

**Friends of James River Park**

Board Meeting

July 5th, 2016

6:30 PM

**Attendance**

Larry Socha

PJ Fanning

Scott Silvester

Mary Kay Martin

Kevin Tobin

Karen Thomas

Mary-Helen Sullivan

John Evans-RVA clean sweep

Nathan Burrell

Greg Velzy

Katherine Mitchell

Phil Dawson

Marjolein De Loit – RVA MORE

Will Isenberg-Guest

**Minutes of June meeting-Approved.**

## **Treasurer's Report**

During our last fiscal year we brought in more money than we spent.

There was a \$6800 surplus in the 2015-2016 budget.

## **Park Superintendent Report – Nathan**

During the last Saturday in June there were two river rescues due to the rapid increase in river levels, and park staff initiated high water evacuation protocol which potentially reduced the amount of river rescues.

Nathan reported that there has been a larger than anticipated amount of afterhours river rescues during the first 6 months of this year.

Break ins at the pump house have been occurring every couple of months.

The Reedy Creek Greenway plan has been finalized.

The increase in police presence at North Bank has significantly reduced the rash of issues that had been occurring since the beginning of the year.

## **Forestry Grant update:**

Forestry Grant-We have about \$2500 left out of the original \$7000-8000 of the Forestry Grant.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Strategic Plan**

Katherine would like for all the committee to have their recommendations completed by the end of August.

### **Finance (Myrna)**

Nothing new to report

## **Communications (P.J.)**

There is a need for someone to maintain Facebook and write content for constant contact once Mary-Helen vacates her responsibility in September.

Lauren Minor has requested to be an artist in residence. Her activities will focus on writing and will last through September of this year.

## **Fundraising (Katherine)**

The memorial option question

Suggested using memorial gifts for the P&P fund, and recognizing these contributions with a plaque on a wall in the North Bank area or on the Reedy Creek Park building wall.

## **Events (Kelly & Adrienne)**

No FOJRP volunteer events are scheduled for July.

Between 70 and 100 people attended the June 11<sup>th</sup> picnic.

The annual board meeting is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **President's Comments**

Adrienne & Phil, are leaving the board in September.

Board applications have been sent out to Cat & Scott. Greg & Nathan will touch base with them to determine their intentions.

There is a need for new board members to maintain and take responsibility for Constant Contact-Facebook maintenance and Finance duties.

## **Other**

Katherine Mitchell presented mayoral candidate Jon Baliles the "paddle of thanks" for his friendship and advocacy towards the James River Park.