

FOJRP March 2017 Meeting

Attendees

P.J. Fanning
Karen Thomas
Justin Doyle
Greg Velzy
Shawna Shade
Nancy Fowler
Nathan Burrell
Larry Socha

February Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

- Hot House Yoga donation
- Richmond Audubon Society Grant
- Payment made to CRLC for conservation easement insurance
- Payment made for Nathan and Michael Burton to travel to Richmond Upon Thames for training on Thames Landscape Strategy comprehensive interjurisdictional community plan

Park Superintendent Report

- Met with police department – providing overtime officers, hopefully earlier in the year; two additional officers for Belle Isle, Main Area; and two officers for Huguenot Flatwater and Pony Pasture
- Applications out now for seasonal hires – five positions, applications close Friday
- Invasive Species Awareness Week – went well, in discussions with Christy Orcutt to purchase goats and have her manage them
- Goat project in the works
- Joint proposal from VHB and Hargraves and individual Hargraves proposal
- Working on Pony Pasture road

Old Business

- Conservation Easement Inspections – reports being collected
- Economic Impact Study – VCU has received information; refined timeline for budget cycle; in April Parks and Rec will deliver budget needs to council; need Study done by end of March along with PR push
- Continuing discussion of P&P Fund

Committee Reports

Communications

- Website revamp ongoing

Picnic Date

- June 10, 6-8pm
- Music - Andrew

Banff

- Cat setting up materials and coordinating

Advocacy

- Sent letter in February to City Council regarding Bus Rapid Transit
- Attending and presenting at Council meetings every month
- Promotional video for park

Fundraising

- Will have significant need for fundraising to fund Park Master Plan

Ad Hoc Master Plan Committee

- Reviewing proposals – VHB, VHB and Hargraves, and Hargraves proposal

Cleanup Saturday, March 11, at 22nd Street Parking lot to cleanup rocks on backside of Belle Island