

Minutes of FOJRP Board Meeting May 6, 2013

Present

Adrienne Coxe, Phil Sherron, Rod Burke, P.J. Fanning, Mary-Helen Sullivan, Sara Murrill, Phil Dawson, Nathan Burrell, Vicky Shivy, Betsy Slade, John Richey, Andrew Sullivan, Phil, Riggan, Warren Foster, Myrna Hartley, Molly Dellinger-Wray, Elaine Marolla, Larry Socha, Greg Velzy, Ralph White, James Burke

Discussion

Donation of \$300 to support child going to summer camp.

Nathan-honored for new promotion.

P.J. Honored for finishing law school and was given a day in the city and a day on the river.

Police in the Park

Policing of park-Hudson easy to talk to, aware of problem, issues w/safety on Belle Isle. His response was it was his precinct. Stacey to patrol riverside drive. There will be more patrols out especially on weekends. Merrifield is aware and is on board. We will extend an invitation to come to a board meeting. Nathan sees differences. Stacey and Davis will be out in parks more, more cops city in parking lot on weekend. Some response still inadequate needs appropriate patrols. Positioning Stacey more. The officer is assigned to duty and arrives early, now leaving around 3 or 4. Previously they stayed until 6-7. Nathan will contact. Complaints because 42nd St. Lot closed. Elaine will post on the web site that the 42nd St. lot is now open on weekends and soon on weekdays. Prime contract is to close lots for next fiscal year. Patrol lots, announces closing, cars have been locked in, forward license to police. No issues around. They can also open gates. Warren will pass his responsibility on. Normally open gate at 6:00 or 6:15. Sign saying who to call to get gate unlocked. No fee for unlocking gate. No fine for being in park late. Gates to allow late exit from park already in place. Stacey said to call no 646-5100 non emergency and report incident. Belle Isle drinking alcohol is becoming more prevalent. Nathan pulling 6, 7 handles of liquor each weekend. Is this what we want Belle Isle for? Are firearms allowed in park? Incident at power station people seen high. Ralph's comment in past is temperance.

Finance committee

Myrna, Nancy, Mary Helen, \$507 from Camel and \$350 from bird tours donation

June clean-up Chesapeake Bay Foundation June 1st. Cleanup in park.

Anacarrow's landing trashy in boat dock and ground near water where fish.

Couldn't get trash on 42nd street due to high water

Need to take before and after pictures of cleanups, etc.

Board Members

Vicky voted back on Board. In 2 weeks summer session starts and 24 students who each owe 20 hours of work. Must be research based. Students need to show urban based park.

Richmond Articles

Discover Richmond and Complete Source Book of Richmond do not mention river or park. Both are important resources. Don't mention whitewater rapids, eagles, whitewater sports. Ralph wants to address. We are best river city in country. Send letter to editor. Phil will write.

Ceremonies

Candles on canal in June, Ralph to provide candles and plates on June 21st at 8:30 at Turning Basin. Need Kayak to go through at 9:30 to pick up trash. We need to get news out in advance.

FOJRP Events

Picnic usually in May same day as clean up, not a good idea. June 1st Chesapeake Bay clean up. 2nd Saturday in June, Extera 8 & 9. June 15th picnic

Rest Rooms

Park turned down composting toilet last summer. Where is regular toilet? We can get elevator from Dominion after that. Will city reconsider composting toilet? Ralph to buy lights and have an electrician help choose lights. LED are very expensive.

Fund Raiser

Combined Virginia campaign. Myrna took care of paper work with state. Waiting for response from state.

Advertising Opportunities

June 30th Friends of Forest Hill Park invited us to have booth on June 30th at their event. Noon - 5. Should do. Sunday in the park. Dominion River Rock is Friday 3-6

Kiosks

Williams Island is on 2 of the kiosks.

Great time to solicit donations for Pump Fund. Should we run a full page add in style?

Earth Day at 4th Street Market Place

Quite a few people came. Lots of info handed out.

Ralph felt failure-not one sign that stated earth day, no signs or connection to nature. Strategic error in increase economic take by restaurants. Needs to go back to Brown's Island.

Park Employment Opportunity

Discussion to get trails position filled, importance of what it takes and how to handle. FOJRP to send Merrifield letter. Warren to write letter.

Salamanders

Salamander pools, vernal pools on riverside drive. Just north on riverside drive 200' north of ramp. Has water in winter and early spring then dry up. Fairy shrimp new to pony pasture. Strategy to make everyone aware of what was going on and publicize. Nathan given full control of pool by Parks and Recreation, had success. Agricultural drain what has been agreed upon in past. FOJRP agreed to pay for in past.

Warren's projects

Boulders moved still need to be moved into place. Nathan's backhoe goes back tomorrow. Belle Isle kiosk needs to be redone in Tredegar parking lot. Model used in Bike Park about \$5000. Should we invest 200-300 to get sign through the summer?
Need standardized kiosk. \$2300 kiosks

Chapel Island wrapping up. Metal ramps for ADA and cyclists.

Animal control.

Series of Xerox pages of city code taped to every surface in park have been removed. Animal Control should not be allowed to do. Many complaints about dogs off leash in park. What should our policy be? Needs to be dog beach and park. If not dog person can avoid. Canine Adventures have been working w/ Animal Control. Christi Peters, director at Animal Control. We need dog friendly areas. We need to come up w/ good ideas and address. Christi opened to ideas.