

MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING
January 16, 2024

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 Somerville called the meeting to order a 7:04 PM.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Whit Clements, properly seconded, and adopted.

Lieutenant Warren Andorfer presented the RPD 3rd Precinct report, after introducing Acting Lieutenant Frank Scarborough, who may be our new contact in the future. There were four crimes in our area in the last 30 days: one theft from a building, one theft from a motor vehicle, and two motor vehicle thefts. Hyundai and Kia thefts are a continuing problem, and RPD has free steering wheel locks for owners of these brands. Thefts are occurring between midnight and 6 AM. Do not leave cars unattended when warming them up in cold weather.

The honorable Kristen Nye presented the 4th District update. She mentioned funding for projects including the Pony Pasture and Westover Park. The school system still needs to convey the land in Westover Park before the work there can begin. She urged attendees to contact School Board member Jonathan Young urging prompt conveyance of this property. The dredging of the Forest Hill Lake has been delayed as the company originally contracted went out of business, but the work should start by April.

Andrew Alli, Trails and Greenway Superintendent with Richmond Parks and Recreation, gave a brief presentation on the Crooked Branch Trail and Bridge. He availed those in attendance of the opportunity to attend an informational meeting on January 24, at 6 PM, at the Stone House.

Alessandro Ragassi of Baker Development Resources gave a presentation regarding the 1005 Westover Hills Boulevard development. The plan for a three-story building with retail on the first floor and six apartments (four one-bedroom and two two-bedroom apartments) on floors two and three. The Planning Commission must approve the SUP and then the plan will be considered by the City Council. This project will be considered at the next FHNA meeting.

Robley Jones asked the body to consider FHNA sponsoring a Southside mayoral forum in 2024 as we have done in the previous two mayoral elections (2016 and 2020). He offered to organize the event as he has done in the prior years. The date for the 2024 forum would be September 17. This proposal will be considered at the next FHNA meeting.

Christine Waldron reported on the work of the 5K committee. The race will be on March 16. Online registration will be active soon, and the individual fee is \$25. This is a fun run, and dogs and children are welcomed. Volunteers and sponsors are needed.

Riley Champine announced that the date of the FHNA yard sale this year will be Saturday, June 1.

President Somerville asked that without objection the meeting would be adjourned. There was no objection, and the meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.