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By, Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin

#44 Plants and soil lose water during the day through evaporation. Watering during cooler times of the day gives the water a chance to permeate the soil and be absorbed by the roots of the plants. In hot conditions, it is better to water in the evening. In cooler conditions, though, plants can develop fungal growth from water on their leaves overnight, so it is preferable to water early in the morning. Group plants with similar water needs—place thirsty plants together and water them longer, but less often to encourage deeper roots and increase their drought tolerance. By watering wisely, you can conserve significant amounts of water.



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Next General Membership Meeting

7:00pm Tuesday, May 19, 2009

St. John's Church Parish Hall

Speakers: City of Richmond DPU Officials on Use/Rates/Cost

Mary Jane Hogue and Jack Zimmer (HRF) on the Second Edition of the Church Hill Book

Mary Jane Hogue and Waite Rawls on Historic Church Hill House Plaques

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The Church Hill Newsletter is distributed by volunteers throughout the Church Hill neighborhood (North and South of Broad Street) and to several apartment bldgs in the Shockoe Bottom area. We also distribute to several local restaurants and area merchants. A total of 1600 issues are distributed each month.



The Church Hill Newsletter is available online at the Church Hill Association's website at www.churchhillrichmond.com. Past issues are available under the section titled "Archives".

EDITORIAL POLICY

The newsletter is published monthly except for a combined November/December issue. All official opinions of the CHA are found in the minutes of the meetings. All other opinions expressed in the newsletter are the opinions of the individual author. Submissions are welcome. The editorial policy does not permit personal attacks, profanity or anonymous submissions. Submissions may be edited for space. Final approval rests with the Board of Directors. Please submit all articles/letters as e-mails to newsletter@churchhillrichmond.com

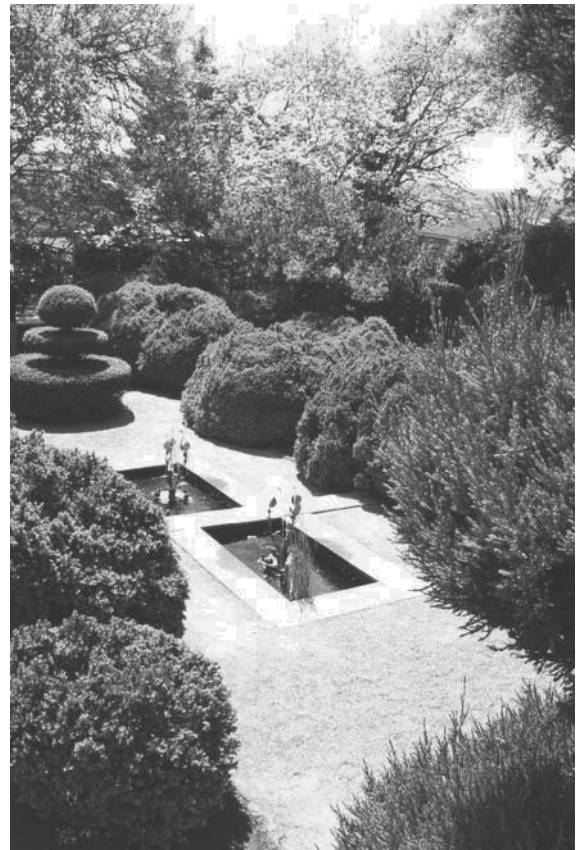
“Most Inspired Yard and Block” Contest

Sponsored by,
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Friends and Neighbors,

It's time once more for the Planters Most Inspired Yard & Block Contest. The judging will be done on Saturday, May 23. Nominations are due Thursday, May 21 for The Most Inspired Garden - *front or back* - and The Most Inspired Block or Alley.

Please nominate your own garden or blockor that of your neighbor.



Judging is 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 the house with the most inspired decorations of natural materials.

Nominations can be made by emailing Beauchamp Payne at curtrp@erols.com.

So...

Get out those rakes, trowels, trimmers and gloves. Spruce up your garden and nominate your garden, block or alley.

Happy Spring!
Church Hill Planters

TIMELY & NOTEWORTHY



CHA MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

A notice per the CHA By-Laws announcing to membership that a vote on funding for more than \$1,000 will occur at the next meeting:

- Additional \$1,500 for HRF's effort to support citizen appeal of City Council's decision to overturn CAR's denials for certificate of appropriateness for the Oakwood Heights project.
- Additional \$485 request from the Friends of Chimborazo for equipment for Chimborazo Park playground.

NOTICE: Don't miss a great opportunity to showcase your home on the 2009 Church Hill Association Holiday House Tour, Sunday, December 13 from 12pm - 5pm. Or take advantage of the opportunity to volunteer and serve as a docent. Contact Benedicte Whitworth at 644-6559 or benedictew@comcast.net to sign up for both, or for additional information.

MAY GARDENING TIPS

Planting - Try to get all your new perennials into the ground before the heat starts. Plant tomato seedlings. Containers with tropical plants that you have wintered over indoors can be placed outdoors this month. Move seedlings of perennials started indoors out to a sheltered area to harden them off in preparation for planting them in the open garden.

Pruning - Deadhead pansies, primroses, and large-flowered roses to prolong the flowering cycle. Pinch herbs to keep them shapely. Pinch out the tips of branching annuals that develop one or more strong central stems (i.e snapdragons, salvia, petunias, basil).

Watering - Check the moisture levels in large containers twice a week, and in small pots and hanging baskets every day or two; water as needed. Maintain the moisture in newly planted seeds and seedlings. If there is not a good soaking rain every week to 10 days, water planted beds gently and slowly and long enough to lay down 1 to 2 inches. Water any seedlings that show signs of wilting.

Weeds and Pests - Weeds flourish in May. Weed your garden and any adjoining sidewalks to your property. Use a hose to blow away aphids and deter spider mites and whiteflies. Check hostas and other shade plants for signs of slugs and snails. Try pouring a little beer in shallow plates or empty tuna fish or cat food cans, place just below soil line.

Excerpted by Trish Bernal from "Month by Month Gardening in the Mid-Atlantic"; by Andre and Mark Viette; Cool Springs Press; 2004

TREE CARE, DEVELOPING AND PRESERVING OUR TREE CANOPY

Now that the trees have leafed out, it is obvious whether or not the trees in front of your house have survived. Hopefully the trees have survived and it is time to think about how to keep them alive for another year. Fortunately, the rain has been abundant this spring providing a good environment for trees. New trees require watering throughout the summer and the use of a gator bag can make this easier. Many of the new trees have gators and they should be filled once a week when the rains are no longer providing enough water. The area around the trees should be mulched with the mulch pulled away from the base of the tree. Free mulch is available at the city mulch area off Oakwood Avenue (bring your own container).



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River District Schedule of Events 2009

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Continuing Events in May

Wednesday Growers' Market (April 22-December 2)

17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 3pm-7pm
What's better than fresh produce? Locally-grown fresh produce! The market features locally grown and organically grown produce, flowers, plants, meats, eggs, cheeses, baked goods, breads, jams, honey, peanuts, fine crafts, jewelry, ceramics, handbags, handmade & hand-knit clothing, herbal body products, soaps and more! FREE PARKING. For more information, call 804-646-0477 or visit us online at www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com

Thursday Growers' Market (April 23-December 3)

17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 10am-7pm
What's better than fresh produce? Locally-grown fresh produce! The market features locally grown and organically grown produce, flowers, plants, meats, eggs, cheeses, baked goods, breads, jams, honey, peanuts, fine crafts, jewelry, ceramics, handbags, handmade & hand-knit clothing, herbal body products, soaps and more! FREE PARKING. For more information, call 804-646-0477 or visit us online at www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com

Friday Cheers (Fridays in May & June)

Brown's Island, Free Admission, 6:00-9:30pm
Celebrating 25 years of free music! Starting Friday, May 8 through June thousands of people come to relax after the work-week on Brown's Island to meet friends and hear some of the nation's hottest touring acts and the region's top bands for free. Join the crowd! Produced by Venture Richmond. For more information call 804-788-6466 or visit www.venturerichmond.com.

Friday Red, White, & Brew Market (May 29-September 4)

17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 4pm-8pm
Sophisticate your palette Friday evenings on the Market, Memorial Day through Labor Day, as the Virginia Wine Growers' Association pairs regionally-produced wines & micro-brews from the Old Dominion with the best edible fare in Richmond! FREE PARKING. For more information call 804-646-0477 or visit us online at www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com.

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Fridays-Sundays, April 3-June 7 (spring hours of operation)

River District Canal Cruises

Canal Turning Basin - Dock and 14th Streets, \$5 adults, \$4 sen-

iors & children 5-12, age 4 and under free with adult, Friday & Saturday Noon-7pm, Sunday Noon-5pm

Enjoy 40-minute historically narrated tours of the James River & Kanawha Canal along the historic Canal Walk in one of our covered boats, which accommodates up to 35 passengers and departs on the hour from the Turning Basin, between 14th and Dock Streets in downtown Richmond's River District. For more information call 804-788-6466 or 804-649-2800 or visit www.venturerichmond.com.

Special Events in May

Saturday, Sunday May 15th-16th

Dominion Riverrock

Brown's Island, Free for spectators, Fee for participants, Friday 6pm-9:30pm, Saturday 9am-2:30pm
Dominion Riverrock, Richmond's newest event, blends music, sports, interactive opportunities, environmental stewardship and fun, set against the backdrop of Richmond's downtown riverfront. Billed as "Richmond's Riverlife Celebration," Dominion Riverrock begins Friday with a free performance by nationally acclaimed roots music and world rock band Rusted Root. Also on Friday evening are a Mud Run, a high-flying Big Air dog jumping competition, an acrobatic freestyle bike competition and the Dominion Riverrock After Party downtown. Events continue Saturday when athletes from around the region square off in high-adrenaline activities both in and around the river including the James River Scramble trail run, mountain biking, kayaking and more. With additional musical performances, dog and bike competitions, the James River Pub Crawl, food and exhibits, Dominion Riverrock is sure to make a splash as Richmond's premier river event. Full event information, including schedules, and registration for individual events can be found at www.sportsbackers.org or by calling 804-285-9495.

Sunday, May 17th

Rocketts Landing Olympic Distance Triathlon

Rocketts Landing (5000 Old Osborne Tpnk), Registration fee for participants, 7:00am
Richmond's first & only Olympic distance open water triathlon downtown. 1.5k swim in the James River, 40k bike, 10k run in Richmond's downtown along the scenic James River. \$5000 Prize Purse. The race benefits Challenged Athletes Foundation and Partnership for Smarter Growth. Visit www.rockettstri.com for volunteer and race info or call the race hotline 804-389-0588.

Saturday, May 30th

Anthem Stride Through Time: A Fresh Take On History

Brown's Island (start & finish),
8am-1pm

For more information visit
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The Church Hill Crime Watch
Invites you to the dedication of

Sergeant John Henry Taylor's Bench
Saturday, May 9, 2009
1:00pm • Libby Hill Park
(2800 Block of East Franklin Street)



The bench, given by the Church Hill Crime Watch honors retired Sergeant Taylor's 25 years of service with the Richmond City Police Department and his above and beyond care and concern for the safety of every person Living on Church Hill and the surrounding areas.

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CHA BOARD MEETING



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2009

BOARD MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

President John Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:11PM at the 2300 Club.

The attendees were:

PRESIDENT, John Johnson
VICE PRESIDENT, Beth Sarrett
SECRETARY, Pam Prescott
TREASURER, John Whitworth
ASSISTANT TREASURER, Susan White
DIR. AT LARGE, Aimee Perron Seibert
PAST PRESIDENT, Jim Daab

Announcements

CHA President, John Johnson, reminded everyone that the Membership meeting on April 21st will be held at Ashbury United Methodist Church. The church is located at the corner of Marshall and 29th Street and Ms. Jennifer McCellan, Member House of Delegates 71st District, will be a guest speaker.

Presentations

Jim and Laura Daab along with Richard and Carolyn Worssam attended the Board meeting to voice their concerns over the R-63 issue that is somewhat dividing Church Hill. After much discussion about how our community may have arrived at this sensitive juncture over this hot issue, we discussed how we can help move forward. John Johnson suggested a multi-part process to garner the wishes and support of our whole community. This is the process we discussed:

1. Return the issue to the Zoning Committee.
2. Work with Tarisa M. Griffith from the City of Richmond Department of Community Development with new zoning proposals changing the R-63 to possibly a hybrid designation rendering it less invasive and more suitable for Church Hill.
3. Hold a meeting to present the new hybrid zoning designation to all residents of Church Hill.
4. Send flyers advising and alerting our residents of the proposal while also adding it to Church Hill People's News along with addition in the Church Hill Newsletter to get the message out to the entire community.
5. Formulate and send out surveys to all residents so everyone can have a voice in this process.

6. Tarisa M. Griffith will tally and publish the results of the survey.

Treasurer's Report John Whitworth presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2009. As of March 31, the CHA had \$41,292 cash in the bank. Cash Receipts for the month were \$1,980; expenditures were \$1,299 for an increase in cash of \$681.

Old Business

The Church Hill Book is moving further along toward publication. The first printing of *Church Hill: The St. John's Church Historic District* in 1991 was an enormous success. Due to the high demand for this book, the Historical Richmond Foundation (HRF) has decided to not only reprint the 132 original pages (with 352 original B & W photos) but to create an expanded second edition to include 84 new color photos and a total of 180 new pages. The second edition will focus on the changes to Church Hill over the decades, and will incorporate the surrounding districts of Chimborazo Park, Church Hill North, and Shockoe Valley. Each district is distinctive with many fine examples of period architecture. John Zehmer, who wrote the first edition of this book, will be the author of this expanded publication. The additional color photos will be taken by nationally renowned photographer Richard Cheek who has strong ties to Richmond and has traveled to Richmond several times to work on this project. The HRF is requesting \$2000 from the CHA in support of this book. This issue will be discussed and voted on at the Membership Meeting. Publication is expected in 2010.

HRF has donated \$2,500 in support of Committee for Architectural Review (CAR) in their decision on the Oakwood Heights development.

The historic plaques are very much alive with the endorsement of HRF. The plaques will carry the crest of HRF and CHA and will be available this summer. As stated in previous newsletters, VCU students will be making the plaques and will also be available for research on homes. Waite Rawls is heading this project and will speak to the Membership explaining all facets available.

Committee Reports

Zoning: Beth Sarrett advised the Board that Bill Hartsock has expressed his desire to become the Chair of the Zoning Committee. The Committee will vote on this and will make a recommendation to the Board. After the Zoning Committee tenders its recommendation, the Board will

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vote on this issue. We are striving to have all voting complete by this month's Membership Meeting.

Motion passed by the Zoning Committee to make the following recommendation to the Board:

"The Zoning Committee supports the CHA Board in upholding the rules, procedures and By-laws in place to preserve funding expenditures. Further, the Board should request the Zoning Committee to review relevant items, with regard to pros/cons, and only then present subsequent recommendations back to the Board and Membership."

This motion was supported by the Board.

Newsletter: We have a new printer for the Church Hill Newsletter. James River Press is enabling us to provide the newsletter in a PDF format. This is not only more convenient but also more economical for the CHA. The Board wishes to voice our many thanks to Erika Gay for her dedication to the newsletter for seven years and for pursuing a more reliable and economical supplier. Thanks, Erika! The Board is adding an Announcement Section to each newsletter to provide residents of important upcoming events for CHA. Please watch for it in each newsletter.

Membership: No Report

Clean and Safe: No Report

Holiday: The holiday weekend this year will be held December 11, 12 and 13. Liz Steen, Holiday Ball Chair, provided a survey for residents during the Irish Festival at the CHA booth about wishes for Holiday events in future years. Liz is actually still distributing and collecting surveys so results will be published at a later date. The Holiday committee recommended having the 2009 Holiday Ball at the Holocaust Museum. The Board discussed this recommendation, voted and approved the Museum for the Holiday Ball this year.

New Business

City Council member Betty L. Squire held a 7th District Town Meeting along with the Mayor, Dwight Jones on March 21st. During the meeting the Mayor expressed his desire for more access to the James River for the public and for the preservation of our historic view. Anyone wishing to contact Ms. Squire can reach her at Betty.Squire@Richmondgov.com or at her office at 804.646.5429.

Effective immediately, anyone interested in applying for over \$1,000 through our Capital Expenditure process is

required to have a Project Summary Fact Flyer to further explain the destination of the requested funds. These Fact Fliers will be handed out to the CHA membership at the monthly meetings during their presentation for a better illustration of the use for proposed funding. Due diligence is needed on these fact fliers so the entire membership is well informed and can readily understand where the funds are distributed.

A new process to amend the CHA by-laws is beginning. A Committee has been formed and will be working over the next several months to update the by-laws in order for CHA to better handle current day issues.

CHA President, John Johnson, discussed with the Board members how the City has had so many budget cuts that they rely on community associations like the CHA to do much of their work. John expressed the volume of relevant issues is so large that possibly a Community Action Committee may need to be formed. The need for creating a paid position for City Liaison/Newsletter Coordinator/Secretary/Website administrator, etc., is a real possibility. Anyone wishing to discuss this matter please see John Johnson.

The Board discussed the need for an illustration at a Membership meeting on the Roberts Rules of Order as a public service. While some members know the rules and operate within them, lots of members are unaware how to operate within this meeting format and are intimidated which hampers needed membership input. A handout on this subject will be distributed at the Membership Meeting on the 21st.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2009 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

CHA President, John Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at Ashbury Methodist Church at 324 N 29th Street. Thank you for hosting our meeting this month! Rev. Bucher heartily welcomed everyone and revealed that Ashbury Methodist Church has given 166 years of service to Church Hill. It's a wish of the ministers and congregation to become more of a 'Village Church' where all people are welcome. The Church handed out surveys asking for feedback on such issues as community happenings that may concern you, questioning if racism and race relations are concerns in Church Hill and how can Ashbury United Methodist Church serve you. Completed surveys may be placed in the mailbox attached by the back entrance of the Church or mailed. If you would like to complete a survey please call the Church Office at 648-6690. Please return all questionnaires by May 19th. Thanks again for your kind hospitality!

Announcements

John and the membership welcomed all the new members!

The Church Hill Crime Watch invites you to the dedication of Sergeant John Henry Taylor's at Libby Hill Park, Saturday May 9th at 1pm. The bench, given by the Church Hill Crime Watch, honors retired Sergeant Taylor's 25 years of service with the Richmond City Police Department and his above and beyond care and concern for the safety of every person living on Church Hill and surrounding areas. A reception will follow until 3pm in his honor. Thank you Sergeant Taylor!

Police/Crime Report was given by Police Officer Ron McClaren. He relayed to the membership that violent crime statistics continue downward in Church Hill. However, he did report that larceny from vehicles is up with GPS systems being the hottest item. The police currently have a suspect in custody for the larcenies and, as a result, these crimes have decreased. Please always continue to remove all valuables from sight in your vehicle. Any questions or concerns, please call the First Precinct at 646-0572.

Presentations

Jennifer L. McClellan, Member House of Delegates 71st District, reported that Virginia was the first state to be a

recipient of funding from the Federal Stimulus Plan. Even though Virginia had a huge deficit of 3.5 billion dollars, these funds enabled our state to halt the termination of 7,000 state employee jobs and 1,100 health care positions.

Delegate McClellan also discussed passed legislation she pioneered this past session. The Mortgage Lender and Broker Act prohibits a mortgage broker from failing to use reasonable skill, care, and diligence in exercising the broker's duty to make reasonable efforts to secure a mortgage loan that is in the best interests of the applicant, considering the applicant's circumstances and loan characteristics.

If you would like to get on Delegate McClellan's mailing list or contact her, she may be reached at: (804) 698-1071 PO Box 27, Richmond, VA 23218 or email deljmcclellan@house.virginia.gov.

GRTC presented a power point presentation on their newly proposed MISSION 2015 transportation project. GRTC's CEO Mr. John Lewis declared their desire to move the present small bus system to a more efficient regional system. Their current transit system borders on 60% efficiency but promises 98% plus efficiency with new proposed system. The new regional transit project would move away from 'corner' stops while moving toward a one location facility. This proposed facility would be housed in an updated, renovated Main Street Station and its surrounding areas at the bottom of Church Hill.

Mr. Stephen F. McNally, Project Administrator/Construction Manager, explained how the bus routes would enter and leave the updated station and illustrated how extensively the present station renovations are required. Both Mr. Lewis and Mr. McNally reiterated their desire to reestablish the historic integrity and the project is only 30% planned. However, several members expressed concern over the additional traffic that would be required having the hub so close to Church Hill. While there were many opinions, please contact Mr. McNally at (804) 358-3871 x365 or smcnally@ridegrtc.com to voice your personal beliefs.

Roberts Rules of Order were handed out at the meeting. Due to time constraints, we were unable to discuss them at this meeting.

Treasury Report: John Whitworth presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2009. On March 31, the CHA had \$41,292 cash in the bank. Cash Receipts for the

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Committee Reports

Membership: Benedicte Whitworth announced that we currently have 312 members in the CHA with 10 new members signed up at this meeting. Thanks Benedicte!

Newsletters: Erika Gay communicated to the membership we now have a new newsletter printer in James River Press. James River is more convenient and also less expensive. In addition, CHA President, John Johnson along with the membership recognized all the hard work Erika and Trish Bernal have put into the newsletter effort over the last 7 years. Thank you, ladies!

Zoning: Beth Sarrett introduced Bill Hartsock as the new Chair for the Zoning Committee. Congratulations, Bill! Also, John Johnson presented the 6 step process to be used in the Zoning issue concerning R-63 rezoning.

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Holiday: Beth Sarrett asked for a volunteer to help with the Holiday House Tour. She has someone who is interested in co-chairing the Tour but needs another volunteer. Anyone interested please see Beth or any Board member. Liz Steen, Holiday Ball Chair, reported that the Ball will be held at the Holocaust Museum on December 12th. Liz is still gathering results of the surveys and will divulge results when completed.

Old Business

Several capital expenditure proposals were slated to be voted upon at this meeting.

First, \$5,000 for improvements to the Chimborazo Playground Park including picnic tables, bird and bat houses, a garden shed, 2 BBQ stands and 3 shade sails needed a vote. All the furniture will be constructed by CHAT members. This motion was approved.

Next, \$1,000 for new signage for the Grace Street Overlook of the City was a proposed capital expenditure up for a vote. The City will match this amount for construction of the new sign. This motion was approved.

Third, request for \$2,000 donation to support the publishing of the new Church Hill Book to be completed by 2010. This motion was approved.

Lastly, \$1,000 in support of overturning the City Council's decision on Oakwood Heights was up for a vote. After much discussion on the pros/cons of this proposal, a motion stating "\$1,000 to HRF's effort to support citizen appeal of City Council's decision to overturn CAR's denials for certificate of appropriateness for the Oakwood Heights project." This motion was approved.

New Business

The Giant Libby Hill Summer Yard Sale will be held on June 13th this year. It's time for Spring cleaning and Spring cleanout!

Volunteers for the 2009 Summer Picnics are as follows:

June: Angelica
July: Jody Rathgeb
August: Malou Rawls

Thank you for volunteering and we look forward to Summer picnics!

There is a new capital expenditure request for additional funding of \$1,500 to support to HRF's effort to support citizen appeal of City Council's decision to overturn CAR's denials for certificate of appropriateness for the Oakwood Heights project.

There was some discussion about the old train tunnel at Sugar Bottom. John Johnson offered up the possibility of having some work and maintenance done to this area to make an Aviary Park. More to follow on this venture. Anyone interested, please see any Board member.

A flyer was handed out by some members on Safety Concerns for our Community

Please be aware that:

A halfway house for ex-convicts has been set up at 408 North 24th Street.

At least 7 individuals are in residence and at least 4 are

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violent sex offenders.

One disturbance involving inebriation, shouting and fighting has already occurred.

A case has been opened by CAPS.

What you can do:

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<http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/>

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.



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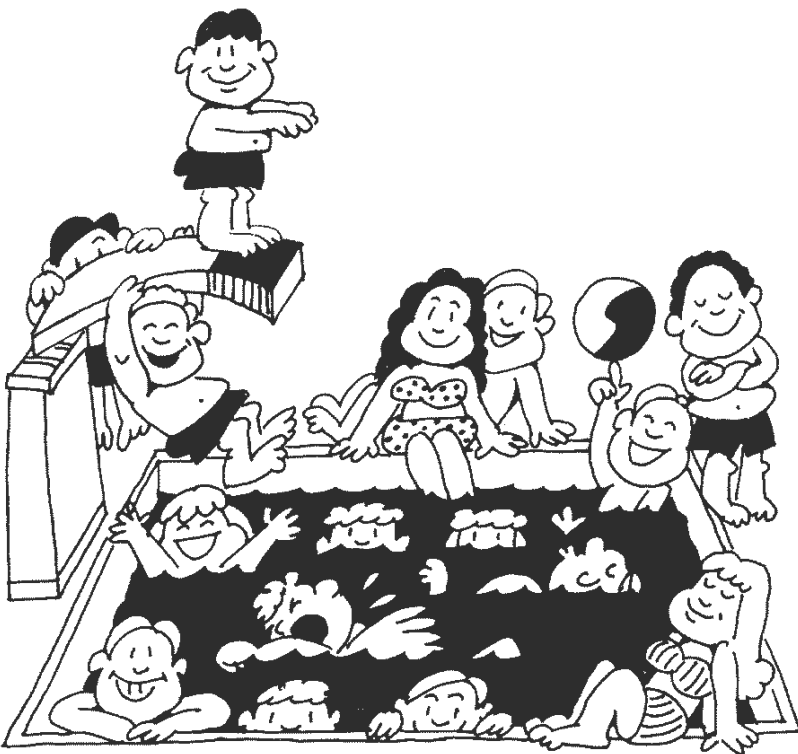
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ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING



PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23 CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

Members Present: Martha Broughton, Ruth DeBoer, Bill Hartsock, Michael McPeak, Beth Sarrett, John Sydnor

Members Absent: Diane Worthington, Charlotte Kerr

February 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes – Approved

Presentations

No Presentations were made.

Liaison Updates

Board of Zoning Appeals (Sarrett)

No relevant items on the March docket for Zoning Committee review received prior to meeting.

Commission of Architectural Review (Sarrett)

Notice was made of a special CAR Meeting at 4 pm Wednesday, March 25, to be held at 719 N. 25th Street, for demonstration of a message signboard.

No additional relevant items for Zoning Committee review on March docket received prior to meeting.

Planning Commission (Broughton)

No relevant items on March docket received prior to meeting.

Old Business

Recommendation of Subcommittee Reviewing/Addressing City Zoning Changes Proposed for the Church Hill & North of Broad O&H Districts: The Committee discussed the vote taken at the March 17th CHA Membership meeting over rezoning of the city's proposed rezoning of our Old & Historic Districts. The Committee noted that the Subcommittee on the City's Proposed Rezoning of the Old & Historic Districts was formed by the CHA Membership, and those who were interested in the issue volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. A meeting of residents opposed to the city's proposed R-63 re-zoning for the O & H Districts, and recommended for most such designated areas by the CHA membership Rezoning Subcommittee, will meet for discussion on Thursday, March 26 at As-

bury Methodist Church (29th & East Marshall Streets), 6:30 pm.

New Secretary & Chair for the CHA Zoning Committee

Bill Hartsock volunteered to serve as the new Chair of the committee. It is noted that the Zoning committee has been seeking volunteers to assume this position for many months now. Beth Sarrett will present his nomination to the CHA Board at their April meeting.

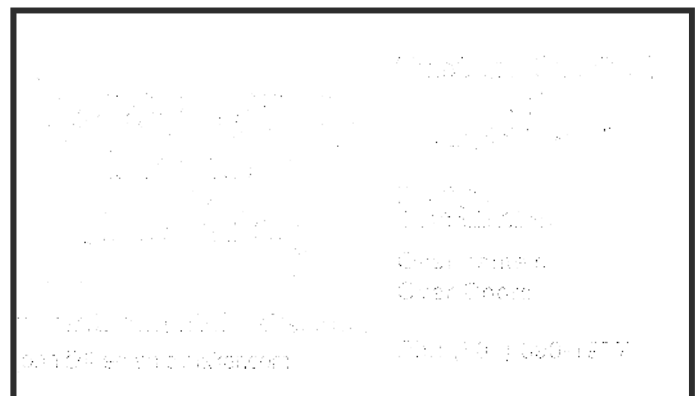
The position of Secretary will be filled by a group, as not all members of the Zoning Committee can attend all meetings. Volunteers are Michael McPeak, Martha Broughton, Ruth DeBoer & John Sydnor.

New Business

Use of CHA funds to legal actions: The Committee discussed the vote taken by the CHA Membership at the March 17 Membership meeting.

Motion made & approved: Beth Sarrett will present to the Board the Zoning Committee's motion and subsequent recommendation that "the Zoning Committee supports the CHA Board in upholding the current bylaws, rules and procedures in place, concerning spending of Association funds. Further, when relevant issues arise in this regard, the Zoning Committee will review such, in order to present the pros & cons regarding expenditure of CHA funds, including funding for legal actions or support."

Adjourn: 7:45 PM



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CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION MISSION:

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote a sense of unity and common endeavor among all the residents of the St. John's Church Old and Historic District, other residents of the East District, and other interested persons, in order to develop a stable, desirable urban neighborhood.

We would like to welcome the following new or renewing members who have joined since March 25. We currently have 312 members.

- Nicholas & Ellen Cooke
- David Cooley
- Amy Corning
- Carol & Sara Crumley
- Nathania Hall
- Bridgette Huff
- Jessica Jordan
- Kristin Karmon
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Neighbors:

The pictures of the Echo Harbor buildings presented in the latest proposal do not show an accurate portrayal the changed view from Libby Hill. The three massive riverfront structures proposed by Echo Harbor will be almost as high as and higher than the white towers and eliminate the entire view from Libby Hill Park to the right of the towers.

Karl Corley

kccorley@verizon.net



To the Church Hill Association,

On behalf of the Friends of Chimborazo Playground, I'd like to thank the Church Hill Association for your support and grant of \$5,000 to make improvements to the Chimborazo Playground & Recreational Area.

The CHA grant will dramatically improve the park's amenities and increase the number of people who spend time in and enjoy the park. Higher usage is key to deterring crime in the park. The more people use the park regularly, the less the park will attract activity. During the past year, we have worked hard to improve the safety, accessibility and beauty of the playground and recreational area for everyone in the community. This grant will support those efforts. And, because the Nehemiah's Workshop of Church Hill Activities and Tutoring (CHAT) will be building picnic tables as part of this grant, the CHA will support an excellent non-profit program and reinvest part of its funds back into the neighborhood,.

We greatly appreciate your support, particularly in difficult economic times. We invite everyone to become a member (it's free!), volunteer or share their thoughts on our website: www.imaginechimbo.org.

Best regards,
Bridgette Huff

Additional Funds Request:

The Friends of Chimborazo Playground requested a grant of \$5,485 (full funding request published in April newsletter). The membership announcement, however, cited only \$5,000. The membership approved \$5,000. FCP is grateful for the community's support and requests the remaining \$485, as recommended by the CHA last night.

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10TH MOTHER'S DAY,
INTERIM'S RECEPTION, 9:30AM, in the Parish Hall

22ND MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND-Office Closed

24TH SUMMER REENACTMENTS BEGIN, 1:30PM, in the Church

25TH MEMORIAL DAY-Office Closed

Patrick Henry Committee Events

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