

Meeting of the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association, August 21, 2012, held at the Stone House at Forest Hill Park, Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, Virginia

Minutes taken by Carolyn Paulette for the secretary, Vicky Hamrick

**Minutes:**

President Richard Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized other officers and board members. The question of allowing unpaid political ads in the news letter was discussed. Phil Licking and Rob Jones suggested that all ads should be paid for, and noted that there were legal requirements for ads. Officer Stacey Rogers gave an update on crime in the area, and committee chairs presented their reports. Local intern, Amy Robins, for The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation working with the Reedy Creek Coalition gave a presentation on their Watershed Protection Financial Incentive Program. Richard Day asked opinions on the crowds and parking issues created by Music in the Park and the South of the James Market. He also discussed the issue of food trucks at the Music in the Park event. Questions were raised about the quality of the repaving that had been completed in the neighborhood. Carolyn Paulette from the Historic Designation Committee reported on the historic plaques for the newly formed Forest Hill Historic District.

President Richard Day adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

**Meeting Notes:**

Officer Stacey Rogers reported that a car was broken into in the park on Monday night. Richard Day asked about dogs off leash in the park. Rogers noted that the owner needed to be in control of the dog at all times. If a fine is issued, the cost is \$25 to \$50 plus \$77 for the court costs.

Dorna Braswell, Social Committee, reported October 7<sup>th</sup> as the make-up date for The Third Wave which was cancelled for Music in the Park, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone agreed that there should be no advertising to help limit the attendance at Music in the Park to those who live in the area and to reduce the parking problem. The membership voted not to have food trucks for the event. Rob Jones suggested passing a hat to collect money at Music in the Park. Dorna suggested that the FHNA sponsor a single event where a number of different kinds of food trucks would be available at Music in the Park. Dorna also called for volunteers to help cover the FHNA booth at the 43<sup>rd</sup> St. Festival on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Treasurer Zac Sheldon reported that \$22,000 was the total remaining in the budget.

Shannon Taylor, chair of the Night Watch program, reported that no decision had been made by the Love Your Block Grant Committee for grants applied for by the FHNA.

Carolyn Paulette discussed the historic plaques that the Historic Designation Committee had approved--their cost and how to order them. Details will be available in the September newsletter.

**Program from the Reedy Creek Coalition and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay:**

Bill Shannabrook and Amy Robins, Intern for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay gave a presentation on their Watershed Protection Financial Incentive Program. They have funds to help residents in this watershed area install water barrels, rain gardens, and landscapes which are all designed to reduce storm water runoff for properties in the Chesapeake Bay watershed area.

**New Business:**

Several members noted that parking for SOJ Market was exasperating. Suggestions were made to limit the number of vendors to 70 rather than 100. Richard Day said that he would discuss the issue with Council Representative Kathy Graziano, and would ask that she bring an officer to discuss traffic and parking. The Impact Director for the City of Richmond said that he would look into the question of sloppy resurfacing of streets in the neighborhood and the question of street cleaning and how frequently it needed to be done.