

FoJRP Board Meeting -- February 2nd, 2014

Phil, Stacey Rogers (Guest from RPD), Nathan, Greg, John Zeugner (Guest from Parks and Rec), Betsy, Myrna, Adrienne, Paul, Connie, Karen, Larry, Jane, Elaine, Vicky, Mary Helen, Nancy

1. John Zeugner asked for assistance with inspection of the Park System for “substantial changes” (i.e., possible violations) of the conservation easement, and discussed a few changes to the Parks. Inspection is due March 15th. Sign-up sheet was distributed and Betsy will coordinate.
2. Police in the Parks issue – Third precinct may create a position to monitor the Park, as Stacey’s presence has been limited. Thefts from motor vehicles are the main concern – which seemed to escalate significantly once police presence was diminished.
3. Feedback on January 18th Volunteer Event – Total of 54 volunteers plus Park Staff and FoJRP Board and Members. By all accounts the day was a success! High water at North Bank presented a few difficulties, but all work was done. Working out details with sign-ups, Facebook and FoJRP Web calendar coordination. Next Volunteer Event (on the 15th ~9AM to 2 PM) is the Wetlands, activities include lots of painting (think brown), invasive species removal, bluebell plantings. Volunteers should park in the Landria area.
4. Riverfront Plan meeting rescheduled to February 18th at War Memorial, 7 PM
5. Bridgepark is extremely expensive (\$20-40M) plus there are questions regarding conservation easement issues. Bridgepark is primarily a private venture.
6. A new FoJRP Brochure was created and reviewed by the Board. Karen suggested coding the brochure (2-14, 2000 = survey created in Feb 2014 with a print run of 2000). Karen offered a deadline of noon Friday February 7th for changes.
7. Committees need to be restructured, Board Members signed up. There was discussion on how to involve general FoJRP membership. Also, there was recognition of the need for Ad Hoc Committees.
8. Constant Contact for this upcoming month – Elaine asks for ideas, events, notes, pictures, etc.
9. Banff Film Festival is March 7th and 8th. Board member staffing has been set.
10. Earth Day – Enrichmond event is at 17th Street Market again this year. The ‘other half’ of the festival is across the James. FoJRP opted not to participate, instead we will offer a special event later this year.
11. Update on new maps. Tyvek has been donated by Dupont.
12. Venture Richmond’s plan for the Amphitheater did not make it through City Planning on the first round, so they are delayed.
13. Corporate Fundraising letter was run by a professional fundraiser. Letter to go out and then the recommendation was to follow-up with phone calls.
14. River Heroes is ‘in process’ with current sponsors of TaZa, Riverside Outfitters, Real Richmond, and Golden Squeegee (Connie will talk with Galley) to be presented at the FoJRP Picnic (tentatively June 7th at the Pumphouse).
15. The timing of the retreat could be coordinated with the budget – so, perhaps the Retreat would occur in June.
16. We will start working on the CVC (Combined Virginia Campaign) – in early March, before our next meeting. The finance committee will overlap.

17. Dog issue is tabled for now. Christie Chipps Peters is not in the office currently. Marlee (Nathan's supervisor) is willing to meet. One of the Parks cited was San Francisco (Golden Gate National Recreation area).
18. Paul began his monthly walk two years ago – wishing to inform, excite, and involve.
19. Minutes from last month approved.