

Friends of the James River Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance:

Katherine Mitchell, President
Mary Kay Martin, Vice President
Justin Doyle, Secretary
Georgia Busch
Jake Savage
Greg Velzy
Cary Wing

Staff members in attendance:

Bryce Wilk, Park Superintendent
Shawna Shade, Friends of the James River Park

Meeting Minutes

Justin Doyle circulated minutes from the September board meeting. Jake Savage motioned to approve the minutes. Greg Velzy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

President's Report

Katherine Mitchell reported a successful membership event. The plan is complete and is scheduled to be considered by the City Planning Commission on October 21.

Park Superintendent's Report

Bryce Wilk reported the mural at 21st Street is complete. The new Crew Chief is scheduled to begin October 28. Potterfield Memorial Bridge maintenance is nearing completion and cost \$10,000. Numerous volunteer events have been held in the park system. Goats, sheep, and a donkey are at Huguenot Flatwater eating invasive plant species. Tour de Fall Line was last weekend and approximately 100 people participated in the event. Trails and Ales is this weekend. Sports Backers recently presented the James River Outdoor Coalition with \$5,000 in proceeds from Riverrock. Joe Costello of Friends of Pump House is stepping down.

Treasurer's Report

Dean Brunson is absent. Shawna Shade reported Dean is visiting Zion National Park. Dean is working on transitioning the organization to Quick Books. The organization received a \$41,000

check for the Friends of the James River Park license plates and a \$6,505.93 grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee: Mary Kay Martin reported the committee will help with master plan adoption.

Board Development Committee: Greg Velzy would like to engage board members in conservation easement monitoring by creating teams. He reminded board members they should not miss meetings. The next volunteer event is scheduled for October 12 and he encouraged board members to attend.

Events Committee: Successful membership event last Thursday.

Membership Committee: Shawna Shade reported 30 new members this month.

Communications Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: No report.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Strategic Planning Retreat

The organization's strategic planning retreat is scheduled for November 7, 2020. The retreat will begin at 4:00 pm and conclude by 8:00 pm. Dinner will be provided. Jake Savage will contact Willow Oaks Country Club about meeting space. Justin Doyle will contact Ruthie Morrison, a local meeting facilitator.

Next Meeting: November 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm