

Friends of the James River Park Board Meeting

October 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Cat Anthony, Nathan Burrell, Justin Doyle, P.J. Fanning, Nancy Fowler, Mary Kay Martin, Katherine Mitchell, Shawna Shade, Scott Silvester, Larry Socha, Karen Thomas, Kevin Tobin, Greg Velzy

Guests: Rick Mittler (new member)

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve meeting minutes as amended passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given by Shawna:

- FoJRP license plates generated more than \$33,000. A suggestion was made to mention the license plates in the newsletter.
- \$2,500 for goatscaping (RVA Goats) near Manchester Climbing Wall and Potterfield Memorial Bridge
- Computer purchased using \$1,000 from Office Supplies
- Economic impact study donation

New Meeting Format

Meetings will be 90 minutes in length going forward. Cat volunteered to keep the meeting on schedule.

Park Superintendent Report

Nathan is hiring new staff members. A total of 1,467,047 visits to the James River Park System were counted between January 1st and the end of September. New Director of Parks and Recreation starts in October. Scheduling a meeting with the new Director of Parks and Recreation is a priority.

Old Business

Preservation and Protection Fund Policy

The draft Preservation and Protection Fund Policy was reviewed during the September 5th meeting. The policy was drafted to inform how funds can be spent. Nancy motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Kevin. Motion passed.

Legal Defense Insurance Policy

Capital Region Land Conservancy holds a legal defense insurance policy for encroachments on the James River Park System conservation easement. A suggestion was made to have a representative from Capital Region Land Conservancy attend a future meeting to present insurance policy and baseline documentation report.

New Business

Committees

Board members reviewed their committee commitments and were encouraged to sign up for other committees.

Committee Reports

Finance: Shawna nominated Mary Kay to be a signatory. Nancy, Shawna, and Mary Kay are signatories.

Communications: New website will be a Wordpress site. P.J. and Karen will provide board members with access to the Google drive.

Events: River Heroes is October 5th at Troutman Sanders.

Membership: New board member recruitment is important. Communications and finance skills are desired. FoJRP has received three applications to date. Nancy will share the applications with board members. Interviews to be scheduled.

Greg suggested scheduling the annual board retreat during the winter, when board members are typically less busy.

Advocacy: Members of the committee have a standing meeting scheduled. The committee is working on a film about the park and the advocacy needs of the organization.

Fundraising: Katherine thanked members of the ad hoc Master Plan Committee for their contributions. The committee is no longer necessary and was dissolved. Master Plan will cost \$250,000. FoJRP is contributing \$50,000 to the master plan and will work to get people excited about supporting the plan.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm