

HISTORIC JACKSON WARD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

New location at 501 N. 2nd Street.

Jack Marshall, President of the Board, opened the meeting at 6:05pm. Board members in attendance were Jack, Marilyn, Vicki, Julius, Zach and Lorenza.

UNOS – Lisa Schaffner briefly mentioned that October 2nd was UNOS's major fundraiser.

Police Update – VCU Police Chief John Venuti discussed VCU's plans to use 224 E. Broad St. as a police headquarters for VCU. He discussed a new approach to college policing that entailed a high degree of student accountability.

Greg Felton of the VCU Police briefly discussed the upcoming UCI Bike Race. Race routes can be viewed on the official website, HYPERLINK "http://www.navigate.richmond2015.com" www.navigate.richmond2015.com. Finally, a robust discussion of littering and move-out trash occurred.

Lt. Victor Green was not present.

Strategic Plan – Interested members can see the updated Strategic Plan on the HJWA website.

Re: committees – There was a brief roll call of present members announcing their committee affiliations. It was decided that a portion of each public meeting would ideally be set aside for committee meetings, time permitting. It was suggested that committee member names/contact info be added to the Strategic Plan document for reference. Marilyn offered to visit with groups if they wanted.

BRT – The main topic point in the CRT discussion was whether HJWA should take a specific stance—for or against—with regard to the BRT. Discussion also centered around whether we should join together with the RVA Smart Transit, a coalition of Richmond neighborhoods which has taken issue with several aspects of the BRT design. It was decided that the HJWA would wait until the following month to take a vote on HJWA's official position, or if we decide to take one.

Abner Clay Redesign – An update to the membership was given about this project.

Specifically, that it is currently headed to the Planning Commission, that there is a significant funding gap that needs to be filled, and that the project would not break ground until after the Richmond Symphony event and opening of the Black History Museum next year.

RRHA Developments – Brief update regarding the 188 unit complex that RRHA intends to build in Jackson Ward. An RRHA representative may come to the next HJWA membership meeting to discuss it further.

Board nominations – Anyone who is interested in being on the HJWA board was invited to run for office. Voting will occur at the next membership meeting.

Neighborhood clean up – The next neighborhood clean-up day is scheduled for October 17 at 8:00 am. Meet at the Gazebo in Abner Clay Park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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