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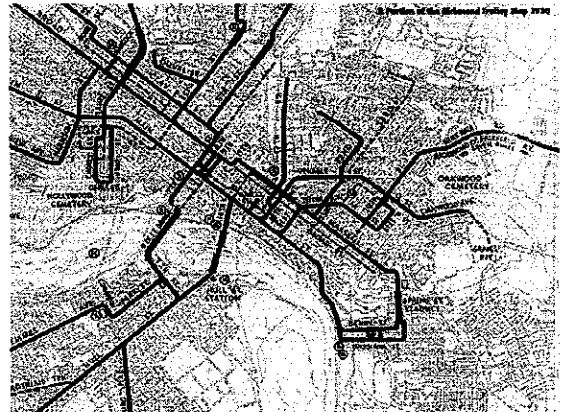
COMMITTED TO INFORMING THE RESIDENTS OF CHURCH HILL

JULY 2008

Trolleys of Richmond and Church Hill

by John Johnson

Did you know that not all that long ago some of Richmond's trolley routes ran right through the heart of Church Hill? Yes, the Richmond Traction Co. (RTC) and the Richmond Railway and Electric Co. (RR&EC) ran trolley lines all over the city and included some busier routes right through the greater Church Hill area:



A double track ran from downtown Richmond to and through Chimborazo Park down the hill to the East and over to the river below Gilly's Creek. It then went back downtown along Main Street.

Another line off of Broad Street went North on 18th Street to Venable Street and then all the way out to Oakwood Cemetery for families wishing to visit Civil War dead.

Other lines of the RR&EC ran on Franklin Street to 21st Street, to Jefferson Avenue, to M and P Streets, back down 29th Street and back to Broad Street. (See maps).

The terms "tram" and "tramway" were originally Scottish and Northern English words for the type of truck used in coal mines — probably derived from the North Sea Germanic word "trame" or the "beam of a barrow or sledge". Although "trams" and "tramway" have been adopted by many languages, North Americans preferred "trolley", "trolley car" or "streetcar". "Trolley," is believed to derive from the "troller," a four wheeled device that was dragged along overhead wires by a cable that connected the troller on the top of the car. And finally, the term "streetcar" is first recorded in 1860, and is mostly a North American word to initially describe large horse drawn carts for people. It then became commonly used for all types of this public transportation.

Some of the first commercial installations of electric streetcars began in Berlin, as early as 1881 by Werner von Siemens and the company that still bears his name; and, another early one in Saint Petersburg, Russia, invented and tested in 1880 by Fyodor Pirotsky. However, these early installations, proved difficult and/or unreliable for a variety of

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Next General Membership Meeting

6:30pm Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Second Picnic of the Season at Reed Square (On 26th Street between E. Franklin & E. Grace Sts.) No Pets Please. Bring Chairs and/or Blankets for Seating.

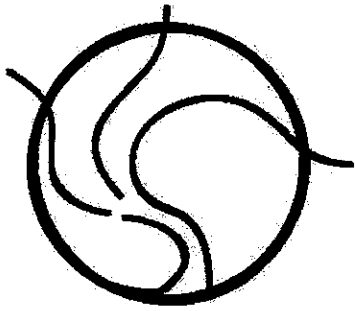
Please bring a dish to share coinciding with the first letter of your last name

Main Dish: N - Z

Dessert: A - I

Side Dish: J - M

In case of severe or inclement weather, the picnic will be held the following day, July 16th at 6:30pm.



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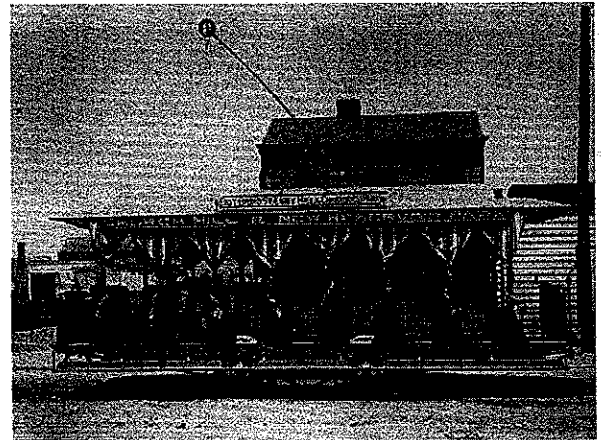
Trolleys of Richmond and Church Hill Cont...

reasons including the new-fangled/dangerous invention called electricity. Therefore after 1888, many cities turned to electric-powered streetcars which used electric power generated from a powerhouse and conveyed in wires installed over city streets. A streetcar would touch this electric wire with a long pole on its roof called a trolley. A new name was soon developed for streetcars powered by electricity - trolley cars.



Frank Sprague installed a complete system of electric streetcars in Richmond, Virginia, in 1888, called Richmond Union Passenger Railway. This was the first large scale and successful use of electricity to run a city's entire system of streetcars. Sprague was born in Connecticut in 1857. In 1878 he graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and began a career as a naval officer. He resigned from the Navy in 1883 and went to work for Thomas Edison. Mr. Sprague and others used the natural power of the Falls of the James River to turn huge generators and steam engines to produce the vast amount of electricity needed to operate the streetcars on both sides of the river.

Amusement parks were positioned at the end of the lines in Richmond as destinations for the public and to generate traffic, public use, sales of real estate and property. Some notable ones were: Lakeside Park, Westhampton Park (now University of Richmond), and Forest Hill Park. Rails of interurban streetcar services formed a suburban network from Richmond extending north to Ashland and south to Chester, Colonial Heights, Petersburg and Hopewell. Another interurban route ran east along Nine Mile Road and terminated at the National Cemetery at Seven Pines at its end. Electrically powered trolleybuses, also using the Sprague technology, later operated in local service in nearby Petersburg for several years. The Richmond area's streetcar suburbs included Highland Park, Barton Heights, Ginter Park, Woodland Heights, and Highland Springs.



Carlton McKenney's *Rails in Richmond* (Interurban Press, 1986)

Tram systems (or "tramways" or "street railways") were common throughout the industrialized world in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but they disappeared from many U.S. cities in the mid-20th century. In European cities they remained to be quite common and who knows - with the price of gas going up, maybe a resurgent alternative form of urban transportation to the polluting fossil fueled car.

Church Hill Runners & Walkers

Just thought it would be fun to get a list of Church Hill runners and walkers together and try to arrange some times throughout the week where people can meet up with others to exercise in our neighborhood. I'll get the list going and then we can see who is able to meet which days and times. All levels of distance and speed are welcome. Please contact Bill O'Connor at boconnor99@hotmail.com or 647-6224 with your name, email, phone number, level (distance and pace), and best days and times to run or walk. Thanks! Bill

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TIMELY & NOTEWORTHY



THE BOULEFROGS OF CHURCH HILL PETANQUE CLUB IS GROWING

The Boulefrogs of Church Hill Petanque Club recently added new temporary courts to its Chimborazo Playground site. The club, which now has 40 members, was born in 2005 with 12 members and has grown ever since. It meets twice a week all year round: Thursday evenings at 6pm and Saturday morning at 10am to beat the heat during the summer months and Saturday afternoons at 1pm the rest of the year. Casual pick-up games are played any time. As part of the Federation of Petanque USA, the national petanque organization, Boulefrog members have participated recently in competitions in Florida, North Carolina and Arlington.

The game of petanque is similar to the Italian bocce or the English lawn bowling. It is played with steel balls the size of a baseball weighing about one and a half pounds. The basic idea is to throw or roll your balls closer to a target ball than the balls of your opponents. It's that simple!

If you are looking for a new sport that is easy to learn, lots of fun, competitive and very social, stop by the Chimborazo Playground on Thursday or Saturday. The game can be played by all ages, and physical capabilities, is inexpensive, little equipment is needed and there is no uniform. Come out and watch a game or two and then join your neighbors in Church Hill, Greater Richmond and central Virginia for a few hours of fun, relaxation and exercise.

For more information call Richard Taranto at 648-3939 or John Johnson at 814-1066.

CALLING ALL CHURCH HILL WRITERS!

Both those who can, and those who think they can. We want you! The Church Hill Newsletter is yours to share your tidbits of wisdom, your Mom's favorite recipes, gardening tips, or just a good story. We do still have an editorial policy with our neighborhood newsletter, but send in your stuff and we'll look it over! E-mail it to newsletter@churchhillrichmond.com before the 25th of each month for submission. Thanks!

Erika

HEALTHY INDOOR AIR

Did you know? Plants not only beautify our indoor environment, they make our air quality healthier by adding oxygen and removing air pollutants. An inexpensive, low-tech means of cleaning the air in your home, or office, plants REMOVE Formaldehyde, Benzene, and Trichloroethylene.

You may be saying to yourself, "Wait a minute, I don't have any chemical pollutants in my home or office." Well, yes you do!

Formaldehyde is found in your carpeting, clothes, furniture, paper goods, plywood etc....

Benzene is found in synthetic fibers (clothes, furniture carpeting) plastics, inks, oils, detergents etc....

Trichloroethylene is found in your DRY CLEANING, lacquers, paints, varnishes etc....

Obviously, we cannot completely rid ourselves of every single pollutant that comes into our space, but the addition of several potted plants per 100 square feet of floor space will help clean the air. If you have just replaced old carpeting in a room with new, set several plants in the room for twenty-four hours to absorb the "new" smell, which is actually toxic "off gassing" of the chemical Formaldehyde. That new car smell you love.... is chemical off gassing.

When you pick up clothes from the cleaners... immediately remove the plastic wrap and allow the clothing to air out, preferably outdoors, or where there are plants.

A few hard working air cleaners are: Boston Fern, Gerber Daisy, Peace Lily, Bamboo Palm, Janet Craig, and English Ivy. They are numerous others for your research.

SO...fill your home or office with plants! They are not only beautiful; they will also clean the air you breathe.

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Appetizers

<i>Calamari</i> - sautéed, seasoned with basil, mint, shallots in a roasted garlic and white wine reduction with grilled crostini	\$7.75
<i>Fried Eggplant & Zucchini</i> - served with house marinara and goat cheese pesto sauce	\$6.95
<i>Mini Calzones</i> - Mozzarella, fresh herbs topped with balsamic tomatoes and garlic	\$6.95
<i>Fried Mozzarella</i> - fresh mozzarella hand breaded served with marinara sauce	\$6.95
<i>Hummus Antipasti</i> - canellini bean hummus marinated mushrooms, olives, asiago cheese with grilled crostini	\$6.95
<i>Meatball Sliders</i> -homemade meatball sliders ala marinara	\$6.95
<i>Pork Tenderloin</i> - fresh herb crusted pork tenderloin, pan seared with petite salad, pan jus	\$8.75
<i>Chicken Tenders</i> -fried hand breaded chicken ala marinara	\$6.75

Breads

<i>House Garlic Bread</i>	\$3.00
<i>House Garlic Bread Marinara</i> - with mozzarella cheese and marinara sauce	\$5.00
<i>Kale Artichoke Crostini</i>	\$5.25
<i>Italian Sausage Crostini</i>	\$6.25
<i>Green Olive Tapenade w/ Asiago Crostini</i>	\$5.50

Salads

<i>Misto</i> - house salad with mixed field greens, spinach and house dressing	\$5.45
<i>Caesar</i> - romaine lettuce tossed caesar dressing, homemade croutons, anchovi and asiago cheese	\$6.50
<i>Veneto</i> - fresh mixed greens w/ olives, tomato, artichokes, onion, roasted red peppers, parmesan, house dressing	\$7.25
<i>Fresh Fennel</i> - with onions, capers, & roasted garlic	\$4.95
<i>Caprese</i> - Fresh Mozzarella, tomato, roasted peppers, basil, pine nuts, balsamic reduction	\$7.25
<i>For all salads</i> - Add: Chicken: \$2.75 Portabella: \$2.75 Steak: \$3.25 Shrimp \$3.75 Salmon \$3.75	

Sandwiches

<i>Mozzarella Caprese</i> - fresh mozzarella with baby spinach, tomato, fresh basil, & artichoke hearts	\$7.45
<i>Italian</i> - salami, peppers, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise, hot or cold	\$7.95
<i>Roasted NY Strip</i> -thinly sliced new york strip, lettuce tomato red onion garlic aioli on a hearty roll	\$8.95
<i>Angus Burger</i> - grilled black angus burger, LTM, choice of cheese, add bacon \$0.50	\$8.25
<i>Marinated Grilled Chicken</i> - grilled marinated chicken breast w/ pineapple mint compote, brie, LTM on a hearty roll	\$7.95
<i>Grilled Italian Sausage</i> - roasted peppers, grilled onions, gorgonzola cheese on sub roll	\$8.25
<i>Eggplant Parmigiana</i> - house marinara, provolone and parmesan cheese on sub roll	\$7.50
<i>Chicken Parmigiana</i> - house Marinara, provolone and parmesan cheeses on sub roll	\$8.25
<i>Meatball Parmigiana</i> - house Marinara, provolone and parmesan cheeses on sub roll	\$7.95
<i>Shrimp Po' Boy</i> - fried shrimp served on a bed of lettuce with marinated artichokes & roasted red pepper aioli	\$9.25

All sandwiches are served orzo salad, hand cut frites or house salad

Mussels

<i>Putanesca</i> - spicy smooth tomato broth, capers, & black olives	\$12.95
<i>Gorgonzola</i> - gorgonzola cheese, roasted garlic, pesto cream	\$12.95
<i>Fennel</i> - fennel, tomato, garlic and pernod with spinach	\$12.95
<i>White Wine Garlic</i> - white wine garlic with fresh herbs	\$12.95

All Served with Grilled Bread / Lunch Portion \$9.95

Entrees

Served 5:00 p.m. until Close

<i>Eggplant Parmigiana</i> - crispy eggplant, mozzarella and marinara served with a side of olio aglio linguini	\$12.95
<i>Chicken Parmigiana</i> - lightly breaded, homemade marinara sauce, parmesan & provolone cheese w/ an olio aglio linguini	\$14.95
<i>Linguini & Meatballs</i> - homemade meatballs with marinara sauce baked with cheese	\$13.95
<i>Linguini & Clams</i> - fresh clams and white wine with herbs over linguini	\$16.95
<i>Shrimp & Eggplant</i> - sauteed shrimp and eggplant over penne with ceci beans, parmesan & asiago cheese	\$16.95
<i>Pan Seared Salmon</i> -served with red sauce, clams, calamari, and capers over linguini	\$17.95
<i>Grille New York Strip</i> - cooked to your preference with seared potato gnocchi and pernod flashed kale	\$18.95



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



WHO WAS GENERAL JOHNSON?

Many of us walk along Broad Street on the way to pick up a treat at Captain Buzzy's and we see a granite marker in the bricks that says:

GEN'L JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON
CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY
DESPARATELY WOUNDED AT THE
BATTLE OF SEVEN PINES
WAS BROUGHT TO THE
CRENSHAW RESIDENCE
STANDING ON THIS BLOCK.
AND NURSED TO RECOVERY.

THIS MARKER IS PLACED BY THE
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL LITERARY SOCIETY, A.D. 1915

And we wonder, who was General Johnston? And where was Seven Pines? And who was the Confederate Memorial Literary Society? And why did they put this marker here?

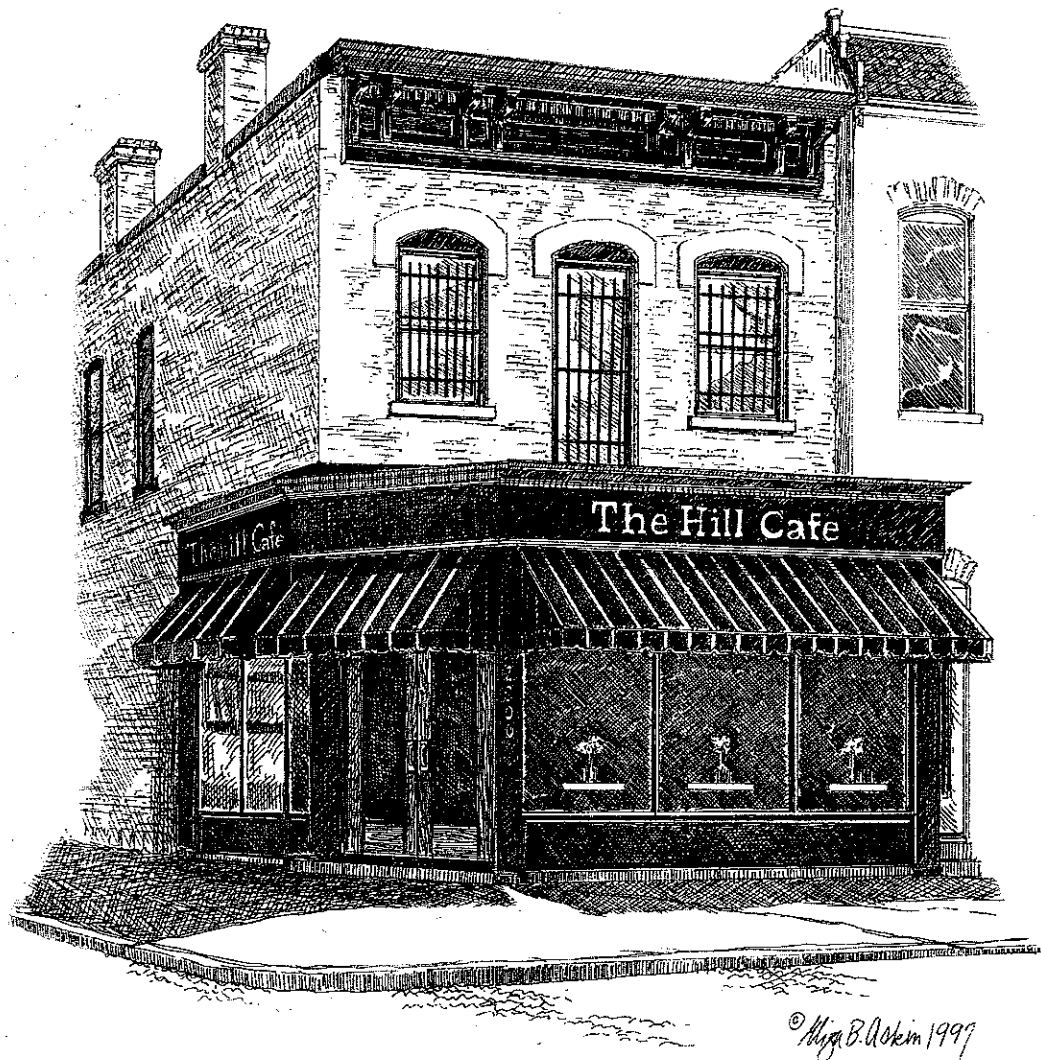
Johnston was a native of Farmville and classmate of Robert E. Lee at West Point. He was a distinguished officer in the U.S. Army, a Brigadier General when he resigned in 1861 to enter the Confederate Army. He commanded the army at First Manassas and was in command during the spring of 1862, when he retreated from Yorktown all the way to the outskirts of Richmond. After urging from Jefferson Davis, he attacked the Union force, meeting them at Seven Pines (on Williamsburg Road just east of the airport) and Fair Oaks Station (where the railroad tracks cross Nine Mile Road just north of Seven Pines). You can still see some of the Confederate fortifications at the airport entrance.

The battle was a messy, confusing two-day affair with almost 100,000 men fighting along the Williamsburg Road, Charles City Road, Nine Mile Road, and a road which no longer exists because it ran through the middle of the airport. Together, the Blue and Gray suffered 13,000 casualties and accomplished almost nothing, except for one important thing. . . Johnston was wounded, along Nine Mile Road about 200 yards northwest of the train tracks. As the wounded Johnston was being carried from the field, Jefferson Davis approached him, near where New Bridge Church is now. Johnston snubbed the President, and instead directed his men to go back to where he was wounded to recover his sword (now on display at the Museum of the Confederacy).

Johnston was brought to the Crenshaw house, which was on Broad Street, and recuperated for several months. He was close to medical attention at Chimborazo Hospital but he wanted his peace and quiet. Three days later, a South Carolina artilleryman wrote home, "Gen. Jos. E. Johnston, wounded, how severe I cannot tell. Went to Town, yesterday morning. The street he is on is roped up, so horses + carriages cannot go by. They say he is only slightly wounded, hope it is so. Davis + Lee are still left as leaders."

Jefferson Davis immediately appointed Robert E. Lee as his replacement. In just one month, Lee pushed the Federals away from Richmond, not to return for two more years. While common thinking is that Gettysburg was the turning point of the Civil War, many think that Johnston's wounding was the real turning point. Instead of the war ending quickly, it lasted for three more years and over a half million more men died.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society was started in 1890 by Isabelle Stewart Bryan, who also started the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and Bryan Park. Its first historian was Douglas Southall Freeman, later a Pulitzer Price winning historian and newspaper editor. Dr. Freeman started a practice of marking important spots in town, but only a few of his markers survive, including one down the hill at 27th and Canal—the site of infamous Libby Prison—and another on Main Street at the Third Street Diner—the site of Sally Tompkins' Hospital. Today we know the Confederate Memorial Literary as the Museum of the Confederacy.



Daily Specials

Monday is "Blue Plate Specials" only	\$7.95
Tuesday Is "Three course Dinner" only	\$15.95
Wednesday is "Crab Cake Dinner" just	\$16.95
Thursday Is "Hill Café BBQ Specials" starting at	\$12.95
Sunday Is "Hill Café Baked Spagetti" only	\$7.95

Don't miss Sunday Brunch from 10:30-3:00

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Appetizers

Hill Café House Made Chips served with a creamy cracked peppercorn dressing.....	\$4.95
Thai Chicken Lettuce Wraps julienned carrots, cucumbers, leaf lettuce with a sweet and dipping spicy sauce....	\$7.95
Vegetarian Black Bean Cakes pan seared and served with cilantro and homemade dill crème fraiche	\$6.95
Mozzarella and Tomato Napoleon fresh mozzarella, basil and tomatoes served with balsamic reduction	\$6.95
Flash Fried Crispy Calamari lightly dusted and flash fried served with a chipotle aioli.....	\$6.95
Artichoke and Spinach Fritters coated with panko, lightly fried and served over our house marinara	\$6.95
Sesame Seared Ahi-Tuna served chilled and rare with pickled ginger, wasabi and soy sauce	\$7.95
Fall Off The Bone BBQ Ribs slow braised and served with our chipotle honey rib glaze	\$6.95
Roasted Garlic Hummus Platter with roma tomatoes, pepperoncinis, black olives and grilled pita bread.....	\$6.95
Flaming Saganaki and Grilled Pita Bread soft kasseri cheese served flaming served with lemons wedge	\$6.95
Chesapeake Crab Dip tossed with lump crab meat and served with flash flour tortillas.....	\$7.95
Maryland Crab Cakes three pan seared mini crab cakes and topped with key lime remoulade	\$8.95
Pan Seared Sea Scallops with an apple wood smoked bacon buerre blanc and micro greens.....	\$9.95
Southwestern Chicken Quesadilla with black beans, shiitake mushrooms, spinach and tomatoes.....	\$8.95

Sandwiches

Served with a pickle and a choice of fries, potato salad, pasta salad or slaw.

Classic Burger grilled to temperature with lettuce and tomato on a Kaiser	\$6.95
Black Bean Burger vegetarian burger seared and served on a Kaiser with dill crème fraiche.....	\$6.95
The Hill Burger grilled and topped with caramelized onions, bacon and cheddar, served with barbecue sauce	\$8.95
Cajun Chicken Wrap spiced rubbed chicken breast, tomato, onions and monterey jack in an herbed tortilla	\$7.95
California Smoked Turkey with avacado, havarti cheese, bacon and a tomato aioli on multigrain bread	\$7.95
Pulled Pork Barbecue hand pulled slow roasted pork with cole slaw and homemade barbecue sauce	\$6.95
Chicken Salad BLT with golden raisins and tarragon on toasted multigrain bread	\$6.95
The French Dip thinly sliced roast beef served on a grilled sour dough sub roll with au jus dipping sauce.....	\$8.95
Blackened Ahi-Tuna lightly blackened ahi tuna served with a lemon aioli on a grilled kaiser roll	\$7.95
Fried Oyster Poor Boy crispy fried select oysters served with a dill crème fraiche on a sour dough sub roll	\$7.95
Vegetarian Wrap fresh spinach, portobello's, roasted red peppers and caramelized onions in a flour tortilla	\$6.95
Maryland Crab Cake pan-seared to a golden brown and served with a key lime remoulade on a kaiser	\$9.95

Blue Plates

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Mom's Famous Grilled Meatloaf grilled to perfection and covered with our beef gravy	\$10.95
Oven Roasted Turkey Breast oven roasted and topped with our traditional gravy	\$10.95
Southern Fried Filet of Fish lightly breaded fried tilapia served with our key lime remoulade.....	\$10.95
Crispy Country Fried Chicken two chicken breasts deep-fried to a golden brown.....	\$10.95
Grilled Center Cut Pork Chop center cut 6oz pork chop served with our traditional gravy.....	\$10.95

Served with two side dishes: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, mashed potatoes or sautéed spinach

Entrees

Now Served all Day

Hill Café Baked Spaghetti homemade marinara with meat sauce topped with mozzarella and baked	\$10.95
Italian Sausage and Ricotta homemade marinara sauce, penne pasta and ricotta cheese	\$11.95
Crispy Fried Eggplant stuffed with artichokes, spinach and ricotta cheese over marinara sauce with spaghetti	\$12.95
BBQ Pork Platter half a rack of our fall off the bone ribs, slow roasted pulled pork, cole slaw and french fries	\$14.95
Cornmeal Fried Oysters served with sautéed spinach, rice and dill crème fraiche	\$16.95
Penne Parmesan and Shrimp jumbo shrimp tossed with a roasted garlic cream and fresh parmesan	\$16.95
Sesame Seared Ahi-Tuna with a wasabi and soy buerre blanc over asian vegetables with white rice	\$17.95
Pan Seared Chilean Salmon with asparagus, mashed red skinned potatoes and a balsamic reduction.....	\$17.95
BBQ Baby Back Ribs in a chipotle honey rib glaze with red skin mashed potatoes and sautéed asparagus	\$17.95
Grilled Shrimp and Scallops with braised baby bok choy and purple cabbage, rice and soy butter	\$18.95
Pan Seared Crab Cakes with red skin mashed potatoes, sautéed asparagus and a key lime remoulade	\$20.95
Blackened Rib Eye topped with a tomato and avocado salsa with asparagus and mashed potatoes	\$20.95
Grilled Filet Mignon with a balsamic port wine demi glace, crispy onions, asparagus and mashed potatoes	\$20.95

Announcing the Spring Winners of the Church Hill “Most Inspired Contest”

Judging was based on curb appeal, texture, design, fragrance, use of natural material to compliment the color and architecture of the house. The Golden Trowel is awarded to house with the most inspired use of natural materials.

Thanks to our creative, talented judge, Joshua Galloway, Landscape Architect and neighbor. Sponsored by the Church Hill Association and the Church Hill Planters.

Most Inspired Garden -2312 M Street – Beautiful large crepe myrtle anchoring picket fence side yard garden with roses, hydrgea, hosta, and azalea

Most Inspired Block - Pedestrian Alley behind 2701, -03, -05 E. Broad Street
(as seen from 27th St) – Interesting, well scaled plantings along walk - ending with a beautiful arched garden gate

Golden Trowel - 2401 E. Grace Street – Back yard garden with large shade trees and welcoming walk

Honorable Mention - 2613 East Grace Street – Holman residence - courtyard with water feature

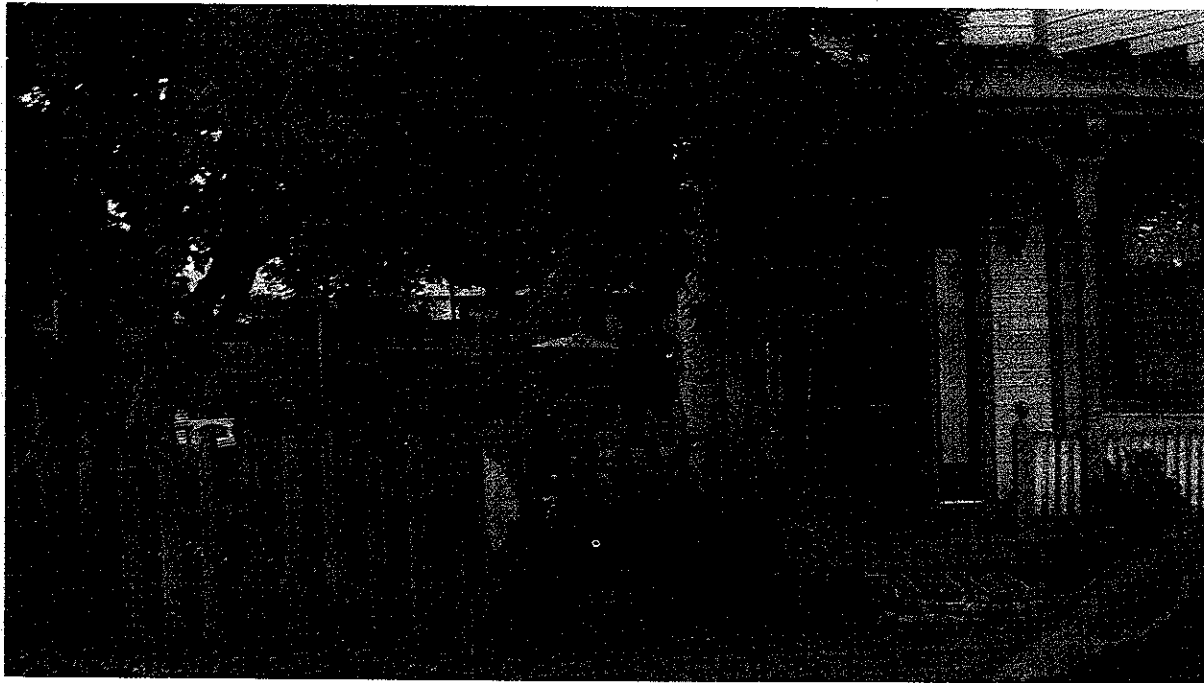


Figure 1 2312 M Street

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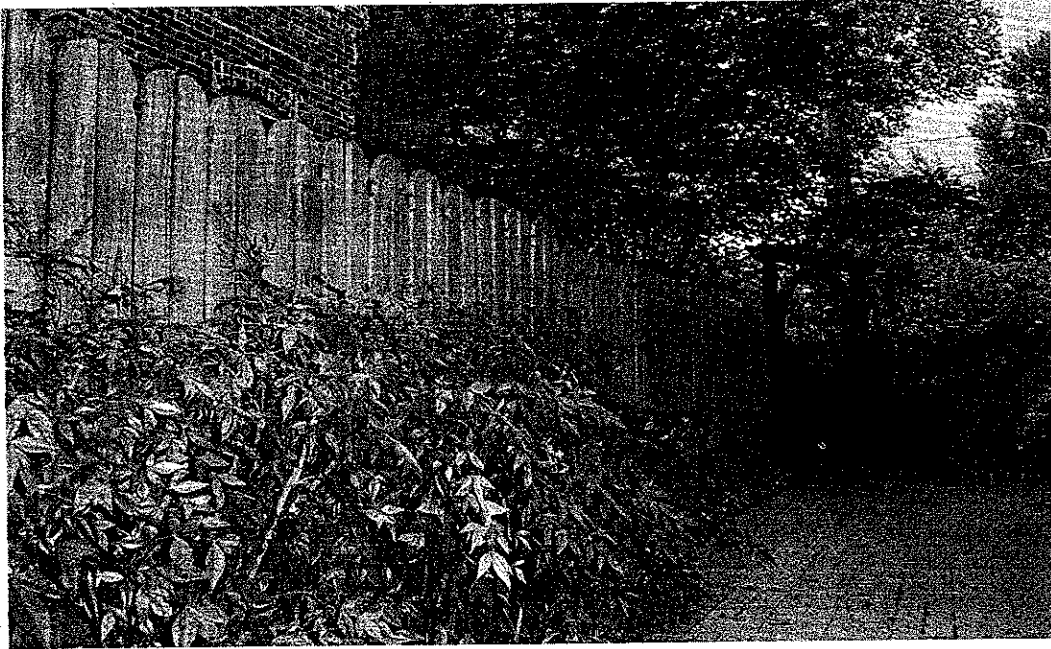


Figure 2 - Pedestrian Alley behind 2701, -03, -05 E. Broad St

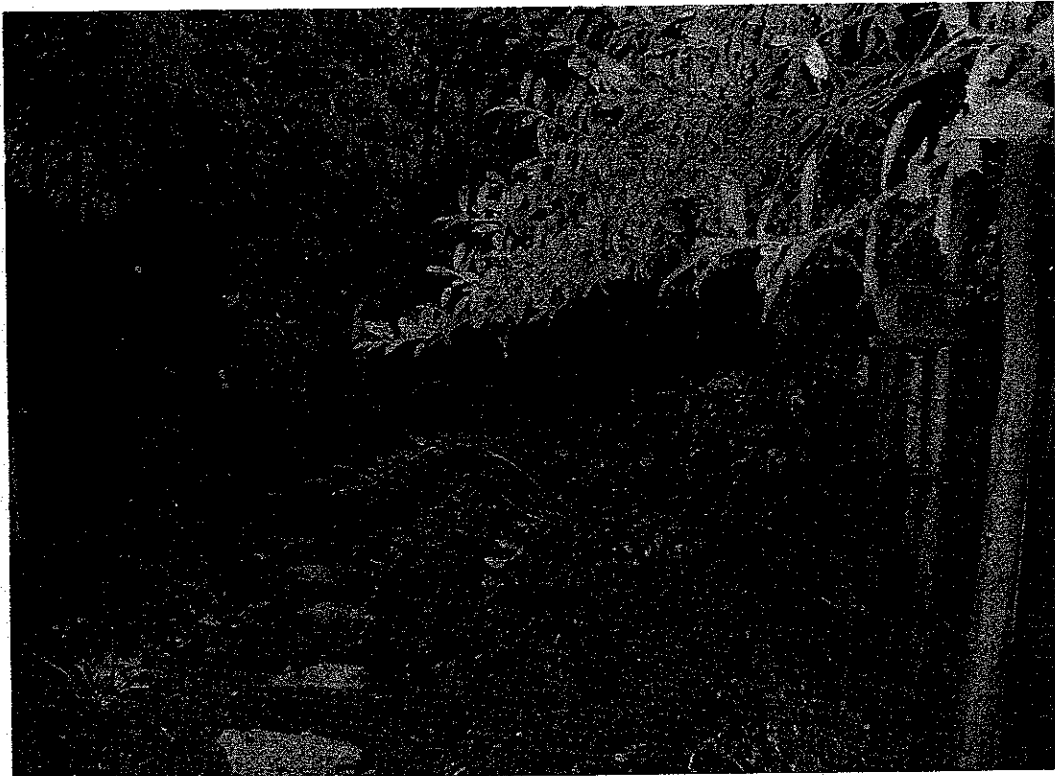


Figure 3 - 2401 E. Grace St

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River District Schedule of Events 2008

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Continuing Events in July

River District Canal Cruises

(Summer Season June 11th-August 31st)

Canal Turning Basin - Dock and 14th Streets, Wednesday-Saturday Noon-7pm, Sunday Noon-5pm, \$5 adults, \$4 seniors & children 5-12, age 4 and under free

40-minute historically narrated tours of the James River & Kanawha Canal along the River District's Canal Walk. Tour begins every hour on the hour. Private charters also available. For more information call 804-649-2800 or visit www.venturerichmond.com.

Thursday Fresh Market

17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 8:30am-2pm
From farm to market - It's *that* fresh! Locally grown organic and homegrown produce straight from the region's farms to your home, along with the finest quality homemade and handcrafted items made by highly artistic Richmonders. Free parking. For more information call 646-0477 or visit www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com.

Fridays at Sunset®

Kanawha Plaza (9th & Canal Streets), 6-10pm
Fridays at Sunset is pleased to bring to you high caliber performances that offer wonderful entertainment, good food, a patron-friendly atmosphere and an overall enjoyable experience. For more information, event prices and to see the schedule of performers visit www.fridaysatsunset.com.

Saturday Bohemian Market

17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 9am-4pm
An eclectic mix of farm fresh, homegrown produce blended with the highest quality handmade and homemade products, accented with a few vintage classics for all free spirits doing some weekend wandering in Shockoe Bottom. Free parking. For more information call 646-0477 or visit www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com.

Sunday Vintage Market

17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 9am-4pm
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"Liberty or Death" Reenactments

Sundays through August 31st

St. John's Church (2401 E. Broad St.), donations appreciated, 1pm tickets begin being distributed, 1:30pm patriotic musical program begins, 2pm reenactment begins

The Patrick Henry Committee invites you to join us for historical reenactments of the Second Virginia Convention of March 1775. In the presence of Washington, Jefferson and other notable Virginians, Patrick Henry delivered his passionate call for liberty, uttering the immortal words "give me liberty or give me death!" For more information call 804-649-7938 or visit www.historicstjohnschurch.org.

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Explore Poe's world as seen through the eyes of comic book artists. Includes rare early adaptations of Poe's work through to contemporary interpretations. For more information call 804-648-5523 or visit www.poemuseum.org.

Special Events in July

Saturday, July 12th

Canal Boats and Cobblestones Walking Tour

Meet your guide at the James Center Clock Tower at 10th and Cary Streets, \$10 fee, \$9 in advance, \$5 for History Center members, 6-7:30pm; This walking tour focuses on the history, architecture, and preservation efforts of the canal area. Come explore the historic and architectural treasures of Shockoe Slip, and see the work that is being done in the River District along the James River, the Great Basin and Richmond's canals. For more information call 804-649-0711, option 4.

Saturday, July 19th

Shockoe Chef Showdown

17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission
Calling all Culinary Masters in Shockoe Valley from the Slip to the Bottom and beyond! So, you think you have what it takes to compete for title of Top Chef in Richmond's Shockoe Districts? This event will pit the Savory-savvy Gurus from Shockoe Slip against the Flavor-chic Experts of Shockoe Bottom, with some local homegrown culinary talent thrown into the pot to spice things up a bit! For more information call 804-646-0310.

Saturday, July 26th

19th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Duck Race

Brown's Island, Free admission, 11am-4pm
A premier family event! Pay for a duck or ten and we will send them all down the Canal at Brown's Island. As the waterway narrows, the ducks feed one by one across the finish line. The first ducks to pass through win prizes for you! Attendees will be able to enjoy vendor displays, great food and drinks along with plenty of family entertainment.

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CHA BOARD MEETING



MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2008 BOARD MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

President John Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04PM at the 2300 Club.

The attendees were:

PRESIDENT, John Johnson
VICE PRESIDENT, Beth Sarrett
SECRETARY, Pam Prescott
ASSISTANT TREASURER, Susan White
DIR. AT LARGE, Tony Monteleone
DIR. AT LARGE, Mike McPeak
DIR. AT LARGE, Matt Conrad
DIR. AT LARGE, Susan Nolan
DIR. AT LARGE, Aimee Perron Seibert

Recognitions

President John Johnson recognized and thanked all the Board Members that served in the 2007/2008 term. Jim Daab, Karen Flanders, Rob Pate and Logan Vetrovec worked hard and were a great help. Thank you very much for serving and making our community a better place. The Nominating Committee were also recognized and thanked for all their efforts by the Board for the recently well run election. Erika Gay, Aimee Perron Seibert, John Whitworth, Beth Sarrett and John Johnson did a fantastic job. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Susan White presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2008. At May 30, the CHA has \$45,409.34 cash in the bank. Cash Receipts for the month were \$602.84, expenditures were \$1553.26 for a decrease in cash of \$950.42.

Committee Reports

Zoning: The Zoning Committee moved to add Diane Worthington as a committee member. The Board voted and unanimously approved this motion. As previously proposed, the Zoning Committee elected not to change their name at their most recent meeting. It was agreed their present name reflects adequately of their responsibilities. It was brought up by Beth Sarrett that the term of membership be elongated to a 3 to 5 year term to better use the expertise of seasoned members.

Newsletter: It was discussed to add an advertisement soliciting Church Hill Residents to feel free to contribute to their newsletter. We have a lot of talented people in Church Hill and would love to showcase their contributions.

Membership: No Report

Clean and Safe: Alley Rally set for June 14th. If interested, please contact Chris Bergin at 640-4084.

Holiday Festival: Susan Nolan will be chairing the Holiday Ball committee. Anyone interested in assisting, please contact Susan at 644-0880 or susannolan@verizon.net. We are still in need for chairpersons for the Festival and other committees.

Old Business

CHA will present the Chimborazo Dog Park support check of \$500 at the June 17th Picnic Meeting at Reed Square. Also, six associations will be sending a representative to our Picnic Meeting (Fulton Hill, Rocketts Landing, Shockoe Bottom, Chimborazo, Union Hill, and New Visions)

New Business

- John Johnson has sent a letter to Delores L. McQuinn about the tree cutting and tree trimming issues that continue to concern homeowners. He will try and seek answers with some alternatives and will advise when discussions are complete.
 - CHA will now have a formal request form for anyone who requests funding from the Association. The Board approved this motion and no other requests will be entertained unless they are submitted on the required form. Please see John Johnson or a Board member to get forms.
 - John Johnson and Mike McPeak contacted Mary Jane Massad Hogue, Executive Director, Historic Richmond Foundation and have approached John Zehmer to republish another edition of the very popular book, Church Hill, St. John's Historic District. Mr. Zehmer is very excited about this new venture and the new book is already in the planning stages!
- Need for participation in Committees and Programs here in our community continue to be an issue. Please feel free to volunteer and participate! Contact any Board member for more information for how to become more involved.

Committees include: Newsletter, Newsletter Distribution, Zoning, Membership, Planters, Summer Picnics, Holiday, Events, Clean and Safe and Crime Watch

Touch Points in the Church Hill Community was discussed as Board Members try to become more involved with the businesses in our area.

Since there was insufficient time to accomplish all the agenda items, a follow up meeting will be held at 6:30-8:30pm on June 11, 2008 at St. John Parish House.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm

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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2008 SPECIAL BOARD AND FINANCES MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

John Johnson called this meeting to order 6:36pm at St John's Parish Hall.

The attendees were:

PRESIDENT, John Johnson
VICE PRESIDENT, Beth Sarrett
SECRETARY, Pam Prescott
TREASURER, John Whitworth
ASSISTANT TREASURER, Susan White
DIR. AT LARGE, Tony Monteleone
DIR. AT LARGE, Mike McPeak
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Discussion was held on the actual geographical boundaries of Church Hill. It was visited that possibly we seek boundaries as to the exact size of our district in relation to membership privileges in CHA. According to the present Association bylaws there are no boundaries stated. After much discussion, it was motioned and approved that no geographical boundaries work best.

The Board discussed the need for regionalization to link Association to Association in close proximity to Church Hill. This would aid in relating important community issues. Fulton Hill, Rocketts Landing, Shockoe Bottom, Chimborazo, Union Hill, and New Vision neighborhood association will meet with CHA to discuss traffic and crime issues. Community solves problems!

John Whitworth, Treasurer, called for a committee to look into some capital expenditures needed in our CHA area. Erika Gay, Susan White and John will participate in the committee and report back to the Board on pressing expenditures that the CHA needs to run more efficiently.

The new form was presented to the Board for any requests for monies from the CHA. REQUEST for FUNDS/ CONTRIBUTIONS (RFFC) form will be required to be filled out in its entirety and submitted to a Board member prior to any decision being granted. Requestor should provide all the pertinent information on the RFFC - as a minimum: Who is requesting the funds/contributions, how much is requested, how the money will be used, when the money is needed, and how will this benefit the CHA

community. Accompanying letters, diagrams and or other materials can and should be attached to the RFFC and provide more info, details or clarity. This procedure will enable the Association to keep better accounting records of where monies have been spent and also implement a checks and balances system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2008 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL

VICE PRESIDENT, DELORES L. MCQUINN

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

Church Hill Association (CHA) President John Johnson called the meeting to order at 5.00 PM at the new Patrick Henry Restaurant. On behalf of the CHA, he welcomed and thanked Rev. D. McQuinn for agreeing to share her views on issues of concern to Church Hill.

The attendees were:

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT,
EAST END DISTRICT 7, Rev. Delores L. McQuinn
COUNCIL LIAISON TO Rev. McQUINN, Sam Patterson

And, the following CHA Board Members:

PRESIDENT, John Johnson
VICE PRESIDENT, Beth Sarrett
SECRETARY, Pam Prescott
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DIRECTOR AT LARGE, Matt Conrad
DIRECTOR AT LARGE, Susan Nolan
DIRECTOR AT LARGE, Aimee Perron Seibert
NEWSLETTER EDITOR, Erika Gay
NEWSLETTER AD COORDINATOR, Trish Bernal

Echo Harbour

Rev. McQuinn feels this project has received too much attention at present since the project is years away if it happens at all. The memo that circulated that the City Council was in support of Echo Harbour is unfounded and completely untrue as no memo exists. Rev. McQuinn explained that the City Council has no position on Echo Harbour at present since they have not been presented any formal plans. She said it has been 8 to 9 months since she's even seen any preliminary plans.

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It is the position of CHA that we do not support the Special Use Permit to curtail public river access, increase height limitations and restrict the view of the James River from Church Hill. Present CHA Board members voiced their concerns of protecting the view and the importance of retaining public access to the river. CHA President, John Johnson, advised that Church Hill residents are uncomfortable with a feeling of not knowing all that is going on and not being kept fully abreast of issues/agreements, (if any) regarding Echo Harbor. The Virginia Capital Trail along the Richmond waterfront is underway and will be taken into account by any future development by the river. Councilwoman McQuinn expressed her interest in protecting public access and the views of her constituents.

There is a meeting of the City Council for the Organization Development Standing Committee in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall on 7 July at 5 PM which Rev. McQuinn will be Co-Chairing. The meeting will discuss upcoming development in the area.

Belleview Elementary School

Councilwoman McQuinn has spoken to Keith West, School Board Member District 7, and the likelihood of closing this school is very slim. Our Councilwoman urged the Board to rally around the neighborhood school by supporting it and encouraging children's parents to allow them to attend. She recommended the possibility of passing a signed petition to help support the school. The CHA Board members and Rev. McQuinn spoke openly about the importance of education and the need for parental engagement. Parental involvement equals success for the students, faculty, and community and is what makes a good school great! We need to help our young people both as a community and in the schools. She then cited statistics for zip code 23223 showing that it has the highest teen pregnancy rate, highest percentage of STDs and most juvenile detention in the City of Richmond. The Board discussed getting together with Dr. Donald R. Stern, director for the Richmond City Health District and opening up the lines of communication to discuss how we as a community can help address/solve these problems.

City Council Cooperation with the (present and future) Mayor

Rev. McQuinn expressed that the past four years with the Mayor has been very interesting times and acknowledged

that a lesson had been learned. She expressed regret as she feels a lot of the excitement surrounding Richmond had been lost during this timeframe. Poor communication was unfortunately a real issue in recent years. Looking ahead, Councilwoman McQuinn doesn't expect the future to be nearly as rocky and expects to reach out to the new Mayor citing common goals and expectations.

Matt Conrad, Director at Large, encouraged Rev. McQuinn to reach out to the new Mayor in a cooperative effort and use her strong leadership skills to form a new team and garner positive results for our City. The CHA Board expressed support to our Councilwoman and our wishes for a more productive, exciting and rewarding future.

Light Industry or Manufacturing Businesses in Church Hill

City Zoning issues have much to do with opening businesses on Church Hill. Parking is always a concern since this is predominately a residential area. Some members of the Board expressed concern over a proposed Special Use Permit (SUP) application for a furniture repair shop in a residential area. These concerns were the repairing of furniture outside an enclosed space, use of toxic chemicals and the plans for disposal of them.

While Rev. McQuinn was not aware of this particular issue she expressed her concern. She does support some businesses in our community especially along 25th Street and wishes to designate 25th Street a business/commercial corridor. She encourages a mix of businesses to open along the corridor like more restaurants, grocery stores, assorted shops and banks. Tax dollars are leaving our community when residents have to go out of the area to purchase commodities whereas if more business were located in Church Hill, our area would reap more revenue.

Councilwoman McQuinn also has a task force looking into why so many homes are currently for sale in Church Hill. Is it due to our current economy and therefore, foreclosures, or are homes priced too high? She is pleased to see that renovations continue to be at an all time high.

Preservation of Trees in Church Hill

A moratorium has been placed by the City on any tree cutting in our area. Previous cuttings were determined, as the City looked at the health and safety of the trees over the next fifteen years. The City is currently reviewing it policies and procedures and their supervision of City

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employees and contractors for tree trimmings/removals/ plantings.

Union Hill Historic District

The Board had some thoughts on expansion of a historic district to Union Hill. Rev. McQuinn offered some advice that the effort needs to be neighborhood driven getting everyone engaged. As long as the effort produces 85

percent or more community involvement in favor of becoming a designated historic district, she has no problem supporting the movement.

John Johnson, CHA President, thanked Rev. McQuinn and Mr. Patterson for meeting with the Board and expressed hopes of having productive meetings in the future with the entire CHA Membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

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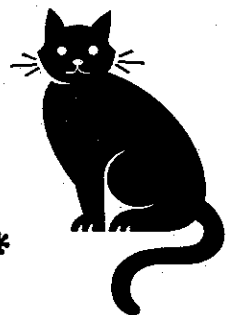
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References available upon request.



ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING



PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2008 CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Church Hill Association Zoning Committee met at the Nolde Bakery Condominiums' Conference Room. In attendance were Martha Broughton, Mort Casson, Ruth DeBoer, Michael McPeak, Rob Pate, Tom Sanders, and Beth Sarrett (Chairperson). There were no other attendees. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

28 April 2008 Minutes

The Minutes were approved.

Liaison Updates

Board of Zoning Appeals (Sarrett): No relevant items received prior to meeting.

Committee for Architectural Review (Sanders): No land use or zoning issues were on the CAR agenda for May 2008.

Planning Commission (Broughton): No relevant items received prior to meeting.

Meetings to be attended: None were identified.

Old Business

Review of current By-laws relevant to Zoning Committee: Many on the ZC had reviewed the by-laws pertaining to the Committee. It was clear that in general, the name of the Historic District needed to be changed in light of the new, broader area of the District. The Committee also recommended that the term for members should become four years in a five year period; the importance of the ZC as first point of contact for zoning issues in the Historic District for the Board; that there should be ample advance notification regarding these issues and their presentation to the Membership; and, rather than changing the name of the ZC as had been proposed earlier, sentiment was now that the current name should be maintained.

New Business

Replacements for Committee Secretary and Chairperson: The Chairperson announced the resignation of the

Secretary and called for nominations. She also announced plans to relinquish her position as she had been confirmed Vice President of the CHA. The ZC agreed to continue this item.

New Committee Members: The Committee considered the interest of Diane Worthington to be a ZC member and agreed to forward its recommendation of support to the Board for consideration. Susan Nolan was mentioned as a possible interested party. The Chair sought suggestions for additional new members.

Meetings

The next meeting will be Tuesday, 23 June 2008 at 7 pm in the Nolde Bakery Condominiums' Conference Room. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

CHA MEMBERSHIP



CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009

As we have done in the past, we are now taking memberships for 2009 – that means that if you join now, you get 18 months of membership – until December 31, 2009. At the June Picnic, we signed up 12 members for 2009 so we are on the way to another great year of supporting the quality of life on Church Hill. Have a great summer – come to the picnics and sign up early for 2009 and avoid the rush in the fall and winter! For more information call Lee Ann & Bill Pickering at 643-1025 or e-mail billpicker@msn.com.

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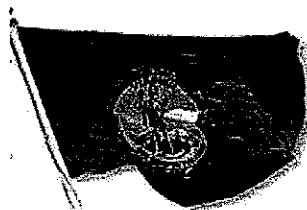
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RICHMOND RESOURCES

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Children's Museum of Richmond	474-7000
Commission of Architectural Review	646-7550
Edgar Allan Poe Museum	648-5523
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