

MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION September 8, 2011	<p>Held at the Stone House at Forest Hill Park, Richmond, Virginia Minutes taken by Robley Jones per request of the president. Secretary Vicky Hamrick could not attend.</p> <p>President Richard Day called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Dorna Braswell moved the adoption of the September minutes. The motion was properly seconded. President Day asked if there were any objections to adoption of the minutes, and being none, the minutes were adopted.</p> <p>Zac Sheldon, Treasurer, had no report.</p> <p>There was discussion of the formation of the Nominating Committee called for in the Bylaws. It was suggested that Vicky Hamrick and Robley Jones should serve.</p> <p>Carolyn Paulette moved that Roger Clark be added to the Nominating Committee. The motion was properly seconded, and the motion carried.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.</p>
MEETING NOTES	
4TH District Update	<p>Kathy Graziano, President of Richmond City Council, reported that flashing lights will be installed at the intersections of Forest Hill Avenue and 41st and 43rd Streets to help pedestrians safely cross.</p> <p>She noted that Virginia law gives pedestrians the right of way, and suggested that a sign stating this be erected.</p> <p>When asked about “speed humps,” Mrs. Graziano explained the process for seeking them from the Department of Public Safety. Step one is a petition.</p> <p>When asked about tree and brush removal following Hurricane Irene, Mrs. Graziano said that the city was making progress, but pointed out that if a tree on your property falls that removal is your responsibility. She asked that those who know of blocked alleys and streets report them to her office.</p> <p>She also shared information regarding a Rehabilitation/Tax Abatement Program the city has to reduce the property tax rates of those who suffer damage to their properties resulting from natural disasters. Upon request, a new assessment is made reflecting the damage to the property and the resulting decrease in value. This assessment stays in effect 7 years.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Dorna Braswell reported that the 43rd St. Festival will be held on September 17th.</p> <p>The Circuit Riders will play at Music in the Park on September 11th, and the Southern Blues will play on September 18th.</p>
Neighborhood Watch Committee	<p>Officer Stacy Rogers reported that auto break-ins at the Reedy Creek Parking Lot are down to one this year, as compared to 14 last year and 22 the year before.</p>
Announcements	<p>The proposed bylaw revisions will be considered at the October meeting.</p>