Fan District Association Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

August 2 2021 – 7:00 PM Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Beane, Steve Caudle, Rebecca Keller, Christy Lantz, Chris Morem, Chris Peterson, Julie Seward.

GUESTS PRESENT: David Naoroz, Richmond City Police and Luke Schrader, VCU Police

CALL TO ORDER

FDA President Tim Beane called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

GUEST REPORTS

City Police: David Naoroz, Richmond City Police, presented the crime report. Property crimes remain down while violent crimes have risen. The Board thanked Lt Naoroz for his work with Scuffletown Park. Luke Schrader noted that VCU students return on August 24 and we should anticipate a "double freshman class" – two years of students on campus for the first time given earlier covid restrictions. He urges residents to report noise and late parties as they occur.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President thanked Rebecca for her FDA leadership while he was away.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The budget remains stable with limited activity during this time of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Events: There is much Fan activity afoot! National Night Out is on August 3 with hot dogs, ice cream and lively music. FDA will move forward with planning a Holiday House Tour while closely monitoring any shifts in covid conditions or mandates. Tim will lead a search for potential open homes. Plans for the October Fan Arts Stroll continue with further decisions to be made at the September meeting.

Code Enforcement and Zoning: The Board considered one SUP and unanimously voted not to oppose the 117 North Lombardy SUP for an organic wine store that will serve wine by the glass on premises. Owners have reached out diligently to neighbors.

There were several updates on current City activity: 1) zoning exceptions granted by the City during earlier covid months will soon be reviewed; 2) there is renewed interest in the Shenandoah property; 3) Pulse Corridor rezoning is currently in play; 4) City ADU guidelines are currently under review.

Communications: We welcome Pedro Ledesma III as the new Fanfare editor. He is developing a production strategy and the President will work with him on costs and budget. Also, it was noted that advertisements for a Fan Village coordinator resulted in several volunteers to fill the role.

Membership: Board members are reminded to make personal appeals to neighbors who have neglected membership renewals.

Parks and Trees: The Board decided to move forward with a fall alley clean up. We should talk with VCU about volunteers and partner with others who are also doing clean-ups in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS

There have been additional reports of trash cans in the streets and disappearing from alleys. FDA will continue to monitor.

VCU is forming a committee to assess its upcoming consultant's report on Greek life. Julie and Chris will attend early meetings and determine how FDA can best support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15. Our next meeting will be on September 7.