

Historic Jackson Ward Board Meeting
Sixth Mount Zion Church, Duvall Street, Richmond VA

March 18th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Crime report

Lieutenant Don Davenport updated the neighborhood about the crime report. The reports reflected a positive direction for law enforcement and the community. After his report, numerous questions were asked and concerns were voiced.

VCU crime report

Greg Felton from VCU police reiterated the statistics and reminded residents of the importance of the partnership between Richmond Police Department and VCU police in fighting crime. Again, questions and concerns were entertained.

Tito Luna –VCU Division of Community Engagement

Tito Luna spoke about his organization's community engagement efforts. He said that they work with representative from various areas in the neighborhood to address issues that affect the community. He encouraged the neighborhood to keep abreast of their activities.

Jack Marshall – Interim Vice President

Board and Association status

Jack Marshall, interim Vice President, updated the association about the future direction of The Board. He informed that there was a hold on election of new board members and that there were plans to disburse the work of the organization to the membership.

Leighton Powell – Interim President

Leighton informed about a resolution in the House of Delegates that celebrates the life of Charles Finley. This award will be given to his daughter.

Vicki Mollenauer

Vicki reminded about the bi-annual clean-up day for this year. The scheduled date is April 12th starting at 8:00 am.

She also reminded that membership dues are now due; and the fee is \$20.00 for businesses and 10.00 for individuals.

The association was also informed about The Board's decision to hold association meetings every other month as opposed to monthly.

Connor Vaughan

VCU student Connor Vaughan invited the public to a Jackson Ward History Day to be held at Abner Clay Park on April 13th, from 2 - 4 pm. He informed about the objective of the day, which is to educate and record the rich history of the Jackson Ward neighborhood. He offered that activities such as a paper-making workshop will be available. Also, several other organizations will be present to inform and educate. After his presentation, he answered questions from members and provided contact information.

Benefit

David Jackson informed about a 5K run/walk to be held on March 22. This event is held to benefit friends association of Gilpin Court. Fliers are available.

Maggie Walker Historical Society

Ajena Rogers spoke about upcoming events planned by Maggie Walker Historical Society in honor of her upcoming 150th birthday.

Ajena also updated about the upcoming events by the Public Arts Commission. She reminded about their objective and invited the public to a couple of meetings that required public input.

Miscellaneous:

A brief discussion arose about the re-doing of Abner Clay Park. There was still not much to report on that and no consensus reached.

No other Business presented

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by

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