

**MINUTES**  
**FAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**March 10, 2014, 7:00**  
**Rescheduled from March 3 snow event**  
**208 STRAWBERRY STREET**

**Presiding:** Bill Montgomery, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**Board Members Present:** Bill Montgomery, Laura Bateman, Bennette Burks, Tim Treinen, Christine Murray, Colin Kelly, Tricia Bryant, Ted Theofanos, Roger Whitfield

**Others Present:** Officer Lockard, Richmond Police Department; Greg Felton, VCU Police, Alyse Auernheimer, West Grace Street Association, Kerthy Hearn WGSA, Kate Horne, Grove Avenue, Rand Burgess, The Camel, David Pool, Mulberry Street

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Officer Felton** reported on a couple of incidences in the Lower Fan and work with the RPD on finding perpetrators.

**Officer Lockard** reported violent crime decrease down 75% in the last 28 days, compared to prior 28-day period. Also, 75% decrease in burglaries and a 35% decrease in property crimes. RPD made arrests in an Idlewood Ave robbery, as well as a S. Lombardy robbery. Officer Lockard reiterated the incidences Office Felton reported above and indicated that the 1500 Park Avenue home invasion/robbery is under investigation.

**Alyse Auernheimer, President, West Grace Street Association** reported that the WGSA Annual Meeting will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Theatre. She also reported the WGSA is highly supportive of The Camel's SUP with the City and affirmed The Camel/Rand Burgess' compliance with what the state requires and that the Camel is a compliant and good neighbor.

**Kate Horne**, resident of Grove Avenue adjacent to Balliceaux, relayed her many complaints of filth, garbage, food, and grease dumped into the alley by Balliceaux. She has photographs of rat infestation and she reports that her complaints to the owner of Balliceaux have gone unanswered. As well, the City has her in an endless loop of where to report such matters. She has come to the FDA for assistance and said that she would attend the March 24 FDA Zoning Committee meeting to reiterate her concerns and search for solution.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Minutes** from the February 10 meeting were approved as amended and will be submitted for posting on the FDA web site.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

No report. Due to illness, treasurer Stanley wrote that there is nothing out of the ordinary for this reporting period. A date will be set shortly for the audit/examination of FDA books and records and a full report will be prepared for the April 2014 meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Zoning Committee (Bennett Burks)** reported that the Zoning committee with only 2 members present had approved the SUP for the Retreat Hospital signage. FDA member **David Poole** stated his concern that a proposal by Retreat Hospital to supplant their signage at Robinson and Grove would result in a precedent-setting LED sign in the Fan. He asked that the Retreat SUP have a broader airing throughout the Fan community. Accordingly, the FDA will include an item in the weekly email blast informing readers and inviting comment either in person at the March 24 FDA Zoning meeting or by email to FDA president, Bill Montgomery.

**Bill Montgomery (Building Committee)** Nothing to report

**Code Enforcement** Nothing to report. See Kate Horne presentation.

**Communications Committee (Brian Baird)** Nothing to report.

**Education Committee (Ted Theofanos)** Nothing to report.

**Grants Committee (Jenna Mosman)** Advised in written report that the Grants Committee met on March 4 and voted on recommendations to the full board for consideration at the March 31 meeting.

**Holiday House Tour (Tricia Bryant)** There are currently 3 houses up for consideration for the December 2014 HHT. Upcoming weekly email blast communications will continue in order to seek out additional homes for the 2014 tour.

**Membership (Laura Bateman)** Current statistics for membership renewals: 385 paid members at 3/9/14. We had 748 paid memberships in 2013. Targeted communications, as well as weekly email blasts and Fanfare communications will all continue to build membership and renewal. Motion was made by Colin Kelly and seconded by Ted Theofanos to discontinue Fanfare mailing to Fan residents that have not renewed their membership as of mailing date for the August/September Fanfare. Motion passed.

**Parking (Tim Treinen)** The Parking committee will write an article for Fanfare explaining West Ave pilot parking restrictions and the recommendation to make it permanent. No action on Floyd Ave bike boulevard or funeral signage. Ongoing activity to evaluate diagonal parking at Lombardy Park and a pilot project to paint curbs for parking guidance sidewalk art.

**Programs (Christine Murray)** Concerts set to go.

**Safety Committee (Roger Whitfield).** We continue to get a low number of Party Patrol calls to our phone (833-5330) and thus want to continue including it in the weekly e-mails. We will examine advertising the number on our Facebook page. The Party Patrol MOU is still being vetted by the RPD legal department.

**Trees and Parks (Colin Kelly)** reported that he met with the new director of Parks and Recreation. April 12 is the Clean the Parks cleanup day. We are hoping to have mulch delivered on this day.

**VCU (Ted Theofanos)** Ted reiterated that Officer Greg Felton does yeoman's work for VCU and is an able liaison between VCU and the FDA

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Clean Sweep:** Lynn Lancaster with the City of Richmond is reprogramming the Clean Sweep contractor in order to reduce the scope of work to more appropriately reflect the monies coming in to support the program. There is a meeting scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. with the City and Clean Sweep contractor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion of volunteer of the year and best commercial renovation and monetary/gift certificate award in lieu of certificate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Bateman