

HJWA August 2008 Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Charles Finley, HJWA President

Introductions

Consideration of Minutes of the July 2008 Meeting, minutes approved

Presentations

111 W. Marshall Street Development-Ron Hunt, Hunt Enterprises, Inc.

It is an adaptive rehab developer. They are in the process of renovating 111 W. Marshall St. Currently in demolition phase. They want consent to use the parking lot. 59 units, smallest 515 sq ft., largest is _____. There will be a fitness center and a business, free Internet and direct TV. Walter Park is the architect. There will be a small roof top addition and a mezzanine. The zoning for the property is right. Lot will be spruced up and planting of some trees. Parking lot is west beside the car repair shop, next to Bonds Hairstyling and the Fish Market. There are 44 spaces with 59 units. In providing parking they look at the walkability of the areas. They will be using the alley and Marshall Street as an access to the building. They will be leasing parking spaces to their residents. There are only 25% of the residents that will be students

Sheila J. Shepherd, Coordinator, Partnership for Smarter Growth (Invited) No one is here from the organization.

Tyron Bey- is running for second district city council position.

Robert Gray- is a Mayoral candidate. Need to plan strategically to mass/public transportation. We can not thinking about building communities without a top flight school system. Current schools have tax credits.

Gallery 5 is planning to open up a community space with a library to assist non-profits. The organization is looking at focusing on the environment. They want \$2500 to fix up the space. They would like to have a grand opening on September 5, 2008.

Updates/Reports

Police Report – Lt. Lisa Drew, may still be on vacation

City Report – Councilman Pantele

National Night Out Wrap-Up – Vicki Mollenauer. It was really successful. The horses

were a real hit.

Clean-Up Day Banners, they are 3 feet by 8 feet and the cost is 84.89 and two is 72 a piece. Please add they need volunteers.

Call for Volunteers – In Light Richmond at the Library. This project would work with children and families during First Fridays. HJWA offered left over goodies from NNO. Science Museum will bring their Sky Watch, there will be lighted costumes from Theatre IV, crafts, MaMasus will be a food vendor. HYPERLINK "mailto:sharon.fuller@richmondgov.gov" sharon.fuller@richmondgov.gov They would like for HJWA to provide a group to volunteer. They have free computer classes and a new computer person at the main library. HYPERLINK "http://www.richmondpubliclibrary.com" www.richmondpubliclibrary.com is the website address.

Ad Hoc Reports

Membership runs on the calendar year, January to December. Marilyn will start sending out invoices for membership. Thanks for all who joined.

Open Discussion:

- Thought the city would support things in the master plan now and the city is approving projects that go against the Master Plan.
- VCU paid a percentage of parking for up to 2-3 years for the Carver parking project. We should ask.
- How does HJWA fit into developers plans?
- We need to let the city know they need to change their zoning laws.
- Things that don't have visible frontage to encourage walkers.
- Hunt needs to know more about this community
- What is going on in Jackson Ward is a trend across the nation
- Many concerns about the Hunt developers' inconsideration of the community's need.
- We need to get strict with the parking permit policy.
- We need to change the city's 1 to 4 parking ratio
- What avenues do homeowners have about the state of houses in the community?

The Exodus Institute will be on the agenda for the next HJWA meeting.

111 W. Marshall Street: Motion in opposition of the proposal as presented by Hunts. Second. There is a friendly amendment to talk to the other community organizations that Hunt spoke to about this. The vote is 16 to 0 to accept the motion.

Gallery 5: There are questions about who would go into this gallery. Motion to support and second.