will recommence their sale of calendars and note cards at the Farmers Market now that the application had been filed.
Announcements/ New Business	Dorna Braswell requested that association begin compiling and finalizing a list of its project/events for 2011, as requests for sponsorship need to be made soon. This includes a decision whether or not to have a house tour in 2011, and when.