

HJWA Membership Meeting

June 19, 2007

Meeting opened by Charles Finley, Board President who initiated introductions of board members and guest presenters.

Overview of board meeting schedule

Cassandra Blakeney, newest board member

John Murden: Carver/Jackson Ward Website. Wants Jackson Ward to have a neighborhood interactive site. Post stories, ask questions. Great source of communication with public officials. Other sites are Petersburg and Churchill. Gives a public face to the areas. Pburgpn.net. JW site has a link to the Carver/JW and they will put our link on theirs.

Greg Elston, PM, USA is developing a map of the area for employees re-locating to Richmond. A draft was passed around for our review.

Doug Pick, Capital One: He is working with the HJWA board on the strategic plan process. Capital One has given \$1.5 million over the past three years to communities and organizations. The development of the plan helps answer the question, "How do we spend that money?" During several strategic plan sessions the board wrote articles about how they see Jackson Ward 5 years from now. He suggested we put some of the visions written by the board members on the Carver/Jackson Ward site. He discussed handouts on the goals, objectives, etc. The membership will be asked to vote on using money for any of these projects. Intellectual, financial and volunteer capital can come from your community corporations. There's a need to continue work with private developers, business associations, etc. Capital One would like to know what we would spend additional money on. Doug announced who would be working on different projects and that help is needed from the membership and community. After tweaking, the copy of the plan will go out to the membership. He indicated that we may need membership to take on responsibility of project manager for some of the tasks. This will drive our application for next year's funding.

Marilyn Milio – Downtown Plan: The City expanded the area to include two blocks north of 95, Carver, Oregon Hill and down to the river and all of Manchester. The firm, Dover Cole, has been contracted to work on the plan. Will this plan be implemented? Yes, things will not have to go into committees; could have something voted on by September 2007. Specialists on board who knew what they are doing, asked what our visions are, flavor of the neighborhoods, Richmond has not done a good job at connecting them. From 7/20-26, 3-day 3-D visualization of the plan will be held (place and time to be announced). No one will see plan until then. Transportation was discussed as was social services, homelessness and green space. We had three reps at this meeting (3/14/07).

*Those in attendance were advised that a lot is happening; please read your e-mails and newsletter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Pat Smith: Consolidated bank account balance is 20,937.21 at the end of quarter. Two telephone bills were paid, bringing the current balance to 20,643.90. SunTrust Bank, serves as the administrative account, (membership, Capital One, PM, USA.) The money market account was set up at Consolidated Bank

60,000 with first earnings report in December. HJWA membership account is 8,555.77, the Capital One account balance is currently \$18,690.11 and the balance of the PM, USA account is 37,130; making the cash balance of SunTrust back 65,796.88

Lt. Ladin, Sector 413: The PAL golf tournament was a success and the contribution from HJWA was appreciated. Violent crime up from 2 incidents this time last year to 7 this year; six arrests were made out of the 7, five were known offenders. One rape (marital rape) three robberies (Attempted commercial robbery), one aggravated assault on Clay St. There is one unsolved robbery. There has been a spike in thefts from autos. Citizens must secure their valuables out of sight. There is an 8-bicycle team out and numbers were down on burglary, only one for this report period. Ultra violet pens are available to mark your property. HJWA member informs Lt. Ladin of an alarm at 214 Clay St. that is going off continuously. Car Clubs are available. He commended the JW community association on how it serves the community. The speed trailer is on First Street to monitor speed rates at which vehicles move down the street.

HJWA Chair, Charles Finley: The Re-Building Richmond project: Friday is the deadline for application submission and there can be some flexibility on the income limit which can go to \$30,000. This will be the first one in JW. They will send someone to speak with the applicants. Amy King of Rebuilding is talking with Senior Connections. Kim Gray has identified some folk who may qualify. **The Red Cross** will be visiting JW 7/3 – 7/5 to talk about disaster preparedness.

National Night Out is on Tuesday August 8, 2007. Vicki Mollenhaur is the point person for the event and Marilyn is doing children's activity and there will be food.

HJWA Treasurer, Pat Smith presenting the Gilpin-Jackson Life Skills Center Summer Program Proposal: Focus is working with homeless, provide telephone boxes for them to have a place to go to make and receive calls related to jobs, etc. Free to K-7 grades or up to age 14. Last year the program served 25 children and would like to include some children from Jackson Ward. This year's theme is "On the Move" related to transportation. Conflict resolution facilitator will come once a week. Program hours are 9 am - 1 pm, Monday –Thursday; it will operate from the second week in July to the third week in August 2007. Ms. Smith read a letter from one of the mothers of 2006 participant on the great merits of the program. The request is for funds to assist this year's program. The HJWA can only give \$2500 at one time, the request was moved and seconded to donate \$2500. The organization can request additional funding next month.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Demmie Murray, HJWA Board Secretary

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