

## **Historic Jackson Ward association**

March 20th, 2012

A meeting of the Board of the Historic Jackson Ward association was held on March 20th, 2012 at Club 533, corner W Jackson and 3rd Street, Richmond, Va. Charles Finley called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. The meeting was duly convened at 6:17 pm EST.

There were 20 members present at the meeting:

### **Rite Aid:**

A representative from Rite Aid was expected to be at the meeting but apologized in advance that she would not be able to show. Mr Finley informed that she hopes to be at the next month's meeting.

### **Crossroads:**

Mr Finley mentioned that he was approached by a representative of Crossroads about soliciting the association's help in obtaining a special-use permit that would allow them to have live music on their premises. He mentioned that the representative was invited and expected to be at today's meeting, but he did not show.

### **Charlie Diradour:**

Mr Diradour introduced himself to the association and expressed his intention to run for the 2nd district seat; the one currently held by Councilman Charles Samuels. He spoke in length about initial issues that he will address on behalf of the neighborhood. He then fielded questions and comments from the members.

### **Lieutenant Hood:**

Lieutenant Hood summed up the crime statistics in the Jackson Ward Neighborhood. He mentioned that he has two more days in the capacity as Lieutenant. He said his goodbyes and informed about his next position. He answered questions from members. He concluded by introducing the association to his successor, Officer Mike Fields.

### **Officer Mike Fields:**

Officer Fields introduced himself to the association and explained that he looks forward to working with the community. Though he and Lieutenant Hood might employ different strategies, he explained that their mission to work with the community and keep crime down is consistent. He was reminded that he is

always welcomed to attend the association meetings.

**Vicki:**

Vicki Mollenauer reminded members that the neighborhood clean-up date has been changed from the original third Saturday in April to the 14th. She explained that it was due to a collaborative effort between Historic Jackson Ward Association and VCU.

**Maggie Walker Historic Site.**

The association was reminded about the Civil War Emancipation Day. It will be held from 11 - 4 on the 14th of April. Everyone was encouraged to come out.

**Bylaws revision:**

President Finley, with the consent of the members, agreed to leave the discussion on the Bylaws until the April meeting.

**Abner Clay Park Update:**

This update is to be provided by Leighton Powell who was not present.

**Open Discussion/Other issues:**

A resident informed that letters have been sent out to neighbors informing them of construction of an illegal addition to his property. He informed that that was a non-issue because it was addressed before the construction began. He suggested that the confusion is within the city and their documentation process. He remained confident that it will be resolve. He also mentioned the date that he had to go before the city commission but he did ask the association nor its members to take any action on his behalf.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

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(secretary)