

**Historic Jackson Ward Association  
Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Meeting Notes**  
March 21, 2006

**Welcome and Introductions:** HJWA Chair Charles Finley opened the meeting and asked for a round of introductions from those present.

**Minutes from February 21, 2006 Meeting:** Minutes reviewed and accepted. Vicki Mollenauer is thanked for taking minutes in Demmie Murray's absence.

**HJWA Financial Report:** HJWA Treasurer Pat Smith reported on the Association's financial status.

**Shifflett Family Proposal for the Armory:** Gary and Larry Shifflett have submitted a proposal to purchase the Armory located on Leigh St. to renovate it into 13 apartments; 11 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom apartments. The one-bedroom apartments will be approximately 575 sq. ft. and the two-bedrooms will be between 800 and 900 sq. ft. Rents will be in the range of 800 to 1100 per month with everything included except the phone. The proposal includes a security system and "permit only" parking in the rear of the building. The 17<sup>th</sup> St. Lofts on Oliver Hill Way is one of this company's projects. The Shiffletts will present their proposal to City Council on March 27, 2006 and will go before Council for the final time in April, 2006.

**Alex Alexander and Kelvin Hanson Proposal for the OIC Building:** Alex Alexander and Kelvin Hanson propose to renovate the OIC building (formerly the Booker T.

Washington School) located at 1<sup>st</sup> and Leigh Sts. into 31 one and two-bedroom apartments for seniors. The apartments will be from 550 to 800 sq. ft. with rents ranging from \$500 to 600 per month which is the fair market rate. The project will be ADA approved and amenities will include a theatre and exercise facilities. This partnership has also purchased the three adjacent properties, 524, 526, and 528 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The proposed name for the project is BTW Plaza.

**City Council Update:** 2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Bill Pantele introduced his liaison person, Jan Giorardi. He reported the following:

VCU President, Eugene Trani organized a meeting to discuss how VCU, Bio-Tech and the Historic Jackson Ward Association can forge a closer relationship. From this meeting it was decided to form a small group that will involve other parties especially Jackson Ward residents. Hopefully, this venture will result in a productive working relationship like the VCU/Carver Community partnership.

Parking: Councilman Pantele met with David Wall of Public Works to discuss making Jackson Ward into a permit parking district. He shared the following information:

1. Public streets are “public” streets
2. Each household can have up to two guest passes
3. Not able to have a lot of visitors at one time. Permits are bought annually
4. Some properties can be excluded from getting permits, i.e., OIC.
5. Requirement is for 10 contiguous block faces to agree and 60% of residents in each block face to agree

Can do residential and commercial permits

This may discourage some commerce downtown

Steps to request parking permits:

Petitions with 60% of the residents signatures

Associations in the community vote on it

Petition goes to David Wall of Public Works

Ordinance is generated

Chairman Finley suggests that community do some initial leg work in community.

Neighborhood Clean-Up is scheduled for March 25, 2006 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Abner Clay Park

Capital One announcement of Jackson Ward plans at the Black History Museum on April 17, 2006

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted,

Demmie Murray, Secretary