

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Adrienne N. Coxe, P.J. Fanning, Nancy Fowler, Nathan Burrell, Mary-Helen Sullivan, Justin Curtis, Warren Foster, Elaine Maralla, Phil Dawson, Ralph White, Greg Velzy, Betsy Slade, Myrna Hartley, Paul Riggan, Larry Socha.

License plate discussion – We have passed the 1,500 mark and expect to have revenues of \$2100-3000 this year.

Update on hiring of Park Manager. Warren stated that the respondent pool not as deep as wanted. He talked w/Dr. Merrifield about redoing job description and adding addendum to application. The position will be advertised in both old & new places. Some advertisements may have cost. FOJRP IS willing to contribute. Dr. Merrifield is open to changing the job description. Warren is acting as point man. The committee should submit changes to Dr. Merrifield. Ralph, Kim Connelly, JRR Association, John Zeugner, HR from parks, Larry Miller on Committee. No time frame to re-advertise the position. In the original posting there was no reference to being a river park.

Dr. Merrifield would like Richmond Parks & Recreation credited when James River Park has successes. This will tie together system.

Discussion of the CVC Campaign - Myrna-CVC Campaign-website won't open until March 1<sup>st</sup>. Paperwork already sent in 2 years ago, need to register w/ CVC operated through DHRM, already been registered w/ dept of Agriculture.

Nancy presented information on grant.

Nancy voted on board

Molly e-mailed ECVE. We don't believe it's a free day to non profits so will let effort die.

Park survey no update, submitted, will need assistance.

Lobby for return of Stacey Rogers - Nathan sent an e-mail to Yvonne Crowder previously. We will lobby for return of Stacey Rogers by April. Send a letter to 900 East Broad St. to request his return.

Warren's agenda update - Pony pasture bollards will cost approximately \$3500. Personnel will meet at Ancarrow's next week and dump on side of pony pasture.

Water dyed green

Warren's Island - Kayak canoe landing-speak w/ JRock to access from Warren's Island, perhaps steps need to be built. Currently, there is no way to get onto island; perhaps JRock could supply the muscle to build the steps.

Brochure printing - plagiarize what is on website. Cost is under \$200 per 1,000 brochures.

James River Bridge Construction – We would like to see road and boat landing under new bridge. Drainage should have meandering quality, native plants replanted, wet lands restoration, open w/shrubs and grasses. The idea may have been discarded. We want the contractor held accountable to original list. Ralph wants wetland diversity.

Belle Isle-street signs stolen, Nathan will pick up the new ones. They are ready.

Kiosks - Belle Isle needs a new kiosk, ready to fall down in Tredegar parking lot. The crooked legs falling off. At the bottom of the pedestrian ramp should be another kiosk. Discussion of not being a kiosk that's needed. We want one similar to the one at Reedy Creek perhaps 2 sided. We should build a 1<sup>st</sup> class one on Belle Isle and move the existing kiosk somewhere else. The front and back of the kiosk should be used. The kiosk at Bike Park cost \$4000. Nathan already has kiosk similar to the bike park to go in at 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Ancarrow's needs a kiosk. We should standardize our kiosk. Nathan stated a kiosk for Bell Island is going to be ordered but that won't happen until September. Will have volunteers from Altria. And have \$20,000. They are also working at Ship lock Park. 43<sup>rd</sup> St. parking lot and slave trail parking lot are the only kiosks not funded. Ship Lock Park will receive kiosk in April. Belle Isle in September. 42<sup>nd</sup> street kiosk will look similar to bike park kiosk.

Call Boxes - We want to paint the call box poles brown to make them less obtrusive. Nathan agreed. They were built by Dreamy Creek, at cost. 42<sup>nd</sup> street like trail head, Top of 22<sup>nd</sup> St. fairly new and have steel box.

Park Signs – Discussion of what could be on signs – Belle Isle signs repeatedly stolen, use safety screws or bolts. Support \$400 for temporary signs, list of things to do, stand alone rapids, safety, hydro plant, etc.

Elaine contact person for web bones. System to keep website fresh. PJ also supports web bones.

Explore Outdoors - April 28. Elaine requested to participate and wants all hands on event at Huguenot Park. WCVE get kids to explore outdoors, green screen up w/cartoon characters, etc. They are looking for partners to get hands on activities for families.

Earth Day – Nathan and PK will discuss at the next meeting. The 17<sup>th</sup> Market, Style Weekly Earth Day, still at Hull Street/Manchester location. Fish festival fish release, hikes, enrichment foundation best one for non-profits, this organization has roots in it. Nathan will be at the turning basin location. Last year we did not have volunteers here. The cost is \$50 for the non-profit category. Event is April 20, Saturday. We want to do a middle week activity.

Discussion on park excellence - We are aware of Dr. Merrifield's desire not to push James River Park away from helping other parks to achieve excellence. However, the focus needs to be on meeting needs of this park.

Park Problems - When walking across bridge, the reflectors stick out into walkway making it dangerous.

Planting bulbs - Gift money will be used to plant bulbs along Hathaway.

Williams Island - Take out on Williams Island is a good idea. We need to urge caution as there is a strong current and if a boat gets loose going over dam it is higher than v dam. The spot needs to be picked carefully perhaps w/Greg and clear w/ Nathan. Did not get past portage due to safety.

Lifetime Membership – Ralph was voted life time member of FOJRP. Betsy moved. Multi year membership discussion.

Trail Naming – Consideration was given to naming the Ralph White trail system? Maybe problems w/naming. Re, Dr Merrifield discussion. Betsy, Mary Helen, Myrna on committee to study. \$500 gift from EXTERA. We will talk to Jamie. It might take an ordinance by council to name the trail which would include a vote and approval. Can we keep this Informal just do it?

River Heroes discussion - This time last year we had already begun. We will include this with the picnic.

Magnetic signs -Larry, needs quantity of 100. They can stick on cars, 4"x8" perhaps with Salamanders. Mary Helen to move on existing merchandise. Elaine-people asked for stickers, etc. Stickers more expensive and are for members only.