

# Fan District Association

## Board of Directors

### Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2021

7:00 p.m. Lacy Williams Home

#### CALL TO ORDER

Board President Tim Beane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Tim Beane, Kip Caudle, Christy Lantz, Ian Lim, Rebecca Keller, Pedro Ledesma III, Jonathan Marcus, Chris Morem, Chris Peterson, Melissa Savenko, Lacy Williams, Julia Seward

**Guests Present:** Officer Naoroz, Richmond City Police; Officer Thorp and Schrader, VCU Police; Sally Holzgreffe; Kim Hitchens

#### GUEST REPORTS

**Police:** Officers Schraeder and Thorp reported a good VCU year with some rise in reported bike thefts. Officer Naoroz reported crime generally continues to be down with most concern about property crimes.

**Arts Stroll:** Sally Holzgreffe reported the upcoming Arts Stroll promises to be a success with 70 exhibitors and significant interest. She requested FDA supplemental funding to support musicians. On October 5 via email, the Board formally approved \$2500 to partially compensate musicians. Tim will work with Sally to disperse funds. Next year FDA will consider its future Arts Stroll relationship.

**Fanfare:** After introduction to the Board, Pedro Ledesma III, new editor of Fanfare, announced the next issue will be distributed in November. He anticipates four issues/year. Board members were reminded to send content materials by October 29. All committees will prepare an article and Board members were asked to think creatively about fresh format, innovative segments and ads that make Fanfare a revenue generator. There was Board interest in content for children and appeal to VCU students.

**Holiday House Tour:** Kim Hitchens reported the Holiday House Tour is moving forward with lots of neighborhood response. 2021 is a lighted tour built around a grand illumination in Meadow Park. Attendees will be ticketed into decorated private gardens. Board members are asked to send their recommendations for neighbors who might open gardens.

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

September meeting minutes were approved. The President noted a VCU Greek Life working group update was emailed. Members were asked to suggest covid-safe meeting space as weather changes.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

FDA's finances remain stable. We will adopt a 2022 budget at the November meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Code Enforcement & Zoning:** The chair again noted the constant, increasing beat of zoning and enforcement activity. Upon recommendation of the Committee, the Board voted not to oppose the SUP for 1615 Hanover Avenue. We also discussed new development in the Bank of America parking lot, 2613 West Broad Street, and voted to defer any action to the West Grace Street Association. We will alert Fan residents about the visual impact. Also, the committee is adding subgroups to support increasingly complex issues. Board members are encouraged to join this work.

Specific attention was directed toward the Fan Overlay District that has been before the City for months and has not been addressed. Martha Warthen will lead a group to move Overlay strategies forward. In order to understand and address this and other land use issues, the President was asked to call a special Board meeting that focuses on shifting City land use strategies and Fan District implications.

**Membership:** The chair is developing a fresh strategy for soliciting new members.

**Grants:** The Committee is exploring whether FDA grants should be remain competitive. A Committee recommendation will be brought back to the Board early next year.

**Infrastructure:** We continue to consider ongoing issues with trash cans.

**Safety:** Fire issues should be added to safety communications. Both will become a standing safety section of the Fan Newsletter.

**Parks & Trees:** The Board approved \$500 for a Scuffletown Park bench. The Chair discussed the feasibility of setting up citizen support for Fan parks. Volunteer activity includes growing deployment of high school students. The Board approved the purchase of vests to be worn by volunteers for any FDA community activity. Fan clean up is scheduled for November 20 weekend. The President will further explore how to refocus the old clean sweep program so that parking ticket revenues can support a wider array of needs.

**Special: School Food.** Carver School students are experiencing more hunger given covid-related school feeding issues. A Board member became aware of the problem and has been providing food supplements to the school. After discussion, the Board approved FDA providing volunteer supplemental food to Carver School as needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 1.