

MEETING OF THE FOREST HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION March 20, 2012	<p>Held at The Stone House at Forest Hill Park Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia</p> <p>Minutes taken by Vicky Hamrick, Secretary</p>
MINUTES	<p>President Richard Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced the board members in attendance to other attendees at the meeting.</p> <p>Motion was made to approve the February 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>Treasurer Zac Sheldon reported that the Forest Hill 5K was a big success, although they have yet to crunch all the numbers. As such, the monthly treasurer's report was also not available.</p> <p>Questions arose regarding the membership requirement to vote with regard to any length of time one had to have paid their dues prior to voting; it was agreed there was no such requirement in the current by-laws. It was also noted that the new by-laws as voted on in January 2012 had not yet been posted to the website. Secretary Vicky Hamrick agreed to attend to this matter as soon as her work schedule permitted, probably in May.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.</p>
MEETING NOTES	
4TH District Update	<p>Liaison Debbie Puzzo reported for Councilwoman Kathy Graziano that Mrs. Graziano was currently attending a budget meeting. Mrs. Graziano has also been appointed to the task force for schools, and she is running for re-election.</p> <p>President Richard Day inquired if Mrs. Graziano's office had received the petition from the 4000 block of Dunston Avenue regarding traffic calming measures, and she replied that they had. She reported that the option on the table was a speed cushion with restricted parking. Richard agreed to discuss further with the Dunston Avenue residents.</p>
Safety/Neighborhood Watch	<p>Officer Stacy Rogers briefly discussed a recent graffiti incident that had been in the news, but was not at liberty to provide much detail while the case was under investigation.</p> <p>Officer Rogers also addressed concerns about a current rash of breaking and entering crimes being committed in the Forest Hill area. He assured neighbors that the police are making this a #1 priority, and reminded everyone to report any suspicious activity. While it may or may not be juveniles, he advised that Richmond does have truancy laws, and to report school-age children if seen out and about during school hours. It was suggested that a weekday morning neighborhood walk be organized to discourage criminals. Shannon Taylor agreed to organize.</p>

	<p>Shannon also inquired if the association wants to continue to provide a shredding truck on National Night Out, or if anyone has new ideas to mark the event. Ideas such as a self-defense class, as was offered several years ago, were discussed.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Zac Sheldon reported that Market Umbrella will be the exclusive corporate sponsor for Music in the Park, and their \$500 contribution will be put towards the two additional sections of stage the association plans to procure. President Day reminded everyone that volunteers are always needed, especially for Sunday In the Park and the association's membership table at the Market, and fresh faces are much appreciated.</p>
Website/Membership	<p>Sue Cline reported that members can now join or renew and pay dues online. With March expiration dates forward, members will get automatic renewal notices. She and Dorna Braswell are making additional upgrades to the website to expand its functionality. Additional ideas discussed at the meeting included a tool exchange (either association-sponsored or neighbor network), member-to-member exchange networks, a talent bank, and others. In particular, the association is looking for ideas for members-only benefits to encourage membership.</p>
Historic Designation	<p>No report.</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>A more regular schedule of guest speakers/presentations at association meetings was discussed. President Day has received a request from a school board nominee, and Shannon Taylor suggested inviting the RPD officer that does home safety inspections. Other ideas are welcome.</p> <p>Neighborhood resident Jesse reported that the owner of the Parkway Apartments was being arraigned the next day for 30 various violations. He thanked the association for their support of neighbor complaints against the apartment condition and illicit activities affecting their quality of life, and agreed to update the association on the outcome of the arraignment.</p>