

Friends of the James River Park Board Meeting

May 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Cat Anthony, Jim Beckmann, Trammell Beckmann, Nathan Burrell (ex officio), Justin Doyle, Nancy Fowler, Katherine Mitchell, Larry Socha, Mary Kay Martin, Karen Thomas, Shawna Shade, Larry Socha, Greg Velzy, Cary Wing

Guests in Attendance: Ted Elmore (BridgePark RVA), Patrick Griffin (member), Byron Chaffin (board candidate), Malcolm Dortch (BridgePark RVA)

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April meeting minutes with no amendments passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was given by Shawna Shade.

BridgePark RVA

Ted Elmore, President of BridgePark RVA, presented conceptual plans to convert a portion of Richmond's Manchester Bridge to park space. BridgePark would provide a city level connection between the north bank and south bank of the James River.

Park Superintendent Report

The Park Superintendent Report was given by Nathan Burrell. Nathan reported the following:

- The updated James River Park System maps were printed and delivered to each organization that contributed funds to the project (Friends of the James River Park, James River Association, James River Outdoor Coalition, rvaMORE). Each organization received 1,000 maps.
- Chris Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities is creating a policy advisory committee. A representative from Friends of the James River Park will be identified to join the committee.
- Kirt Rieder of Hargreaves Associates will be in town on May 17. Nathan intends to schedule a meeting with Hargreaves Associates and VHB, master plan consultants.
- \$10,000 is the cost to replace the vandalized lights on the T. Tyler Potterfield Memorial Bridge.
- The park system is hiring seasonal contract positions.

Old Business

Conflict of Interest Policy

Mary Kay will review the conflict of interest policy and the board will vote on it during the June meeting.

Constant Contact

Karen Thomas continues to coordinate newsletter content. Karen is leaving the board in September.

New Business

Friends of the James River Park Committees

Nancy Fowler circulated a committee sign-up sheet and board members were asked to join committees.

FY 2019 Budget

The FY 2019 budget is scheduled to be considered at the June board meeting. The Finance Committee will meet in the near future to work on the budget.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee Report

Katherine Mitchell reported meeting with The Beirne Carter Foundation today. Meetings with New Market Corporation and other corporate foundations are being scheduled. A meeting with the Richmond Health District is scheduled.

Advocacy Committee Report

A whitewater rafting trip with Mayor Stoney is scheduled for Friday, June 1. Mary Kay will coordinate participation.

Finance Committee Report

No report.

Communications Committee Report

Karen Thomas reported changes to the James River Park System global calendar. The annual cost of the calendar is \$250 and will be split among four organizations. Save the dates for the Annual Picnic were sent. RVA Green Drinks featuring Friends of the James River Park is scheduled for Thursday, May 17. Trammell Beckmann is joining the Communications Committee.

Events Committee Report

Trammell Beckmann reported the Annual Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 3, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. The picnic will be held at Pump House Park. Tours of the pump house will be offered during the picnic.

Membership Committee Report

The board whitewater rafting trip with RVA Paddlesports is scheduled for Thursday, May 3.

New Board Members

Byron Chaffin, a candidate for the board, introduced himself to the board. The board voted unanimously to add Byron to the board. Mike Doerr, a candidate for the board, will attend the June board meeting.

Monthly Volunteer Event

A cleanup is scheduled for May 12 at Ancarrow's Landing.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm