

FOJRP Meeting Minutes 9/9

Retreat is set for 9/15 at 5PM at Phil's house (2425 Hanover Avenue)

- List was distributed to sign up for pot luck dinner

9/15 Clean-up

- Elaine has organized Board member volunteers to help with registration at Pony Pasture

Volunteer Website

- Betsy and Elaine have reviewed several options for a volunteer website to track info on # of volunteers per Nathan's request.
- None of the options reviewed are simplistic enough for our purposes.
- Concern that management of such a site would be burdensome.
- Hands on Richmond is possible example.

Tubes & Taps

- Successful event with almost 80 participants tubing on the river.
- Awaiting final # of fundraising donation to FOJRP
- Potential to make this an annual fundraising event for FOJRP

Archive Materials

- Betsy has materials, mostly newspaper articles, and will put in sleeves in a binder.

Lifetime Memberships

- Board voted unanimously that if one donates \$500 to the Protection and Preservation Fund he/she would be a Lifetime Member.

Constant Contact

- Reaching about 980 people
- Last sent July 7
- Board members should be continuously submitting updates to Elaine regarding their respective endeavors on behalf of FOJRP.

Dogs in the Park

- Issue tabled until next meeting

Control Valve Salamander Pools

- Michael Burton – new trails manager will follow up with Nathan re installation of control valve.

Pump House Tour

- Lyn Lanier requested that FOJRP advertise his tours on our website and social media.

- Elaine has posted about tours on Facebook page
- Tours have been added to FOJRP calendar on website
- Issue with Google Maps – Pump House does not appear on map
- Elaine to reach out to Google to attempt to resolve issue

River Heroes

- Need to set up timeline for event
- Need to solicit a new corporate sponsor for this event.

Corporate Sponsorship

- Nancy has created a list of potential corporate sponsors
- Need to finalize FOJRP pamphlet
- Nancy, Karen, and Josh to work on.
- Nancy to present to Board on “Plan G” fundraising platform at Retreat

Kiosks

- Tredegar kiosk is up and new park maps to be put on it soon.

911 I.D. Markers

- Markers being placed at strategic points throughout the park to help ambulances have more accurate location information for calls.

Park Security

- Anecdotal increase in break-ins reported
- Need more concrete information on police officer staffing in park and crime frequency
- Nathan has some limited info FOJRP will seek from him

Science in the Park

- Anne is almost ready to go live with new website links with guides of the park including geology; rock pools; and flora and fauna developed with a grant from Altria
- Still need to beta test the walking tours once river level is down
- Anne may send link to Board to assist in testing
- Potential to have surplus volunteers from 9/14 clean up to assist with beta testing
- Future potential to put tours into a phone app, currently developed just as a webpage.

James River App

- Board votes unanimously to approve David Roop’s request to use FOJRP location descriptions from website for his mobile app; contingency that Roop agree to include FOJRP website in the banner advertisements on the site (suggested 1 out of 10 banners).

Texas Beach Scout Project

- War Prescott shared spirited thank you note for FOJRP financial support for his project, including impressive pictures.

Protection and Preservation Fund

- Fund has grown to point where a 3rd Certificate of Deposit should be opened.

Candles on the Canal

- Very successful event with strong turn out and raised \$75
- In the future should use paper bowls instead of paper plates for candles.

Venture Richmond Amphitheatre and Canal

- Board position is that water level of canal so that potential for future navigability is FOJRP primary concern.
- Need to investigate who to send letter to (City Council, Venture Richmond, etc) before letter can be sent by Phil.

Vegetation Control Equipment for Pump House Park

- Ralph request to purchase lawnmower and trimmer for volunteer use at Pump House ~ \$350
- Budget includes provision for this spending.

Pump House Toilet

- Renewed discussion of potential for cheaper and lighter weight composting toilets for Pump House- cost about \$5,000 a piece, type used by Fish and Wildlife Services.
- To be further addressed at Retreat

Bug Garden was dedicated last week

Taza Coffee would like to host a James River Park Day

- Board approves Betsy to coordinate with Taza