

Jan 7, 2014 Board Meeting

Presentation by Bridge Park

- Ted Elmore (Ted@bridgeparkrva.com)
- Wider than dam walk
- For leisure, events, food festival, etc.
- Dam walk to be about 10 feet wide (with 3-4 “bump outs”)
- Estimated cost- 20-40 million range

Riverfront Plan Meeting

- Jan 21 Mtg. at 7 PM @ Virginia War Memorial

December Meeting Minutes

- Approved

Treasurer's Report

- Approved
- Only about \$31,000 short on P&P Fund
- Gift- \$2,000 by Marley DeWitt (SP?) for 22nd Street Tower Entrance
 - Motion to accept \$2,00 gift for 22nd Street Tower Entrance
 - Unanimously Approved
 - Application in with Store front for community design
 - Landscape architects, engineers, etc.
 - Will present at future meeting

Old Business

- Parade of Lights
 - Cold and wet
- Winter Solstice
 - 25-30 attendees
 - Convivial
- Reminder to Members to take and send pictures to P.J. and Elaine for posting on Facebook.
- Brochures
 - Committee to set up meeting
 - Karen to reach out to Connie to get meeting times for committee (Vicky, Elaine, Connie, Karen, and Warren)
- Zip Line
 - No news is good news
- Police in the Park
 - Still no update from Police Department re arrests, calls.

- Precinct updates public? Available piece by piece, but park is in different precincts.
- Dogs in the Park
 - Molly working to set up meeting of stakeholder
- January Monthly Volunteer Event
 - Jan. 18 – Texas Beach Trail
 - Bring water jug- water available
 - Liability Forms – send digital copy to Nathan and Board
 - Nathan or staff to manage and turn over
- Volunteer Website
 - 5 people signed up (of 20 slots)
 - Software – not very user friendly, but does work
 - Need system to send Reminders that people signed up for the event
 - Need general signs on kiosks directing people to sign up
 - Then event-specific signs directing people to website
 - Will be in January Constant Contact Letter
 - Acknowledgment letters for membership
 - Posted on website
 - Posted on Facebook
- March Volunteer Opportunity
 - Wetlands
 - Species removal
 - Board walk repair
 - 3rd Saturday of Every Month. ***
- Riverside Drive
 - We finally have the sign as sponsor for group
 - Incorporate into March Volunteer Opportunity
 - Nathan and staff responsible for water at Volunteer events
- Cleanup Funding
 - Have budget line item to cover maintenance and supplies
 - \$2000 in account until end of June
- Fundraising Letter
 - Nancy drafted
 - Welcomes feedback
 - List individual donors on website?
 - Nancy to email draft of letter to
- Venture Richmond Meeting re Parking Expansion

- Parking lot at Tredegar owned by Venture Richmond (upper)
- Railroad and Venture Richmond (lower lot)
- Venture Richmond does have plans to upgrade upper lot
- Improving trailhead to North Bank trail – need improved steps to Oregon Hill
- Venture Richmond seeking our support for a bicycle trail from 2nd Street to North Bank Trail
- Nathan has started conversation with GRTC to getting bus stop
- Salamander Pool
 - Sleuths gate has been installed – need small modification – series of holes drilled out or cut outs from top for overflow
 - Larry Miller from City has retired; interim guy in place
- Constant Contact ideas for Elaine/Karen
 - Riverfront Plan
 - Film Festival
- Film Festival
 - Adrienne purchased tickets for volunteers (\$20)
 - Myrna and Betsy Friday night
 - Adrienne signed up for Saturday night; need one more volunteer
 - March 7-8; doors open to public at 5 (4:30 for vendors)

New Business

- **River Heroes**
 - Boat House Manager expressed interest in sponsoring (checking with Owner)
 - Need to set up committee
 - Go ahead and publish that nominations are available
 - Post to constant contact and Facebook
 - Galley- new restaurant in Stratford Hills
 - Once Upon a Vine
 - Announce on Earth Day or on Picnic
 - EARTH DAY: April 22 – perhaps on Dock Street; Style Weekly planning for Southside swap meet
 - Committee: Betsy, Elaine, Adrienne
 - Past Sponsors: Boat House, Discover the James (Mike Ostrander (sp?)), Real Richmond Food Tours,
- **Committees**
 - Nancy distributed list; to discuss at next meeting
- **Events**

- Adrienne distributed list of previous events that FOJRP has been involved in;
- Potential Events
 - Friends-sponsored Slave Walk
 - Friends Photo Contest –
 - Friends Environmental Film Festival – at Diversity Park (Flood Wall Park) – south side of 14th street bridge where flood wall
- Email Adrienne: anokomiscoxe@gmail.com

To Do:

Karen Thomas- update email – Update w/ Susan and Stephanie at Webbones