

Friends of James River Park

Board Meeting
August 2nd, 2016
6:30 PM

Attendance:

Larry Socha
PJ Fanning
Scott Silvester
Mary Kay Martin
Kevin Tobin
Karen Thomas
Mary-Helen Sullivan
Nathan Burrell
Greg Velzy
Shawna Shade
Kelly Gotschalk
Nancy Fowler

Minutes of July meeting - Approved.

Treasurer's Report -

Park Superintendent Report – Nathan

A year round water fountain have been installed at Pump House drive at the north bank trailhead. Keller Heating & Air purchased the fountain, and Advanced Plumbing did the installation.

Working on finalizing the plans for the North Bank parking lot.

There is a riverfront planning meeting at 7pm on August 3rd at City Council.

The completion of the bridge between Browns Island and Manchester Wall is scheduled to be completed before the start of the 2016 Folk Festival.

The police chief has decided to pull all the bike units from Belle Isle.

A NFWT grant is currently being worked on.

Forestry Grant update:

All activities are on hold until October 2016.

Committee Reports

Strategic Plan

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

Finance (Myrna)

- We are within \$1500 of our initial PP goal of \$100,000.

Communications (P.J.)

- They are working on finding a replacement for Mary-Helen who has provided support for both Constant Contact and Facebook. They are in discussions with Cary Wing to take on the Facebook responsibilities.
- Constant Contact is reaching out to 900 individuals

Fundraising (Katherine)

- We will address the “memorial option question” during our next meeting.

Events (Kelly)

- JRAC is organizing a cleanup at Pony Pasture, Reedy Creek, and Shiplock for September 10th.
- The annual board meeting is scheduled for September 25th.
- Lauren Miner has a workshop scheduled for August.

President’s Comments

- The board retreat will be held at Katherine Mitchell’s house on September 25th.
- We are working to determine if there is a formal ratified document for the P&P fund. Also Kelly & Scott will work with Molly & Mary-Helen to set up a meeting with Jamie Canup to prepare a P&P policy.

Other

- This is Mary-Helen’s last board meeting.
- Working on a protocol to follow up with potential new board members. At this time each sponsor would follow up with their invited guest.
- Would VCU police be willing to provide coverage at Belle Isle?