

<p>MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING May 20, 2009</p>	<p>Held at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church 4401 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia</p> <hr/> <p>Minutes taken by Robley Jones per request of Madam President, Secretary Hamrick could not attend</p>
<p>MINUTES</p>	<p>President Grace LeRose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Peter Hubbel and properly seconded. The motion carried.</p> <p>There was no Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.</p>
<p>MEETING NOTES</p>	
<p>Membership Report</p>	<p>Peter Hubbel reported that the committee is working with Dorna Braswell on a flier for door-to-door distribution. The membership is setting up a table at the Farmer's Market and at Music in the Park to solicit membership. The membership goal for this year is 350.</p>
<p>4<sup>TH</sup> District Update</p>	<p>Council Liaison David Hathcock represented the Honorable Kathy Graziano, who could not be present as she was attending to city business.</p> <p>David indicated that the city budget is in final form and that it includes \$100,000 for James River Park maintenance. The budget also funds two leaf collections for this coming fall. The budget provides \$1,000,000 for infrastructure maintenance in the district including repairs to Westover Hills Boulevard on the south side of the bridge.</p> <p>Richmond Animal Control will offer pets for adoption at the Farmers Market on June 1, and arrangements are being made to have visiting artists at the market.</p> <p>Hathcock reviewed the recent erroneous real estate tax bills which were mailed "to provide</p>

	information.”
The Honorable Delores McQuinn	<p>Delegate McQuinn brought greetings from the Virginia House of Delegates. She indicated that her top priorities are education, public health and public safety.</p> <p>She bemoaned the decision of the majority in the House to reject \$125 million of federal stimulus funding that would have helped unemployed Virginians.</p> <p>She expressed that she is honored to serve and that she wants to work with FHNA to see that issues are properly addressed in the Virginia House.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Bernard Casey reported that the yard sale will be on June 6 from 8 AM to Noon. Twenty-four participants are signed up, and Diversity Thrift will provide a truck for unsold items at sale’s end.</p> <p>The first Music In the Park event this year was highly successful with attendance estimated at between 250 and 300 individuals. The Brian Jones Quartet will play on June 14 from 6 to 8 PM.</p> <p>The Forest Hill flag was displayed and is available for purchase.</p> <p>The House Tour will take place on 9/20/09. Nine houses will be offered for tour. Assistance is needed with ad sales for the brochure.</p>
Neighborhood Watch Committee	<p>Shannon Taylor commended Captain Scott Booth for his service to our community and congratulated him for his promotion to his new rank. This promotion to captain takes him away from us, but his replacement, John A. O’Kleasky, Jr., was present and indicated that he will continue the fine tradition of service we are accustomed to.</p> <p>FHNA will be teaming with Woodland Heights to</p>

	<p>provide gang awareness training as part of the 8/4 National Night Out.</p> <p>Neighborhood Watch vests are available for individuals to wear to increase awareness of the program.</p>
Park Improvement Committee (PIC)	<p>J. R. Pope, Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, provided an update on the Forest Hill Park lake restoration. Work is underway and should be completed within 3 or 4 months depending on the weather. Pope indicated that the “temporary inconvenience” will lead to “permanent improvement.” All are asked to stay clear of the construction area.</p> <p>Robley Jones briefly summarized the PIC Survey and it was agreed that the first project for the PIC will be a planting project. Mr. Pope agreed to meet with Jones to plan the project. The PIC will subsequently meet to make planning for needed fundraising.</p>
Announcements	<p>Laura Dysart provided information regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Westover Hills Branch Library (Some present lamented the passage of time as they remembered the grand opening).</p> <p>The 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Festival will be on 9/19 from 9 AM to Noon.</p>
	<p>Carolyn Paulette briefly introduced the concept of Forest Hill receiving historic district designation in the Virginia Registry. She promised to discuss this issue at greater length at a future meeting.</p>
Candidate Carlos Brown	<p>Carlos Brown, Democratic Primary Candidate in the 69<sup>th</sup> House District spoke briefly.</p>