

Friends of James River Park  
Minutes  
March 1, 2011- Southampton Recreation Center

Present at the meeting were: Maureen Egan, Mary Wickham, Gay Leahy, Betsy Slade, Matt Perry, Ralph White, Vicki Shivy, Warren Foster, Mary Helen Sullivan, Molly Dellinger-Wray, Myrna Hartley, John Antonietta, Marguerite Daniels,

President Maureen Egan called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous 2 meetings were approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

Myrna provided the treasurer's report

General Account = \$31846.28 ( \$3500 will go toward license plates)

Total Disbursements- \$ 237.00 (\$75 to be refunded from Earth Day registration)

License Plate Account- \$7050

Protection & Preservation Fund- 1960.87 (does not reflect \$5,000 and \$35,251 which has been put in CDs at Union First Market and at First Capital Bank

#### Membership

Michael did not attend the meeting but Maureen reminded board members to provide Michael with the information that he has requested via email.

#### Fundraising

Maureen and Ben determined that we will take license plate applications up until June 1. Gay has revised the form to reflect our change in status and it is two pages long. A letter explaining the status of the license plate will be sent via email and US Post explaining the situation to those who have signed up for a plate. Warren is negotiating with DMV via the artwork.

#### Events/Volunteers

Marguerite listed the following upcoming events:

- Arbor Day – April 16
- JRA Run Off- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in July
- River Rock – May 13 – need tattoos
- March 14 Pescados will donate 25% of all receipts to FOJRP. Very generous!
- April 22 Sierra Nevada River Appreciation night at the Capital Ale House
- April 23 Earth Day (this is the day before Easter)
- March 11 &12- Banff Mountain Film Festival at James River High School

Ben looked into having a table at the Ukrops 10K check in, but the cost is \$750, which is too expensive.

Gay is researching small signs or table skirts with our logo that can be used at the events.

#### Transition to 501 ( c )(3)

In order to protect board members and FOJRP's assets, Maureen is looking into different insurance options. Mary Helen made a motion to purchase State Farm General Liability

insurance for \$275/year so that our clean ups and other events are covered. Wendy Bryant will be our State Farm representative.

#### Old Business:

##### River Heros

There are 13 applications, including 4 that were submitted for Betsy Slade who is ineligible because she is a board member. Myrna, Elaine and Ben are on the selection committee which will make a decision by March 14. A couple River Heros will be selected and each will receive: \$100 gift certificate from the Boathouse Restaurant, a raft trip for two from Riverside Outfitters, and a one year free membership to FOJRP.

##### Create-a-thon

FOJRP will purchase some pizza gift certificates and board members will donate baked goods. Maureen will coordinate drop off & delivery on March 17.

#### New Business

##### 2BNB BUS

Phil Riggan's idea for a To the River and Back bus. Maureen has been in touch with Sandy Appleman, the representative for the To the Bottom and Back bus. We don't know what the cost would be. Memorial Day would be a good start. Mary Helen will assist Phil. Belle Isle was considered but Ralph suggested the Pony Pasture. Matt discussed the difficulty of parking cars in the parking lots on Hathaway & Forest Hill. Ralph suggested contacting the developer who owns the TARGET and MARTIN's shopping center a little further away.

##### Ralph Report

The James River Fund is a designated pot of money which is administered by the James River Association. The income comes from Ralph's lecture fees, donations, and sales of publications. The fund is currently at about \$6,000. Ralph uses the fund to be reimbursed for legitimate park expenses without following the red tape procedures required by city hall. The James River Association can no longer hold the account. Ralph would like FOJRP to consider holding and administering the funds. Mary Helen suggested that she and Myrna check with our tax advisor.

#### Other incidental news reported by Ralph:

- Accident reported on rock climber on south side of Belle Isle
- Heron tours in February attended by 17 and 40
- Slave Trail tours attended by 17 and 40
- Roof repairs are being done to the pump house by the city
- The port-a-john at pump house remains overflowing
- River East Trail from Ancarrow's landing going down stream ½ mile is being built. Ralph is getting permission from Goode's Creek and Belle Meade Recycling Center for access. He will need signs, fences, etc.

- Six additional acres have been added to the park and will be announced on Earth Day. The acres form “Retention Basin Park” which is located east of the Floodwall.
- Fireworks will be displayed on Labor Day at Ancarrow’s Landing sponsored by the city.
- Park Easement inspection has begun
- Purple Martin bird houses are being installed at Ancarrow’s Landing donated by Adolf White.
- The river will not be blocked off for Huguenot bridge construction

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Molly Dellinger-Wray