

<p>MEETING OF THE FOREST HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION September 18, 2012</p>	<p>Held at The Stone House at Forest Hill Park Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia</p> <p>Minutes taken by Vicky Hamrick, Secretary</p>
<p>MINUTES</p>	<p>President Richard Day was unable to attend so Vice-President Luke McCall 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>Approval of the August meeting minutes was tabled, as the minutes had not been posted to the website for everyone's review.</p> <p>Treasurer Zac Sheldon did not have an updated Treasurer's Report available, but he reported an approximate cash balance of \$22,000+. Zac announced receipt of an Application For Association Funds to make a \$1,000 donation to the Westover Hills branch of the Richmond Public Library in honor of Bill Hand, long-time resident and former association board member now diagnosed with lung cancer. Sue Cline made a motion to approve the donation, which was seconded by Carolyn Paulette. The motion passed by unanimous vote after discussion of Bill's many contributions to the association and to the library.</p> <p>Vice President McCall reported that the association's two applications for Love Your Block mini-grants had been denied. The proposal for funds to purchase shrubs and materials to hide the park maintenance sheds and solar motion lights to light the path was turned down due to visibility/security reasons for the former and park closure from dusk to dawn for the latter. The proposal for funds to purchase materials to clean up the empty lot at 46th Street and Bassett and install a heavy duty trash receptacle was also turned down.</p> <p>Secretary Vicky Hamrick reminded everyone that elections for the board 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 offered to serve another term. Richard Day, current President, and Vicky Hamrick, current Secretary, have opted not to run for re-election. Carolyn Paulette announced that she will nominate Shannon Taylor for President, and Robley Jones announced that he is willing to run for 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 will send out an e-mail blast asking for additional nominations.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.</p>
<p>MEETING NOTES</p>	
<p>4TH District Update</p>	<p>Kathy Graziano reported that the next district meeting is scheduled for</p>

	<p>10/9.</p> <p>Mrs. Graziano announced that she will begin hosting Community Association presidents meetings to encourage sharing and collaboration among neighborhoods.</p> <p>She also announced that in conjunction with the Mayor’s Heart Healthy initiative, there will be a walk on 10/20. More information is available at RichmondVAHeartWalk.org.</p> <p>Mrs. Graziano reported that the City is offering to install one set of asphalt speed cushions between 4009 and 4011 Dunston Avenue, subject to approval of the affected homeowners. Parking on the cushions is permissible. She will discuss this further with President Richard Day.</p>
Safety/Neighborhood Watch	<p>Lt. McQuail reported that property crime was rising, but statistically, overall crime in the area was down. He advised that police made arrests in a recent armed robbery on Dunston Avenue. Officer Stacy Rogers reported that the neighborhood’s petty thief was in custody and scheduled for a hearing the next day. Officer Rogers reminded everyone to lock their car doors, as this thief generally did not have to force an entry to gain access and steal from cars.</p>
Social Committee	<p>Dorna Braswell reported on the success of association memberships and sale of swag at the 43rd Street Festival. Discussion resumed from previous meetings regarding excessive attendance at Music In the Park, but it was decided the Father’s Day event had been an anomaly. Two more Music events remain, scheduled for 10/7 and 10/21.</p>
Communication (Flyer/Website/Membership)	<p>Sue Cline reported that the new website was done, and that it just needs a new “face” before launching. She also requested photo submissions for the various neighborhood events (5K, Music, etc.), to add to the site. She is also looking into changing the host for the website.</p> <p>Linda Mills, volunteer Flyer Editor, inquired of any issues affecting the publishing date of the next Flyer, since the Holiday Social is early (Tuesday, 12/4), and they need to work around the Thanksgiving holiday. Discussion led to setting a 10/19 deadline for submissions, with delivery between 11/26 and 12/1.</p> <p>Phil Licking, volunteer Advertising Manager, announced as he had in the past that he would like to step down, and a new Advertising Manager is needed. David Lynch agreed to consider this, and will meet with Phil.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding possible advertising not only in the Flyer, but also on the website and/or e-mail news blasts. Opinions were mixed.</p>
Historic Designation	<p>Carolyn Paulette announced that orders for individual house plaques may be submitted to her. An application is in the Fall Edition of the Flyer.</p>
Announcements/ New Business	<p>None</p>