



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Agenda

April 4, 2016 – 7:00 PM

FDA Building – 208 Strawberry Street

I. Call To Order – *Matthew Stanley, President*

Attending: Matthew Stanley, Brian Baird, Christina Murray, Jenna Mosman, Heather McQuillin, Jack Burke, Tricia Bryant, Jennifer Mullen, Christy Lantz, Danielle Dick & D. Walton

Absent: Tim Feehan & Katherine Jordan

II. Guest Presentations and Guest Reports

- Lisa Mathews-Ailsworth, VCU Off-Campus Student Services Coordinator. Brand new in the role, had a schedule conflict this evening and will join us later in the year.
- Tito Luna & Greg Felton – VCU
Dumpsters have been secured for the end-of-semester demands. Project Clean Move will be utilized to make this transition as smooth as possible for the campus and the community. Clean-up efforts are being built into the schedule for June 4th, July 9th and August 6th with truck resources obtained from Richmond DPW. Have made an arrest in the “Peeping Tom” complaints around campus.
- Lt. Bill Woo, City of Richmond Police
Responded to a recent robbery at the ABC Store at 1200 West Broad Street. Given the location and the store layout it’s a perfect site for “grab & run” theft. Side from the “porch thefts” in our area it’s been relatively quiet. Richmond Police have been working with delivery carriers on this issue and encourages citizens to make arrangements for prompt retrieval of packages.
- The planned demolition and reconstruction of the Gladding Student Residence Building is the topic for a neighborhood forum tomorrow evening at VCU.
- Linden Street modifications – Jennifer Mullen – VCU has changed its plans for Linden Street that now allows for one-way vehicle flow toward Floyd with ten-foot sidewalks along both sides of the street. The City is retaining Zone 1 parking around Heritage Park as well.

III. Other Neighborhood and Community Association Reports

None

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IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Done

V. President's Report

The Gladding Project looks good to me. It will be a 12-story building but it won't look that high. At first review they (VCU and its team) have done a great job in the design.

The Funding for Monroe Park is coming along. Private donations are targeting a \$3m goal to be matched by the City of Richmond. We may be including this project in the annual meeting agenda.

VI. Treasurer's Report

➤ Financial Statements

Report had been placed in our "Dropbox" folder. Have sufficient revenues to cover the Membership party expense of approximately \$16,000.

Suggested that we cut one of the summer concerts and focus on May, August for National Night Out, and Sept.

VII. Committee Reports/Action Items

➤ Audit/Review Committee (Stanley for Jordan)

Commended Christina for her work and attention to detail. Committee recommended more periodic bidding on standard expense allocations like printing. Recommended cutting the August "park outing" and retaining just the "National Night Out" event for a savings of about \$1500. Also suggested (a) consider the cost/benefit for the membership Party and (b) consider moving FanFare to another vendor for layout and printing.

➤ Grants Committee (Mosman)

The handout of grant requests was reviewed and the rationale for each award discussed. The Board recommend increasing the grant for the Friends of the Mounted Police to \$1500 and the repairs to the Braille Library to its full request thereby raising the total approved grant allocation from \$25,000 to \$25,350. Motion to accept the revised grant requests was moved & seconded and obtained unanimous board approval.

➤ Membership Committee (McQuillin)

Richmond Kicker Night slated for April 30th from which we will earn \$4 from each \$12 ticket. Planning a small hospitality tent as well from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

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- We attracted 100 new membership applications at the Membership Party ring our total rolls to approximately 600 members
- Zoning Committee (Burke)
Looking at several properties: 2222 Grove Ave where a wooden fence is being replaced by a brick wall (a clear win), an addition to a Monument Ave. address that has been approved by MAPS and the City and finally 1901 Stuart Ave., a garage improvement.
We have taken a “no position” posture on these plans allowing them to proceed.
 - Historic Preservation Committee (Stanley for Feehan)
Had 270 responses to our request for comment on Historic Overlay district. 79% requested that we proceed with a designation that prevents demolition and at the minimum set demolition guidelines. New construction is not so clear.
Board unanimously approved moving forward with the development of a draft of a design overlay district.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjournment at 8:35 PM

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