



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 5th, 2016 – 7:00 PM/FDA Building – 208 Strawberry Street

In Attendance:

Brian Baird, President (nonvoting)
Everett Reveley
Bill Beville
Jennifer Mullen
Heather McQuillin
Robyn Tyer
Mary Davis-Barton

Jack Burke
Katherine Jordan
Danielle Dick
D. Walton
Christy Eliades
Matthew Stanley, President ex officio
(nonvoting)

Absent:

Tim Feehan
Bonnie Predd, Secretary (nonvoting)

Guests:

Officer Greg Felton, VCUPD
Lt Bill Woo, RPD
Tito Luna, VCU Community Engagement

Call to Order & Approval of minutes

Brian Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. November 2016 draft Board minutes were reviewed and approved.

Guest Presentations/Reports

Tito Luna, VCU

Tito invited the FDA to a VCU master plan kickoff meeting on 12/12/2016, other neighborhood groups adjacent to VCU have been invited as well.

The question was raised by Tito whether homelessness in the Fan had increased since Monroe Park was closed. Consensus from the Board was that there had been a general uptick, although no data is available on this issue.

Officer Greg Felton, VCUPD

Officer Felton noted that there are three officers who are writing tickets for bicycle and pedestrian infractions in the VCU area. Other VCUPD activity in the Fan has involved the Cary Street corridor.



Lt Bill Woo, RPD

Lt Woo noted that an arrest had been made in one of the higher profile cases in the Fan, the suspect is a juvenile.

The homeless situation at the church located at Park and Meadow was discussed, it is not possible for RPD to remove vagrants from a property without written permission from the owner of the property. Lt Woo noted that such a letter was expected from the owner of this property in the near term. In the interim, officers are able to speak with persons living in this location and encourage them to seek more permanent residence elsewhere.

President's Report

1. FDA President-Elect Vote. The Board unanimously voted Katherine Jordan to be the President – Elect, term to begin in May, 2017.
2. Apartment Owners Association. Brian and Board member Robyn Tyer are planning on attending the RAOA 'Think Tank' meeting on 1/17/17.
3. Student Liaison. A lead for an FDA student liaison has been identified, they have been invited to the January 2017 FDA meeting in a nonvoting role.
4. FDA Laptop. The laptop is password – protected, the Board was able to ascertain the password during the meeting. Brian will wipe all important information from the laptop and then sell the machine, with proceeds to be given to the FDA.
5. VCU Community Meeting / Master Plan Update. Brian Baird, Danielle Dick, and Jim Vigeant are planning to attend the aforementioned VCU meeting on 12/12/16

Treasurer's Report

Everett presented an updated Statement of Activity (November 2016) and a Statement of Financial Position (November 2016). No major items to discuss.

Committee Reports

Holiday House Tour (Mary Davis-Barton). Mary urged all Board members to participate either by volunteering or attending the Tour. There is generally a need for surplus volunteers, because holes often appear in the schedule simply due to the large number of volunteers involved.

Zoning: (Jack Burke).

- 1836 Park Ave: Reports of amplified music in the early Sunday morning hours at this location have continued. Jack has visited the vicinity on recent Sunday mornings and has not heard amplified / loud music yet. He has also spoken with the pastor who has stated that the facility wishes to be a good neighbor to the surrounding area. The issue is not yet resolved, more observations will take place.



- 1801 Park Ave: Lt Bill Woo is expecting a letter from the owners of this property, giving him authority to deal with vagrancy as needed. In the interim, the non-emergency police number may be used to report infractions.
- 2516 Monument Ave: Jack has facilitated discussions between neighbors at this location, no action items to report.

Building (Bill Beville): The furnace failed on or around 11/22/2016. Bill had a technician service the unit and the technician was able to return it to working order, however, it was noted at that time that the unit was well beyond its expected lifespan and that significant corrosion had occurred within the furnace. This could lead to carbon monoxide leakage. Bill obtained estimates from two companies for replacement heating units. The Board voted to act on the estimate provided by Vasser, in the amount of ~\$1,800. This amount would provide a new and more efficient furnace, removal of the old unit, and all labor.

BRT / Pulse Liaison (D Walton): D provided a report of the most recent Coalition for Smart Transit meeting. No action items at this time.

Historic Overlay (Tim Feehan): Tim submitted a report that the draft guidelines are now approximately midway through development. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/22/17.

Other Business

Fanfare: a review of Fanfare costs and advertising income will be undertaken to ensure that expenses and income are on target for the current fiscal year.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 9th at 7pm. This is a change from the normally scheduled date of 1/2/2017, due to the proximity of the NYD holiday.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm