

**HISTORIC JACKSON WARD ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
CLUB 533**

**MEETING NOTES
June 20, 2006**

Call to Order: Chair Charles Finley called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Minutes from May meeting: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Financial Report: Treasurer Pat Smith reported on the bank account balance and stated that she will start distributing printed financial reports at the next meeting.

New Business:

Patrick Kjellberg, Candidate for City Council: Mr. Kjellberg arrived late and asked that he be allowed back at a future meeting to show his PowerPoint presentation.

Update on Philip Morris beautification project: Liza Steele reported that Jackson Ward resident Bert Terranova has volunteered to house the PMUSA gardening equipment in his warehouse in Carver. He has given Liza a key, and she will be in charge of compiling the equipment inventory list and helping residents sign equipment in and out. She encouraged residents to call her at 344.1502 if they need to borrow any equipment.

Leighton Powell reported that she had called to thank Richmond's Director of Public Works, Jeff Powell, who had recently dispatched City workers to clean weeds from in between the bricks on Jackson Ward sidewalks. Jeff Powell asked that neighbors help maintain the bricks in front of their homes by using Round-up on weeds that return.

July Clean-up/Beautification Project: Vicki Mollenauer announced that the next alley clean-up will take place on Saturday, July 22 at 8:00 am in Abner Clay Park. Breakfast will be served. Liza Steele is coordinating a beautification effort at the same time. A sign-up sheet for the clean-up/beautification day was passed around so that residents could register for either part.

Herman Baskerville of The Corner Grill: Mr. Baskerville brought a sampling of food from The Corner Grill and told residents that he is interested in expanding his current restaurant, possibly to Jackson Ward. He asked for neighborhood feedback, and those present responded warmly to the suggestion. The Corner Grill's current hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 11:30 am – 10:00 pm. Lunch only is served on Mondays. They are closed on Sundays.

9 East Clay Condominium project: The plan is to convert the Church into (8) 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom 1,000 sf condos. The property has 10 parking spots. The exterior will be preserved, and any changes would have to go before the Commission of Architectural Review (CAR). There will be rear access to the building, with the parking lot leading to the main hallway. The condo association will maintain the grounds, and its bylaws will prevent more than 20% occupancy by non-owners.

Lori White made the motion to approve the project, and Leighton Powell seconded. The motion carried 18-1.

Gilpin-Jackson grant request: Lynne Lancaster reported that the Gilpin-Jackson Center was asking for \$6000+ to run its summer program for about 30 area children. The request had been submitted to Capital One, who then sent it to HJWA. Marilyn Milio made a motion to approve the funding in its entirety. Leighton Powell stated that we don't know Capital One's intent or their past level of funding. Charles Finley offered a friendly amendment that the amount of funding be decided after a scheduled phone conversation with Andrea Wright of Capital One. Marilyn rejected the amendment. After some discussion, the motion carried unanimously to fund the program in its entirety.

2nd District Councilman Bill Pantele: Councilman Pantele noted that the Mayor's current budget is \$300 million, with \$180 million scheduled for schools. The remaining \$120 million is to be split between neighborhood infrastructure and youth/neighborhood recreation centers. Bill asked residents to start thinking about improvements we would like to see in the neighborhood.

RPD Sector 413 Meeting: Charles Finley reminded residents that the Richmond Police are holding a workshop on Saturday, June 24 to address solutions to crime. He encouraged all to attend.

National Night Out: Charles Finley reported that Vicki Mollenauer and Janet Armstead have agreed to chair the event, scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 at Abner Clay Park. The City's Economic Development department will again contribute to the event.

Funding Request Guidelines: Charles Finley reported that the Board is working on guidelines for assessing funding requests that come in. He will report back at a later date.

2nd Street Festival: Charles Finley reported that the Capital One "City Lights" partners have been meeting on a regular basis, and the focus of recent meetings has been the 2nd Street Festival, scheduled for October 6 – 8. The *City Lights* group hopes to have increased support and involvement from the Jackson Ward neighborhood this year. Julie Hassen volunteered to serve as the Events

Committee chair.

HJWA Brochure: Charles Finley reported that Capital One has volunteered to help us update our current brochure, and he asked residents to let him know if they have the current version available.

Proxy Voting: Leighton Powell reported that a Bylaws subcommittee will work on language to allow proxy voting. The issue will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in October.

Board Nomination Committee: Charles Finley reminded residents that Lynne Lancaster is chairing the Board Nomination committee. Elections will be in October. Those interested in serving on the HJWA Board should contact Lynne as soon as possible.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2006 at 6:00 pm at Club 533

With nothing more “for the good of the order,” the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Reported by Leighton Powell for Demmie Murray

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