

Monroe Park Advisory Council Meeting

**13 April 2005
Meeting Notes**

Ms. Alice Massie, presiding.

In Attendance: Alice Massie, David Clinger, Brian Ohlinger, James "Turk" Sties, Todd Woodson and John Peters.

Guests: Ms. Elinor Kuhn of the Friends of Monroe Park, Ms. Florence Lunger, Ms. Kitty Winkler, Rev. John Rains, and Lt. Wendell Miracle of the RPD.

There was a brief discussion on the existing Master Plan for the Park. Brian Ohlinger reported that he had brought "overlay" maps of the park to the last meeting, but the Advisory Council was not ready to discuss the "Master Plan" at length, and as such, no immediate action was taken. Mr. Ohlinger was requested to bring additional maps to the May meeting... as it was decided that May's meeting would focus solely on the Roadways in the Park. What or what not to do about removal of some roadways and restoration of turf.

Mr. Ohlinger also reported that the irrigation project is moving forward. A meeting to discuss this project with DPW and Park and Recreation representatives is planned. (Update: This meeting has occurred).

Mr. Sties asked Lt. Miracle to develop a report on "incidents" that may be occurring in the Park and to report this information back to the Council. Lt. Miracle replied that he would be glad to do this, but the current reporting system in the Police Department does not track by location name (i.e. Monroe Park), but rather by address. The Police Department is working on this, and as soon as that issue is resolved, a report will forthcoming.

Lt. Miracle also reported that the Mounted Patrol and Motorcycle/Bike patrols would be "ramping up" in all parks beginning later in the spring.

Mr. Peters briefly outlined the plan for the dedication of the Historic Marker, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, at 1:00 p.m. in the park. The program would include the Council representative (Mr. Pantele), the City Council President, (Mr. Loupassi), a representative from the Department of Historic Resources (TBD), and Dr. Trani of VCU. The VCU Alumni Association will provide a cake. Ms. Pat Daniels or Alice Massie will MC the program for the Advisory Council. Larry Miller was asked to bring tables, a few chairs and tablecloths for the event. (Update: Nice job! Great Event!)

There was a discussion on the Perimeter Parking Plan. Larry Miller reported that the parking plan is being forwarded to DPW for their work on the project (a copy of his memo to DPW will be available at May's meeting for your records). Rev. Rains inquired about considering a set aside of 3-4 parking spaces for Sunday morning feeding program sponsors, so they could be assured of a place to park.

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Larry Miller said he would work with Rev. Rains to see if this could be accomplished.

Mr. Woodson asked about restoration work at the W. W. II Memorial. After a brief discussion on this work project, it was decided that work could commence on replacing the benches and pointing up the brickwork. The replacement of the eagles would be discussed at another meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the **Monroe Park Advisory Council will be 4:00 p.m., May 11, at Richmond's Landmark Theater, Lounge B - upstairs.**

See meeting notice on next page.

MEETING NOTICE
MONROE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

RICHMOND'S LANDMARK THEATER
(Lounge B - Upstairs)