

FoJRP Board Meeting

October 1, 2012

Phil D, Warren, Betsy, Elaine, Nathan Burell (Trail Manager JRPS), Mark (U of R), Mitch, Kirby, Vicky, Myrna, Paul, Shawn, Bill, PJ, Phil R., Adian, Sam, Jane, Hugh, Ben, Molly, Ralph (Park Manager JRPS)

Managing emails

- Elaine and Betsy currently handle high volume
- Need for quick response to some issues, and passing on to appropriate person (e.g. Ralph)

Survey for Prioritizing Issues

- Vicky will put list up on Survey Monkey so we can prioritize issues to address at our meetings.
- Salamander salvation
- Ralph's retirement
- Pumphouse

Website/Online Presence

- P.J. is doing Facebook (FB) and also adjusts the website.
- Susan and Stephanie respond to requests, and we purchase their help
- Web maintenance a priority – possibly a committee?

Treasurer's Report

- Myrna reports General account holds approximately \$61K.
- There is \$51-52K in the P&P fund, which can't be accessed until it reaches \$100K.
- Typically take in about \$94K/year and we spend about \$57K
- E.g. sources Boathouse at Rockett's Landing, and others left monies from their estates.

501(c)(3) Status

- We had been under the umbrella of EnRichmond's 501 (c)(3), but now FoJRP is it's own entity.

Fundraising

- Need more money for P&P fund to reach \$100K,
- Did not send out our end of year plea given that people were waiting for their license plates
- Need more money for PR?

Williams Island

- Ralph suggested that the Friends request an announcement of Williams Island as part of JRPS.

Board Member Issues

- Parking and park overuse
- Call for bus route or shuttle service

- Difficulty of coordinating volunteers
- Persuade City to create a volunteer coordinator.
- Need increased Board member presence at volunteer events.

Land Acquisition

- Possible Land available adjacent to park (per Ralph)
 - at the Western end, Boshers Dam there is 10 acres where water goes into the canal.
 - Next to that are two privately owned islands. There are the goat islands by the Pony Pasture that will become part of Henrico County.
 - Next to the powhite there is 4 acres on the north side called Pollard's pond (emergency access back entrance for water treatment). A
 - round Mayo's Island there are additional Islands, some of which belong to a private individual. Mayo's Island is difficult.
 - From Ancarrow's to MiLords (Goode's Creek) there is additional land with quarries.
- The City may be concerned that if more land is acquired, then more staff would be needed to manage the land.
- Fire Dept asked that a boat ramp be placed on Southside of Huguenot Bridge directly under new bridge. Inertia is within Parks division.
- Ben Lyman is Committee Chair of Land Acquisition.

The Park Board

- there is one rep from each voting district. Park board members are appointed by Council Reps. The park board meets with Dr. Merrefield.

Vice President position vacant

- If anyone feels so inclined, then Members are asked to step forward.
- New business cards also are available and were distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM