MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASOCIATION MEETING April 15, 2014 Held at the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church 4401 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia

Minutes taken by Robley Jones, Secretary



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"... the minutes should contain mainly a record of what was done at the meeting, not what was said by the members."

p. 468, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition President Shannon Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

In respect of their time, President Taylor, first recognized Sector 312 Officers Guevara and Nicholson of the Richmond Police Department. Their primary message was to call 911 regarding any suspicious behavior ASAP. Any delay lessens their opportunity to effectively respond to the concern.

Karen Atkinson and Doug Grisevich, who run the South of the James Market in Forest Hill Park, discussed the market and heard concerns. RPD Mounted Police will have a presence at the market and will provide information regarding the mounted police program on May 3rd and June 7th. The last Saturday of each month will be designated as child-centered markets. They will have a program encouraging children up to age 16 to sell their products. Concern was expressed regarding the market's departure from the original agreement to feature only acoustic musical instruments, and it was noted that some of the musical group's music was too loud. The fact that proximity to the market has become a selling point for Forest Hill properties was noted. Ms. Atkinson was amenable to the concept of joining with FHNA and other groups on a park improvement project. Ms. Atkinson plans to coordinate food truck presence a MITP events. The success of the South of the James Market has led to the opening of markets in Midlothian, Short Pump and Church Hill.

Tim Grimes, Councilwoman Graziano's Council Liaison, offered the 4th District Updates. Forest Hill Avenue from Powhite to Semmes, and Westover Hills Boulevard from Riverside to Forest Hill will soon be repaved. The project

to improve Forest Hill Avenue between Hathaway and Powhite has been delayed by 6 months to a year. An "alley blitz" is underway – the city is utilizing its 2 graders and renting an additional three. Mr. Grimes agreed to help coordinate an alley clean-up activity. Dorna Braswell, Social Committee Chair, discussed the upcoming Music and the Park and Yard Sale (see dates below). Although Treasurer Ramon Puzon could not attend, he conveyed a treasure's report noting a balance on hand of \$23,910.52. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. **Upcoming Events and News** April 27 – Sunday in the Park May 11 – Music in the Park (6-8pm) May 20 – FHNA meeting with Univ. Richmond Pres. Edward Ayers May 31 - Deadline to sign up for Yard Sale! June 7 - FHNA Yard Sale July 1 – deadline for Community Service Scholarship