

Fan District Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2021

7:00 p.m. Tim Bean's 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, Rebecca Keller, Jonathan Marcus, Chris Morem, Chris Peterson, Melissa Savenko, Ted Theofanos, Lacy Williams, Julia Seward

Guests Present: Officer Naoroz; VCU Police; Sven Philipson

GUEST REPORTS

Police Reports: While crime remains generally stable in the Fan, incidences of robberies have increased as well as citizen reports about motorcycle noise. Reduced police staffing affects services and timely response to specific requests.

City Council: Councilwoman Jordan's office continues to engage a wide array of issues that impact the Fan. Verizon installation of its 5G system throughout the Fan and 2nd District was noted.

Fanfare: Publication is moving forward in November. Board response has been most helpful.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

October meeting minutes were approved. Members were asked to suggest covid-safe meeting spaces as weather changes.

A special request was offered for Board members to actively participate in the Meadow Park illumination/upcoming Holiday House Tour. The President reminded members it never too early to begin thinking about Board rotations in May.

TREASURERS REPORT

FDA's finances remain relatively stable. The Board approved a 2022 budget which can be amended in January as appropriate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events: Holiday House Tour: Planning toward the December tour is active and intense. Parks and Trees Chairman will support installation on lights in Meadow Park. We are actively seeking additional volunteers. FDA will ask for food donations at Meadow Park illumination.

Code Enforcement & Zoning: The chair again noted the constant, increasing upbeat of zoning and development activity. The Board approved FDA drafting a letter to the City noting that FDA has the right to study and comment on all development between Belvidere and Arthur Ashe Boulevard. That is our geographic footprint.

We support The West Grace Street Association stance on proposed development at 2613 W Broad Street. We also support West Grace Street Association position on potential development at 2607 West Grace Street. Purchase of the Shenandoah Building is moving forward. Finally, the Committee Chair reminded the Board that an ADU overlay is working its way through City Council and we should be observant.

Communications: The Fan Newsletter continues to get good reviews. Communications issues, however, are broad and shifting. We need a media liaison and reconceptualization of our communications strategy. Members are asked to funnel all media requests through this committee.

Infrastructure: Mapping of trash cans and replenishment strategies are ongoing.

Safety: Fire issues will shortly become a standing safety section of the Fan Newsletter.

Parks & Trees: The November 20 neighborhood clean-up is actively moving forward. Please sign up to participate. Also, EnRichmond now has a link for contributions to park maintenance.

Other - School Food: City schools continue to encounter food problems. One suggestion is that we contact Cities in Schools to assess whether it works with food issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 1. Location to be announced.