

Friends of the James River Park Board Meeting

June 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Beckmann, Trammell Beckmann, Nathan Burrell (ex officio), Byron Chaffin, Justin Doyle, Nancy Fowler, Mary Kay Martin, Katherine Mitchell, Scott Silvester, Karen Thomas, Cary Wing

Guests in Attendance: Patrick Griffin (member), Connor Jenkins

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May meeting minutes as amended passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was given by Nancy Fowler in Shawna Shade's absence.

James River Park System App Presentation

The creation of an interactive app for the James River Park System was proposed by Connor Jenkins. The free app would be map-based and help people enjoy the park system. The board will consider Connor's proposal.

Park Superintendent Report

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

- Hargreaves Associates visited Richmond on May 18. Nathan recently met with VHB. Board members will be asked to meet with VHB to discuss the planning process for the master plan in the near future.
- Flooding, debris, and fallen trees are impacting the park system. Nathan reported rainy Riverrock and Memorial Day weekends.
- Volunteers from Altria will assemble bikes and make improvements to James River Park System HQ through HandsOn Greater Richmond.
- The park system has four program staff members and ten operations staff members.

Old Business

Conflict of Interest Policy

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

Constant Contact

Karen Thomas continues to coordinate newsletter content. Karen is leaving the board in September. The Communications Committee is working on a transition plan.

New Business

FY 2019 Budget

The FY 2019 budget was considered. The draft budget was circulated and reviewed by board members. The budget includes funds to hire a part-time employee. The duties of the employee will be determined by the board. A motion to approve the FY 2019 budget passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Nominating Committee

An ad hoc nominating committee was created to present a slate of board officers at the September board meeting. Mary Kay Martin and Trammell Beckmann are on the committee.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee Report

Katherine Mitchell reported Friends received a \$20,000 grant from the Richmond Health District and a \$1,000 donation from Councilwoman Kristen Larson's district funds. \$246,000 is committed for the creation of a master plan. \$4,000 needs to be raised to reach \$250,000.

Advocacy Committee Report

Mary Kay Martin reported the whitewater rafting trip with Mayor Stoney and members of his administration was rescheduled to Saturday, June 16.

Finance Committee Report

Nancy presented the FY 2019 budget to the board for consideration.

Communications Committee Report

Friends of the James River Park was recently featured in Richmond Magazine. Friends has a YouTube channel and 995 followers on Instagram. Global calendar update complete. RTD maps to be removed from the website.

Events Committee Report

May was a busy month. Friends participated in numerous events including RVA Green Drinks and Riverrock. The Annual Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 3, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Pump House Park. Festival of the River is scheduled for June 8 through June 10. A cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 9.

Membership Committee Report

Mike Doerr, a candidate for the board, will attend the July board meeting. William Cabbell with RBC Wealth Management inquired about opportunities with the organization.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm