

MEETING OF THE FOREST HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION April 17, 2012	Held at The Stone House at Forest Hill Park Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia Minutes taken by Vicky Hamrick, Secretary
MINUTES	<p>President Richard Day called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and introduced the board members in attendance to other attendees at the meeting.</p> <p>Motion was made to approve the March 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>President Day reported for Treasurer Zac Sheldon, who was absent, that the Forest Hill 5K came in well over budget. An updated financial report was made available for review.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.</p>
MEETING NOTES	
4 TH District Update	<p>Liaison Debbie Puzzo reported for Councilwoman Kathy Graziano that Mrs. Graziano was still in budget meetings. The next Fourth District meeting is scheduled for May 5, at St. Luke's on Huguenot Road.</p> <p>Ms. Puzzo reported that Mrs. Graziano has donated \$500 each to Music In the Park and the Westover Hills Tot Lot.</p> <p>She also advised that the City's waste collection schedule is being scaled back, with Friday pickup being eliminated. Everyone's supercan will get a sticker with the new schedule.</p> <p>Ms. Puzzo also reported on the forthcoming installation of new guardrails along Riverside Drive; questions were raised regarding their durability, since they are wood and not steel, and she promised to get additional information.</p>
Safety/Neighborhood Watch	<p>Lt. McQuail addressed the recent appearance of fliers posted anonymously throughout the neighborhood complaining about barking dogs. He advised that current restrictions are one time per minute for ten consecutive minutes, and also requested that neighbors try as best they can to work such situations out between themselves, but if they could not, they could call the police.</p> <p>He further advised that violent crime was down, but acknowledged the increase in property crimes, particularly the breaking-and-entering incidents in Forest Hill Terrace, and thefts from motor vehicles. He reminded everyone to lock their car doors, keep valuables out of sight, or preferably, out of the car, and to watch out for your neighbors' homes. He reported that the police believe they have one B&E suspect in custody for other parole violations. A second suspect had been in custody, but the magistrate did not feel there was enough evidence to hold him in custody, and he was released. He is a small, thin, dark complexion male, 5'3" to 5'4" about 140 pounds, with a bedraggled appearance ("looks homeless").</p>

	<p>Lt. McQuail also updated the meeting that the owner of the Parkway Apartments had pled guilty to all charges of violations, and that the building was now for sale.</p> <p>Officer Sarah Powell of the Community Care Unit was in attendance to give advice on a few things we could do to avoid becoming a target of a B&E and to hand out a flyer of safety tips. She stated that the key to catching the perpetrators is almost always neighbors calling in suspicious activity. She advised that when you do call to be sure to tell the dispatcher that your neighborhood has had a recent rash of B&Es. She also advised that they are available to come out and perform individual home safety surveys.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Dorna Braswell provided the schedule of bands for Music In the Park:</p> <p>5/20 – Bio Ritmo (Hot Salsa) 6/17 – Skydog (Allman Brothers Tribute) 7/22 – 808 (Ska) 8/19 – 3rd Wave (Surf Rock favorites) 9/16 – Blue Line Hwy (Americana Folk Rock) 10/21 – Broad Street Ramblers (Hawaiian Island string favorites)</p> <p>MIP is sponsored this year by South of the James Market and Kathy Graziano, and their support has been put towards purchasing additional staging platforms.</p> <p>She advised that the FHNA Yard Sale is scheduled for June 2, and the deadline to sign up is May 27.</p>
Website/Membership	<p>Some members reported problems getting FHNA e-mails; Sue Cline is looking into possible solutions.</p>
Historic Designation	<p>Caroline Paulette reported that the Department of Historic Resources will host another public information hearing regarding the nomination of Forest Hill as a historic district on Monday, May 21 at 7PM at the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church. All area residents will receive notification of the meeting in the mail. Then, on Thursday, June 21 at 10AM, the Boards will meet to consider the nomination.</p>
Announcements/ New Business	<p>Sunday In the Park With Friends is April 29 from 12-5 p.m.</p> <p>South of the James Farmers Market reopens May 5.</p> <p>The 2012 Forest Hill Yard Sale is June 2.</p> <p>Sue Cline explained the details of the “Love Your Block” mini-grant program. Discussion of suggested projects to propose included beautifying the median located at 42nd Street and Riverside Drive; cleaning out the wooded lot at 46th and Bassett Streets; and erecting a fence or other visual barrier to hide the city maintenance building/lot from the playground and tennis courts in Forest Hill Park.</p>