

HJWA Membership Meeting
July 17, 2007

Call to order by HJWA Board Chair Charles Finley

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes from the June 2007 Membership Meeting approved

Last month the membership voted on donation for the Gilpin-Jackson Summer Program. As suggested by the HJWA board, they are present at this meeting with a supplemental request.

Ladin:

Lisa Drew ([HYPERLINK "mailto:lisa.drew@richmondgov.com"](mailto:lisa.drew@richmondgov.com) lisa.drew@richmondgov.com) is Lt. Ladin's replacement stating she will always be available. Ladin has been promoted to Captain of the First Precinct in the east end. No auto thefts this past month. Theft from autos continues to increase; every one reported had items left visible to passersby. Three robberies on the street: kids with shotgun on Leigh, unknown object, residence robbery to steal marijuana. There were 24.5 hours logged in by bike patrol, 44 hours logged by walking patrol, the light trailer was out twice, speed trailer set up on First Street where there is a big problem with speeding cars.

Charles Finley attended this month's (July) CAPS meeting. Although discussed, there were very few properties listed from First Street. Please continue to e-mail information into the office and be sure to get the paper work submitted.

Janet Armstead reports that folk are still getting into the OIC building. The Richmond Police Department and HJWA Board Chair, Charles Finley will speak with Kelvin Hansen.

National Night Out, Ladin has word out to Chief to show presence.

Pantele:

Congrats to Ladin, looking forward to working with Lisa Drew. The Downtown Master Planning process will kick-off on Friday evening; this is a big deal. The city's historic areas have an opportunity to speak up. Everything is on the table (lighting, zoning, etc.). The city is spending a lot of money on this process, encourages everyone to participate. Graffiti continues to be a problem. Four years ago the city bought 4 flash cams, they worked well enough to buy 35-40 of them. We need to get in there and request these flash cams. He is looking forward to National Night Out activities. Be extra vigilant with children being out and about. Alex Alexander and Kelvin Hansen applied for tax credit for the OIC building and were turned down. They still plan to go forward with the project to construct senior residences. The Fan burglar was sentenced to 10 years. Jackson Ward has a lot of power when we continue to work together.

HJWA Strategic Plan A synopsis of the draft plan was distributed and the membership was informed that it is still a work in progress. The membership reviewed this draft of a five year

plan. We want people to come to Jackson Ward, to live in Jackson Ward. Amy Slocum of Style Magazine and Andrea Wright of Capital One did a walk-thru with Board Chair, Charles Finley. We are looking at developing a HJWA *Hospitality Committee* to welcome new residents, send get well cards and acknowledge other events related to the residents of Jackson Ward. Strategic Plan activities and due dates need to be assigned and the help of the membership on committees and other functions is needed. This Plan will serve as the basis of our proposal to Cap One that has to be in within the next two weeks. It's important for all residents to participate at meetings and pay attention to what's going on in the city. There are a few copies of the complete Plan available if anyone is interested.

Gateway Signs

A generous donation from Philip Morris, USA has afforded HJWA to provide gateway signs; a work already in progress. Cornerstone Architects has been retained to develop drawings of proposed gateway sign sites, copies of the suggested sites distributed for membership review and discussion. The Chamberlayne Parkway area has been offered by Ron Stallings of Walker Row, Inc. The proposed gateway sign sites are: Adams and Broad, Belvidere and Marshall, Belvidere and Leigh and the Chamberlayne Parkway site. We can have four signs now. We are only in the site location phase now. The next step will be the design phase then submission to the CAR. There are existing designs, pennants from the city. If we have to delete one of the proposed sites it would be Belvidere and Leigh. It was decided to eliminate the 3rd and Jackson Streets site because there is no place for a sign. It was moved and seconded to accept the gateway sites recommendations of the board. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

Rebuilding Richmond Together – Leighton. We were able to finally find five houses. This activity will take place 9/29/07. The association is thankful to Capital One and the City Lights partnership. ACDC will serve as the staging point for the project that day.

Rachel Flynn, Community Development Director for the City of Richmond's Downtown

Plan: Ms. Flynn outlined the process of developing a new downtown master plan. The City put out a Request For Proposals; Dover-Kohl responded and was accepted. The need for public input is imperative. All activities will be held at Plant Zero. The 16-member Dover-Kohl design team has moved here and plans a kick-off on Friday July 20, 2007. The goal is to come up with 5 or 6 major projects to do.

Restricted Parking, HJWA has received confirmation on our request but has received no further information. Finley will contact the City for further information.

Green Space: Brook to Adams and Leigh to Clay is the targeted area. The bulk of money will come from CAP One.

Armory- Ron Stallings: The Leigh and Chamberlayne project is in limbo. No formal request of support has been made to HJWA to have the Armory rehabbed for community use. So far plans are for office space, a café, catering and community space. They are not after any public funds. Ron Stallings and Kelvin Hansen are working together on this project. It will be handicapped accessible and open 6 days a week. Information will come out before the next meeting requesting support.

The Black History Museum, an interim director has been hired.

National Night Out Against Crime, August 7, 2007 please come out. Many thanks to Tripp Longest for duplication of announcement flyers. Activities start at 6:00 at Abner Clay Park.

Charlie Schmidt from the Richmond Public Library- He briefly described summer events schedule and noted that the City is making improvements of city-wide libraries.

2C Condos, Ron Stallings noted that 10 have been sold, he has signed a commercial tenant plans for a white table clothed restaurant, and apartments being built behind 2C. The Jackson Commons project is moving along.

Gilpin-Jackson Summer Program- Lynn Lancaster: There is a need for additional funds, last year served 29 children, now at 29. There will be more children when summer school lets out. Requesting another \$2500. Recruiting from Gilpin and Carver. Pantele requests a letter from Lynne to assist with money. A motion was made and seconded to donate the additional \$2500. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

No August 2007 Membership Meeting. Nicki Columb, Communications Director at Bio-Tech and board member Marilyn Milio have been working together on a tour of the Bio-Tech Park that will take place on August 21, 2007 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The tour will consist of a meet and greet and three Jackson Ward restaurants will provide refreshments. Nicki provided invitations to the Bio-Tech tour and promises to provide more for distribution throughout the community. Bio-Tech has also planned to participate in the National Night Out Against Crime activities and would like to make their participation an annual event.

The PM, USA Center of Technology is almost complete, map almost complete for Bio-Tech and State agencies, this info will be on the Bio-Tech website.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Demmie Murray, Secretary
HJWA Board of Directors

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