

# Historic Jackson Ward Association Public Meeting Minutes 502 North 2nd Street September 19, 2017

**<u>NOTE</u>**: Due to a technical issue, the original minutes for tonight's meeting were corrupted and unrecoverable. This record is an attempt to recreate them. Please keep in mind that these minutes were not made contemporaneously.

#### **Richmond Police - Lt. Victor Greene**

The most salient info from Lt. Greene was that two car jackings had occurred in the last 28 days, both on Clay Street. One suspect was apprehended in Gilpin Court; he had used a fake gun to commit the crime. The second suspect was not apprehended; he took the car when a delivery driver left his car unattended.

#### **VCU Police - Greg Felton**

Residents voiced concerns about a large, 200-student party that occurred on East Leigh Street. Officer Felton promised to look into it, especially since RPD had been called to the scene.

# **City Council - Kim Gray**

Kim talked about the KaBOOM! project build day approaching in November, diseased trees and possible re-emergence of the bike lanes on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also discussed the Ride RVA bikes that seem to violate a pass through code for usage. The Timmons group would like to move the bikes to the other side of the gazebo as part of their plan for Abner Clay Park.

#### Neighborhood updates - Marilyn Milio

*HJWA elections* - The HJWA board will have 5 spots up for election this fall. Residents who are interested in running should plan on attending the next several meetings and should send Marilyn their bio via email to hjwassociation@gmail.com.. Voting will occur at the November public meeting on November 21.

*Tree Wells* - HJWA paid for 36 trees with the gifted money from an old grant with Altria. Norman Brown, arborist with Richmond will visit sites to deem which ones are most appropriate and will ensure 36 spots will be chosen. Residents voiced a concern over diseased trees. Marilyn will forward concern to Norman Brown.

*Doggie Stations* - Jay and Zach installed two doggie stations this weekend, bringing the total up to three installed in the neighborhood so far: in Abner Clay park near Leigh and Broad; on Adams between Clay and Marshall; and on Brook Road between Clay and Adams. Marilyn will walk around to the installed stations to insert bags.

*Neighborhood Clean up* - The next neighborhood Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 starting at 8:00am.

# Enviragrow Greenhouse Project - Sean [Last Name]

Sean sought the support of the HJWA for a hydroponic greenhouse he planned on locating in the parking lot near the Adult Learning Center. His plan entails teaching students how to assemble the greenhouse, how to cultivate the plants, and ultimately how to sell the product. He plans on trying to begin the process by early October.

# Abner Clay Redesign - Timmons Group

The Timmons Group unveiled their latest design for the Abner Clay Park. Based on our budget, they came up with a proposed design that fell only slightly outside of the \$650K currently devoted to the project. The proposal in pdf. format will be put on our website.