

MEETING OF THE FOREST HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION October 16, 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 7:03 p.m. and introduced the board members in attendance to other attendees at the meeting.</p> <p>Motion was made to approve the August and September 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 was not in attendance.</p> <p>President Day read a thank you note from the Westover Hills Branch of the Richmond City Public Library for the association's recent \$1,000 donation in honor of Bill Hand.</p> <p>Secretary Vicky Hamrick reminded everyone that elections for the board's officers and three of the seven board seats should occur at the November meeting. Board members whose 2-year terms are expiring are Janet Bowers, Sue Cline, and Martha Cooper. Janet has offered to serve another term. Richard Day, current President, and Vicky Hamrick, current Secretary, have opted not to run for re-election. Carolyn Paulette has nominated Shannon Taylor for President, and Robley Jones has offered to become Secretary. As Shannon and Robley are current board members whose terms are not expiring, two additional board vacancies may need filling, requiring an additional five new board members. (The remaining board members elected for 2-year terms beginning January 2012 are Dorna Braswell and Carolyn Paulette.) Sue Cline should send out an e-mail blast asking for additional nominations.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.</p>
MEETING NOTES	
4TH District Update	<p>Kathy Graziano announced that a meeting will be held on October 27 from 9 to 11 at Southampton to accept input from the 4th District for "outcome-based budgeting," that is, once mandated programs are funded, any excess funds are allocated as constituents express preferences.</p> <p>Mrs. Graziano also reminded everyone of the Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver Program, which gives bracelets with radio emitters to families with mentally incapacitated members, in order to track them in the event that they wander off. At \$500/child and \$800/adult, the office is looking for funding to continue and expand the program.</p> <p>Mrs. Graziano announced that starting in January and every other month thereafter, she intends to hold meetings with representatives from each</p>

	<p>civic association to offer a forum for the exchange of ideas and concerns.</p> <p>Mrs. Graziano thanked the association for its donation to the Westover Tot Lot and advised that the grand reopening took place the prior Saturday.</p>
Safety/Neighborhood Watch	<p>Officer Rogers reported that the neighborhood was doing well, but advised neighbors that with the holidays approaching, there would likely be an increase in robberies, and he reminded everyone to remain vigilant.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Dorna Braswell reported that one more Music In the Park event remained, scheduled for 10/21. Dorna is currently working with Relay Foods who is interested in sponsoring the 2013 Music In the Park season.</p> <p>Dorna advised that the Holiday Social is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, and will take place at the 43rd Street Gallery. She also advised that the committee is currently working on a date for the Forest Hill 5K in March; they are trying to work around other race events that month.</p>
Communication (Flyer/Website/Membership)	<p>Sue Cline was not in attendance.</p>
Historic Designation	<p>Carolyn Paulette was not in attendance.</p>
Announcements/ New Business	<p>David Hicks, Sr. Policy Advisor to the Mayor, was in attendance to report on challenges with the Richmond City Public Schools. Specifically, he pointed out a lack of tax base due to concentrations of poverty (in which he included VCU students) and a lack of major retail north of the river.</p> <p>Robley Jones reported that Kitty Snow, who was recently featured in a Style Magazine article about her grandfather's photography collection of Richmond during the trolley car era, will be at the November 20 meeting to talk about the collection.</p> <p>Richard Day announced a Zombie Walk fundraiser, and suggested a web search for more details. He also announced electronics recycling on Saturday, October 20.</p>