

MEETING OF THE FOREST HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION May 15, 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 7:02 p.m. and introduced the board members in attendance to other attendees at the meeting.</p> <p>Motion was made to approve the April 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>The Treasurer was unavailable to provide a report, but President Day advised that there had been no new revenue or expenditures since the previous month, except for a few memberships.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.</p>
MEETING NOTES	
4 TH District Update	No report.
Safety/Neighborhood Watch	<p>Lt. McQuail reported that a thumbprint retrieved at one of the Dunston Avenue break-ins resulted in an arrest.</p> <p>He advised neighbors of a common thief currently prowling the neighborhood. Suspect is described as a black male with a gray bushy beard, 5'3" to 5'4" tall, approximately 130 pounds, who may offer to cut your grass. Lt. McQuail warns everyone to leave nothing in plain view; this guy will steal it. He also reminded neighbors to LOCK THEIR CARS. Most of the reported thefts from motor vehicles involve no sign of forced entry. If that information is in a crime report, the insurance company may deny your claim.</p> <p>Lt. McQuail also brought copies of the city's Community Program Guide for the summer, and highlighted summer activities for kids.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Vicky Hamrick reported on behalf of Dorna Braswell that volunteers are needed to man the association's table at the South of the James Market at least once a month, preferably on the Saturday immediately prior to Music in the Park Sundays.</p> <p>Shannon Taylor reported that she had performed an informal survey via the association's Facebook page for potential "Love Your Block Mini-Grant" projects. She received 6 votes for shrubs to hide the park maintenance sheds, 4 votes for solar motion lights, and 1 vote for clean up of the empty lot at 46th Street and Bassett. Shannon volunteered to write the application for the grant, which is due June 15.</p>
Website/Membership	<p>Sue Cline reported that five new memberships had come in through the website using the new association PayPal account. She also advised that systems were now in place to send out renewal reminder notices as memberships expired.</p>

	<p>Shannon Taylor suggested a new member incentive of offering short history walking tours and/or a park map on market Saturdays. Carolyn Paulette confirmed that our table receives many inquiries about the location of park sites, such as the lake and the “Pyramid.”</p>
<p>Historic Designation</p>	<p>Carolyn Paulette reminded neighbors 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, and that the Boards will meet Thursday, June 21 at 10AM to consider and most likely accept the nomination.</p>
<p>Announcements/ New Business</p>	<p>Music in the Park starts May 20.</p> <p>The 2012 Forest Hill Yard Sale is June 2.</p> <p>Richard Day announced that the association needs a volunteer to step into the role of advertising manager, as Phil Licking is stepping down.</p> <p>President Day also introduced Kristen Larsen, who is running for School Board, and he announced that all School Board candidates will be invited to speak at a mutually agreeable meeting prior to elections.</p> <p>The association received a request via its Facebook page to discuss parking and trash problems during the South of the James Market hours. President Day suggested getting Kathy Graziano’s input. Other suggestions discussed included asking for volunteers to pick up trash after market Saturdays; contacting Karen of The Market Umbrella; setting out additional trash receptacles on market Saturdays; asking the surrounding neighbors to set out their own supercans on market Saturdays.</p>