

**FAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Meeting Minutes**  
April 5 2021 – 7:00 PM  
**Via Zoom**

**CALL TO ORDER**

FDA President Martha Warthen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Board Members Present:** Martha Warthen, Tim Beane, Jerry Beverage, Rebecca Keller, Christy Lantz, Ian Lim, Jonathan Marcus, Chris Morem, Melissa Savenko, Julie Seward, Lacy Williams.

**Board Member Absent:** Christine Peterson.

**Guests Present:** David Naoroz (Richmond Police), Luke Shrader (VCU Police), Sven Philipson (Council Office)

**GUEST REPORTS**

**Lt. Naoroz:** Our precinct was voted Richmond Police Department precinct of the year because of ongoing reductions in crime. Although sometimes not evident, police continue to work on reports of drug use, noise and other issues related to Monument protests. He reminded us that neighborhood surveillance is critical to success in avoiding and reporting crime.

**Lt. Schrader** commented that reduced on-campus VCU students means less reported crime. VCU Police continue to monitor data on criminal activity.

**Sven Philipson, Katherine Jordan's Council Liaison:** provided an update on current City Council activity: 1) Graffiti removal continues to be a high priority. 2) Land use and zoning, especially related to Richmond 300 implementation, are receiving significant attention. 3) Council is currently involved in the City's annual budget process. 4) Councilwoman Jordan is actively meeting with constituents and hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> district zoom meeting on April 14.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Minutes:** March minutes were approved. February minutes were approved with amendment: Tim Beane was not at February meeting.

**Restricted Parking.** The City's contract for enforcement of restricted parking is up for renewal. There is interest in revenues from tickets being used for improvements throughout the Fan, not just blocks with restricted parking. A motion was approved to use revenues throughout the Fan, not just the area with restricted parking. Jerry will ask the City to expand uses of restricted parking revenues.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

FDA's budget is in good standing with limited current activity.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ISSUES**

### **Programs and Events.**

*FDA Annual Meeting* – Planning moves forward. Given covid restrictions, the May 13 meeting is capped at 100 in-person attendees. Zoom will be a fall back.

*Art Stroll* - Planning for the May 20-21 Art Stroll moves forward. Stroll to be located on 2000-2500 blocks of Hanover and Grove. The Board approved \$1500 to pay for a band.

**Grants:** Grant applications are due by April 21. A selection committee will forward grant recommendations during May.

**Communications.** The FDA Newsletter continues to receive positive community response.

### **Code Enforcement and Zoning.**

*Bowtie Theater* site is in contract for development of a casino by the Cordish Companies. Via email the Board approved opposition to the project and \$1000 for signage.

*The Shenandoah* Building at 501 North Allen Ave. is under contract to develop permanent supportive housing. FDA is actively involved in better understanding the project and related land use issues. It is unclear how recently adopted by-right development of emergency housing affects this project.

*Shifting Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations* also apply to a number of SUPs. All illustrate that land use and zoning under Richmond 300 and other City strategies are shifting city practice and impact. FDA should be informed and active.

**Membership.** Invoicing for membership dues continues with expected increase in responses as the Annual Meeting approaches.

**Parks and Alleys:** FDA will sponsor clean up at all 7 Fan parks on April 17. VCU students will assist in our efforts. Free coffee will be available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.