

Friends of the James River Park
Board Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.
Southampton Recreation Association

- I. Welcome & Introductions - Betsy
- II. Minutes of previous meeting - Vicky approved with corrections.
- III. Treasurer's Report - Myrna -- reviewed and approved.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - A. Communication/Publicity -- Maureen, Gay and ? -- Constant Contact and e-mail are being used on a monthly basis to keep in touch with Membership. PJ has been posting information to Facebook. Documents to be added to main website include 501 (c) 3-related materials, minutes, formal reports, and tax forms. Several pages with Spanish translations now are 'in the works.'
 - B. Events - Mary Helen -- several events are in the planning stages. Big months for events are in late Spring / early Summer.
 - C. Finance/Fundraising - Warren made a strong push for targeting local companies and other organizations for larger fundraising efforts. Laura Taylor will work with Warren to construct a suitable letter of request.
 - D. Park Improvements/Projects -- Larry noted an appeal for mileage signs, and a discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of increased signage in the Park system.
 - E. Membership/Volunteers - Michael endorsed use of GroupSpace as a software package.
- V. Old Business
 - A. License Plates - Maureen
 - B. Liability forms - Elaine
 - C. Saturdays in the Park - Elaine
 - D. D & O insurance - Myrna
 - E. Huguenot Flatwater parking lot - Molly -- This is a complex issue as the area is part of the Conservation Easement. Ralph is requesting funding to expand the area of this parking lot. About \$1500 could cover costs associated with 10 additional spaces.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Ralph's James River Fund
 - B. Dominion River Rock - Mary Helen
 - C. Changes thanks to Susan at Webbones -- Betsy
 - Jamesriverpark.org
 - board@jamesriverpark.org
 - Volunteer data base
 - D. Committee assignments - Elaine

VII. Written Report - Ralph noted that the Visitors Center will open this year. Several new maps were posted, along with work on kiosks. Additionally, work is being done on Photography and Geology guides; with costs of about \$1000 each associated. Requests were made for fresh water on Belle Isle. A drinking fountain at the base of the footbridge is estimated to cost \$6000. Ralph requests signage for Chapell Island. He also reports that the City is in support of the bike training park. Brief discussion of the composting toilet at the Pumphouse. And a new take-out (suitable for folks with disabling conditions) is planned for Reedy Creek. Ralph Requests \$2000 for flowers and \$1000 for signage.

These Minutes were recreated from several Board Members' handwritten notes to the best extend possible. The Secretary's original notes were lost to a computer malware problem.