

## **Historic Jackson Ward Neighborhood Association**

Minutes of the meeting

The meeting was held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Club 533, 700 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Richmond VA 23219.

### **Called to Order**

Charles Finley, President, called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

### **Charles Samuels**

Councilman Samuels updated the residents about issues that he is addressing on behalf of the neighborhood.

Issues discussed were:

Abner Clay Park,

The upcoming Budget season which gets underway the second week of March,

- Reduction of the education deficit

Sidewalk and street care, school upgrades and repairs

Backyard rearing of chickens and related conditions and stipulations

Super can issue and serial number significance

### **Lieutenant Don**

Crime update:

Violent crime numbers were down, but there was an increase non-violent crimes, such as shoplifting.

### **VCU Police Dept**

VCU police representative encourages residents to voice concerns about issues involving VCU students

### **Neighborhood trees**

Neighborhood resident, Marilyn, is replacing trees on the 100 block of Clay Street. She encouraged residents to e-mail her about any empty tree well on their block.

She appealed to the neighbors for help with this and also with providing signs for the neighborhood

## **Abner Clay Park**

Leighton informed that the Timmons Group had been awarded the contract to renovate Abner Clay Park. She introduced representatives of the Timmons Group. They interpreted the designs in addition to answering questions from the residents. They reassured residents that the drafts can be altered to suit the desires of the neighborhood. It was also noted that the Black History Museum is interested in a gateway through the park. Voting on favorites is to be held at next month's meeting. The Timmons Group has agreed to return at the next meeting to answer any additional questions.

## **Restricted Parking**

Leighton updated the association about the proposed changes by the Board to make some minor adjustments to the parking restrictions proposal. She was asked to tweak the language to accurately reflect what was decided. Discussions about the specifics of the restrictions ensued. She reiterated the importance of moving forward with this. She explained that if a majority of the responses were returned by April, the restrictions could possibly be in effect by the time students return to school in the fall.

## **Miscellaneous**

Residents expressed concern about the large tanks on Jackson and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets. Lieutenant Don agreed to investigate immediately following the meeting.

## **Maggie Walker Association**

Melissa Weissert from the Maggie Walker Association thanked members for their support for the activity the Association held at the 533<sup>rd</sup> Club on February 1<sup>st</sup>. She invited members to attend another scheduled activity the Association was having on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 –3.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Submitted by Kendra L Riddick, secretary.