



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 1, 2016 – 7:00 PM/FDA Building – 208 Strawberry Street

In Attendance:

Everett Reveley
Bill Beville
Tim Feehan
Jack Burke
Katherine Jordan

Mary Davis-Barton
Bonnie Predd
Robyn Tyer
Danielle Dick
Heather McQuillin

Absent:

Brian Baird
Jennifer Mullen
D. Walton

Christy Lantz
Heather McQuillin
Jennifer Mullen

Guests:

Third Precinct Lieutenant Bill Woo/Richmond Police Department
Greg Felton/External Relations Officer/VCU
Charlie Diradour, Member
Betsy Coffield, Member
Matthew Stanley, Member

Call to Order & Approval of minutes

In President Brian Baird's absence, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Katherine Jordan at 7:02 pm. July 11, 2016 Board minutes were approved as written.

Guest Presentations/Reports

Bill Woo/Third Precinct Lieutenant/RPD

- RPD busy two weeks with separate incidents involving a stabbing and a shooting.
- A downtown public event and a march are scheduled for Saturday, August 13th with several thousand expected to march from Monroe Park to Lee Monument mid-afternoon. The event will disrupt traffic and parking in contingent neighborhoods to Franklin/Monument. More information as specifics are confirmed.

Greg Felton/External Relations Officer/VCU

- VCU police will also be participating in helping RPD manage the August 13th event.
- On August 4th, City of Richmond and VCU Police will hold a live shooter training exercise at Monroe Park Campus. Street closures 8:30am-6:00pm (Franklin between Harrison and Laurel. Public should expect simulated gunfire and crowd panic noise.
- Reminder that August is VCU student move-in and to expect the usual traffic, trash, debris, noise from the activity. VCU Officers are reminding landlords to monitor



tenant activity and clean up as needed. Landlords were also reminded that they are responsible for excessive tenant party noise and/or disturbance and that tenants can be evicted and landlords arrested for unmonitored activity.

Other Reports

None.

Vice-President's Report

- Allen Avenue Common project sponsors received word from Parks & Rec that MOU revisions are near completion. The project has a grant pending with FDA. Funds (2014/15) are being held until certain project milestones are met.

President's Report

- *National Night Out: Tuesday, August 2nd 6-8pm/Meadow Park. Park has been cleaned up. All vendors contracted (hot dogs, band, ice cream, face painters, etc.). Volunteers are still needed. Board members encouraged to attend and wear their FDA nametag. RFD and RPD have been invited to attend.
- FDA Concert: Sunday, August 21st 5-7pm/Meadow Park. This is our first summer concert. Board suggested invites be sent to mayoral and council member candidates. Board voted to use the event to collect food for VCU Ram Pantry.
- *VCU Outreach:
 - Monroe Park Block Party: Tuesday, August 23, 5:30-8 pm. Part of freshman orientation. FDA will have a presence to promote FDA membership (*\$5.00 students*), provide general information on Fan District neighborhood overall and hand out giveaways. Board members should plan to volunteer.
 - VCU Student Organization and Volunteer Opportunities (SOVO) Fair Friday, August 26, 3-6pm, VCU Siegel Center. At the suggestion of Danielle Dick, the Board unanimously decided to not participate in the Fair as FDA is not directly connected with campus life. Danielle will advise VCU of cancellation.
 - Brian asked the Board members to volunteer for these events if possible.
- Next Board meeting will be Monday, September 12th due to Labor Day holiday.

Treasurer's Report

- Everett presented financials as of July 31, 2016. No discussion. He asked the Board and Committee Chairs to submit budget estimates in next couple of weeks so he can draft a 2016-2017 budget for Board discussion and review at September Board meeting.

Committee Reports/Action Items

Adopt-A-Tree (Betsy Coffield)

- The Adopt A Tree program is now in its 6th year. We have gotten off to a great start for 2016 with 20+ trees adopted in the first 4 weeks. Orders will be accepted through August 29th.



Holiday House Tour (Robyn Tyer)

- Project timeline is on track. The committee has lots of volunteers for the event. Still soliciting and reviewing homes. As of today, three homes are confirmed and seven more will be added. Sponsor solicitation is also underway.

National Night Out

- **See President's Report*

Membership Committee (Heather McQuillin)

- Committee member Shannan Hilliard updating website and creating FDA business cards to hand out at events asking non-members to go online and check us out.

Parks & Trees Committee (Katherine Jordan)

- Lombardy Park Playground should be completed end of next week. Working with the City on a ribbon cutting August 31st to include ice cream and possibly a back to school supplies drive.
- P&T committee has had a good response for volunteers. Master Gardener and Grace Park steward Christine Baum led a group of the volunteers in a weeding 101 session, tackling the beds in Meadow Park. A tree pruning session will be next in conjunction with the Richmond Tree Stewards.
- Water is back on at Meadow Park. Others scheduled to be turned on as City's contractor gets to them. Plan is being developed to replace blighted rose bed at the head of Meadow Park. Removal and planting will occur in the Fall.
- New steward need to replace Laura Bateman at Sydney Park. Suggestions welcomed.

Safety Committee (Danielle Dick & D. Walton)

- Danielle and D. Walton are setting up a meeting to get collective views on local burglaries. Tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 15th. Details will follow. Officer Woo indicated an interest in attending the discussion group.

Parking Committee (Jennifer Mullen)

- No Report.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Committee (Jack Burke & Bill Beville)

- No Report.

Historic Preservation Committee (Tim Feehan)

- Tim, Calder Loth and others will attend Congregation Beth Ahabah meeting on Tuesday, August 2nd to review most recent renovation plan revisions with Larry Salzman, chair of Beth Ahabah's architectural review committee and architect, Salo Levinas. Tim will issue meeting update to FDA Board.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm