

## FOJRP Board Meeting, 2/7/17

### Attendees:

P.J. Fanning  
Nancy Fowler  
Shawna Shade  
Greg Velzy  
Kelly Gotschalk  
Haleigh Custer (Visitor)  
Joe Costello (VCU)  
Karen Thomas  
Kevin Tobin  
Justin Doyle  
Katherine Mitchell  
Cat Anthony  
Erin Jenkins  
Larry Socha  
Nathan Burrell  
Mary Kay Martin

Minutes from January Meeting approved as amended.

### Treasurer's Report

A few donations  
One renewal

### Nathan's Report

#### Master Plan

- Working with consultants regarding the Master Plan (Hargrave and VHB working on plans to submit; likely to be submitted in next 2-3 weeks)
- A lot of back and forth regarding scope

#### Joe Costello (VCU Urban Planning Masters Student) – preparing master plan for Pump House Park

- Met with Venture Richmond, Department of Historic Resources
- Pump House is on National and State Historic registries
- Looking at what it would take get a certificate of occupancy for Pump House
- Wants to know whether there is appetite for a Friends of the Pump House

#### Economic Impact Study with VCU

- In second week of surveys with over 50 businesses near the Park
- Reports generated by end of February

#### Richmond Mass Transit Redevelopment Plan

- FOJRP should comment on this next few weeks
- GRTC reworking all bus routes to connect to Bus Rapid Transit
- No bus stops anywhere near riverfront
- Know where routes are going to go but not stops
- Need at least one bus stop in Tredegar, Browns Island area
- Motion to approve advocacy letter during public comment period

#### Working through Staff Budget

- Operational side funding has moved through current process

#### Feb. 27-March 3 Invasive Species Awareness Week

- JRP Kickoff Event, Sat. Feb. 25 1-5 at Pony Pasture; interpretive hikes, invasive removal
- 27<sup>th</sup> – chapel island, 1-3 removing invasives
- March 1 – “free a tree” at pony pasture
- March 2 – Tree stewards
- See global calendar

#### Next Cleanup, Feb. 18 – Manchester

#### Old Business

- Policy work with Jamie Canup – no update
- Motion to fund James River Park portion of Capital Region Land Conservancy insurance policy for conservation easement

#### Enrichmond – Easement Inspections

- Erin Jenkins
- Many Enrichmond volunteers want to be involved with this process
- Easement inspections coming up later this month

#### James River Advisory Council (JRAC) Quarterly Meeting

- James River Action Team
- Justin Doyle
  - Priority area
  - Need regional plan for public access in Richmond region
  - Identifying new public access sites
  - Evaluating recommendations locality by locality and prioritizing
  - Regionalriversplan.org (hosted by Capital Region Collaborative)
- Storm Drain project – James River Association in conjunction with Art on Wheels
- Capital Region Collaborative
- Stewards of the River Awards – deadline March 3 for nominations (8 different categories)
- JRAC-va.org
  - Community partnerships
  - Educations

- Overall
- Business
- Leadership
- Guardian

## New Business

Myrna Hartley has resigned from the Board

## Finance

- Shawna is now signatory on bank card

## Communications

- Website update forthcoming
- Lauren Minor Planning next Poetry session
- Constant Contact

## Events

- Picnic date – May 6
- Send Save the Date
- Members only picnic
- Only event at Pump House all year
- Link to sign up to be a member
- Need to check with Mary Helen regarding band

## Earth Day

- Enrichmond making it more of a HandsOn day

## Explore the Outdoors

- April 23

## Banff Film Festival – add to constant contact

- Cat covering

## Advocacy

- Waiting for budget request and economic impact survey
- Kevin, Cat and Mary Kay have drafted talking points
- Promotional video – message
- Meeting with City Council – Monday at 6, Feb. 13 – some limits on number times you can speak

## Fundraising

- Analyzing membership to see how to best approach members and lapsed members
- Fundraising for Park Master Plan (\$170,000 minimum for a master plan)