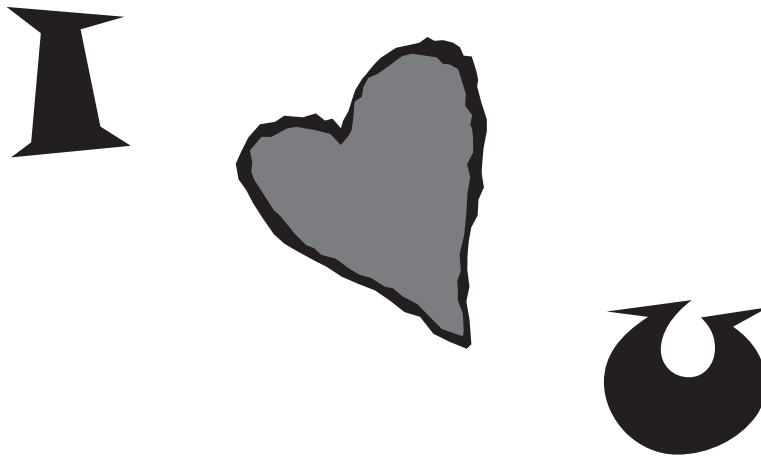




CHURCH HILL NEWSLETTER

COMMITTED TO INFORMING THE RESIDENTS OF CHURCH HILL
FEBRUARY 2010



Happy Valentine's Day

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Next General Membership Meeting - New Location!

7:00pm Tuesday, February 16, 2010

The Family Resource Center, 2405 Jefferson Avenue - one block west of 25th St.

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Questions? Please contact Trish Bernal, Ad Coordinator, 643-2420 or at trishbernal@gmail.com

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To date the feedback received regarding the January meeting was positive. The zoning proposal was very well presented by Tarisa Moran, and the question and answer session went relatively smoothly. The first ever presentation by Lt. Forgette from our local fire station was an eye-opener for many and after the meeting Mort Casson, Poly Cole and Michael McPeak offered to meet and come up with recommendations for us to consider at a future meeting.

The idea of snacks at our monthly meetings will be continued as it received general approval. It would be helpful if someone would offer to be the monthly co-coordinator. It's an easy role:

Find a member each month. The member would then decide what to provide & then purchase the small items needed (for which they will obviously be reimbursed)

Ensure the common items already purchased are taken to each meeting.

Clear up afterwards!

Diane Worthington has kindly agreed to organize February's snacks. Thank you Diane.

Our next membership meeting is on February 16 at 7pm and will be held at the Family Resource Center – 2405 Jefferson Ave. Ms. Cynthia Newbille, our local City Council rep has graciously agreed to give us a presentation of her views and her vision for the 7th District, and there will be undoubtedly be a spirited question and answer session afterwards. The Family Resource Center is a wonderful caring resource for the less fortunate families in our community, and the Chairman of the FRC Board, VCU Dean Kevin Allison, has kindly agreed to welcome us and present a short overview of the FRC's mission.

One of my personal objectives this year is to find ways we can all agree to speed up two key, but linked, areas which I perceive could be holding us back:

We must improve communications between the various CHA Committees, the Board and you, our members.

This in turn may enable us all to make better informed decisions, as will have had more time to think about a particular upcoming matter.

At the last Board meeting in January I suggested we invest \$10 a month in a professional e-mail service - Constant Contact. This expenditure was approved. A trial e-mail was sent on January 24 to 95% of our current membership (those who have e-mail addresses) and it contained the minutes of that CHA Board meeting. As a result most of you had, I hope, an immediate "feel" for what we were thinking and doing on your behalf, and more importantly, if you don't agree with any route we are taking you can then contact me, or any other Board member, and give us your immediate feedback.

In future month's the President's Message may well not always come from me. I have proposed to the Board that in ensuing months any Board member could give you a personal insight from them. Perhaps a particular perspective on a key subject which could help us understand unfolding events which we need to consider as it could have an important impact on our community, or perhaps a particular gripe to shock us to a new approach of how we do things. Be assured - this in no way suggests any lack of commitment by me to the Association, but we may get some very interesting and useful insights!

I do hope you will attend our next meeting, meet Cynthia Newbille and enter into an invigorating discussion with her. I promise it will end on or before 8:30pm - unless you wish it to continue and the FRC is agreeable!

John Whitworth (H) 644-6559 (C) 243-2382

P.S. Hot off the press. This evening, the 26th of January, **Karen Chase** confirmed she would be delighted to become our **NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR!** Karen, and her partner Ted, moved to Church Hill a few months ago and they immediately immersed themselves into our community. The icing on the cake is that Ted has also agreed to be Karen's assistant/proof reader, and understudy. What a wonderful combination! Karen & Ted: Welcome to Church Hill, and thank you so much for "signing on".

Erika Gay, whose baby this has been over the past nine years, is helping in the transition – so the great Church Hill Association Newsletter does now have a new lease of life!

Karen runs a marketing company which specializes in helping companies and non-profit associations explain to their audience what they are "all about". She understands how critical it is that our newsletter and our website gives out a consistent meaningful message to our audience. She has very generously offered to develop a new CHA website for us which will show Church Hill in its true light, and she will present her recommendations to you all at our upcoming meeting on the 16th of February.

Thank you Erika so much for all you have done for us over the past nine years, and a huge welcome to Karen (and Ted!).

TIMELY & NOTEWORTHY



NOTICE:

Discussion at the February General Membership Meeting will include a possible upgrade to the current Church Hill Association website. The Board is proposing to spend up to \$1,500 on the "background engine" of a new website which a CHA member is willing to design at no cost. The Board is seeking approval for the expenditure.

NOTICE:

The updated Church Hill Association By-laws approved by the General Membership at the November 2009 meeting are now posted on the Association's website at www.churchhillrichmond.com.

NOTICE:

The next General Membership meeting will be held in a different location Tuesday, February 16 at The Family Resource Center, 2405 Jefferson Avenue - one block west of 25th Street at 7:00pm. Come meet your Councilwoman, Ms. Cynthia Newbille. Members & non-members are welcome to attend.

IT'S WINTER – ARE YOU READY?

So far, predictions of a colder than normal winter for Virginia are right on target. Winter is blasting Virginia; do you know what to do?

If you decide to stay in your home during an extended power outage: You need a minimum of three days of food that doesn't need electricity. Pipes could freeze. You need water – three gallons per person will last three days. Choose a room that will be the easiest to heat, and close it off. This should be the room with a fireplace or some other heating unit. Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, and wear a hat and mittens.

If you use kerosene or propane heaters: These are a fire hazard and should be used with much caution. The room must be ventilated by opening a window. A ceiling fan is not enough ventilation. Keep heaters at least 3ft. away from flammable objects such as curtains, blankets and furniture. Place heaters on a hard surface, not on carpet. Refuel them outdoors **after** they have cooled.

If you have pets: Bring them inside. If they must stay outside, be sure they have shelter and insulation from the cold. Don't use electric heating pads, kerosene heaters or any other heating appliance because they can burn your pet. Make sure your pet has enough food and unfrozen water; they may need more during cold temperatures.

If you must drive during a winter storm: Most traffic crashes happen within the first two hours after a storm begins. Snow plows start on roads that carry the most traffic and then move to smaller roads. Try to stay off the road to give plows time and space to work. Call 511 for road conditions or visit www.511Virginia.org. Buckle up every time you drive.

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8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum and Sunday school

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (nursery provided)

Special Events

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Saturday, February 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Details: 649-7930

A Celebration of the Life of Danny Athans

Tuesday, February 16, 5:30 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

immediately following, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Supper Speaker Series

Wednesdays during Lent: February 24, March 3,

March 10, March 17, March 24

5:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)

All parish events are free

Patrick Henry Committee Events

For more information, please call our Visitor Center at 804-648-5015

Happy Birthday, George Washington!

Monday, February 15, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Did George Washington *really* have wooden teeth? Did he throw a silver dollar across the mighty Potomac River? This Presidents' Day, visit St. John's Church and meet President George Washington. President Washington will talk about his life, his adventures as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, and his experiences as the first President of the United States of America. Enjoy birthday cake and punch in the Visitor Center, take a scavenger hunt in the graveyard, and celebrate the birthday of one of our country's greatest leaders. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

March 21, 2010 Anniversary Reenactment

The Patrick Henry Committee invites you to join us for historical reenactments of Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech of March 1775. In the presence of Washington, Jefferson and other notable Virginians, Henry delivered his passionate call for liberty!

1:00 p.m. Free tickets are distributed at the front door.

1:30 p.m. Patriotic music program

2:00 p.m. Reenactment program begins.

Guided Tours: 10:00-4:00 Monday thru Saturday, 1:00-4:00 Sunday.

Visit our gift shop for a unique assortment of historical mementos and gift items. Pick up your copy of *Liberty or Death*, an educational PBS program with Pulitzer Prize-winning historians discussing the events in Virginia that led to the American Revolution and a reenactment of Henry's famous speech.

TIMELY & NOTEWORTHY



SNOW CODE

(Code 1993, § 25-23) Sec. 90-42. Duty to remove snow from paved sidewalks.

It shall be the duty of every occupant of any land or premises abutting upon any paved sidewalk and the duty of the owner of any unoccupied land or premises abutting upon any paved sidewalk to remove and clear away or cause to be removed and cleared away the snow from the paved sidewalk abutting such land or premises, in such manner as not to obstruct the passage of water in the gutters, within six hours after the snow ceases to fall. If snow ceases to fall during the night, removal of snow from the sidewalk before 11am the following morning. Criminal penalties shall not apply to any person who is physically disabled or who is age 65 years or older.

Knit ONE, Purl TWO, Bind OFF...and DONATE!

We all have them, that stash of great yarns and ribbon stuff left over from projects in our "I don't know what to do with it?!" pile that we keep almost forever! Clear that pile, and replace the guilt with good in knowing that you are making lives better in donating what natural fiber or specialty knitting and weaving materials you can to the Highland Support Project.

The Highland Support Project (HSP) is an organization that promotes ongoing and lasting transformational development of Maya communities in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. HSP fosters local empowerment of Maya women through the Association of Women of the Highlands (AMA). Through AMA's educational programs, Maya women have started their own micro-collectives weaving items for sale in North America. Their craftsmanship is exceptional, but they just cannot compete against the influx of machined synthetic products without our help!

Please drop off your natural fiber or specialty yarns to Alternatives, 3320 W. Cary St before March 1. The full value of your donation is tax deductible, as provided by law. HSP's tax identification number is 54-1681703.

If you have any questions please feel to contact Church Hill resident Jean Wight at 780-2306. She will be glad to collect any materials you could donate. This March, Jean joins VCU students again, working with Maya families in the Highlands of Guatemala. She will stay on longer this time, working on knitting projects with the women.

Friday, January 29, 2010

CITY REDESIGNS AND IMPROVES RICHMONDGOV.COM

The city of Richmond has officially launched a new, redesigned city website at www.Richmondgov.com. The objective of the new website is to maximize a visitor's online experience when navigating, researching and conducting business on the city site.

"This new website provides clearer navigation and greater accessibility for city residents and visitors," said Mayor Dwight C. Jones. "We ensured efficiency in constructing the new site by utilizing internal resources and undertaking the complete redesign in house with the talents of our Department of Information Technology."

The new website provides maps, directions, and a street level view to every city owned address through an internally developed mapping application. Other amenities of the website include a city event and meeting calendar as well as real-time traffic accident mapping for Richmond, Chesterfield and Henrico. The city also uses the website to embrace social media platforms such as Blogger, Facebook, and Twitter.

NEW LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Church Hill and Fulton
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*Official sign off. It was fun!
I'll miss you! - Erika*

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE CHURCH HILL BALL CHAIR

“This was a wonderful evening, perhaps the best Church Hill Ball I have attended since joining the Church Hill Community – It all came together and we all had a “Ball”

John Whitworth, Church Hill Association President

A Note From Liz Steen

As Chair of the 2009 Church Hill Ball, I would like to extend a big “Thank You” to all the neighborhood business which supported us with donations of food for this yearly event. When local businesses support us, we should reciprocate.

Also my great thanks to:

The committee who helped on deciding the location: Matt Conrad, Steve Costa, Nancy Winter, Beth Sarrett and John Whitworth. These decisions are never easy.

The “hands on” helpers who helped with decoration, tickets, and all the little jobs which pop up while planning a large event: Gig, Amanda, Mark, Mitch, Tim, Julia, Kate, Jon, Beth and Dave.

Special thanks for Ashley Hart who did the graphics for the Ball Handouts.

I ask you to show your support of these businesses the next time you decide to check out a local restaurant. They are all different and reflect the diversity to be found in our community.

Participating Restaurants:

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Chris Davis, Paul Hubbard 592-3138

Aziza's on Main, 2110 East Main St.

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Millies, 2603 E. Main St.

Paul Keevil, 643-5512

Poe's Pub, 2706 E. Main St.

Mike Brit, 648-2120

Sette, 7 North 23rd Street.

Brian Rivers, 788-7077

The Hard Shell, 1411 E. Cary St.

Jared Golden, 643-2333

The Hill Cafe, 2800 East Broad St.

Rick Gilespe, 648-0360



Liz Steen, 2009 Church Hill Ball Chair

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE CHURCH HILL BOW CHAIRS

Once again Tony and I would like to thank all those who helped beautify the neighborhood by hanging red bows. As always it was a lot of fun getting together on the weekend to kick off the holidays and get into the spirit (with spirits). The bows made it through the snow, rain, and wind. Also, thank you for helping to take them down. Kudos to Karen and Brett Gauthier, Tom Orr, Marilyn Stroh, Jon O., Tish and Chris Bergin.

Tracey and Tony Monteleone, 2009 Church Hill Bow Chairs

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CHA MEMBERSHIP



CHA MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

It is still time to renew your Church Hill Association membership. If you come to the February meeting you can register there or fill in the form in the newsletter and mail it in advance. We do not send membership cards but they can be collected at anytime at any monthly meeting. The card gives you discounts at some local restaurants.

A special gift from the Association is also part of your 2010 membership – a green tote bag with the Church Hill Association logo. The bags are great for groceries or almost anything else; they are green with a white logo, made from some recycled material and can save lots of those plastic grocery bags! In addition to a free bag with your membership, you can purchase additional bags for \$3.00 each.

Bénédicte Whitworth (644-6559) CHAbene@comcast.net

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, Church Hill North, and Chimborazo Old and Historic Districts, other residents of the East District, and other interested persons, in order to develop a stable, desirable urban neighborhood.

We would like to welcome all new and renewing members:

Anderson, Aaron & Tamra Talmadge - Anderson
Beem, Amy
Broughton, Paul & Martha
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Carson, Rick
Casson, Mort
Conrad, Matt
Denton, Margaret
Friedman, Johnathan
Kellman, Howard
Kronenthal, Mark
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CHA BOARD MEETING



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2010 BOARD MEETING

By CHA Director at Large, Matt Conrad

Meeting was from 7:00 - 9:10 p.m. held at the 2300 Club.

All board members were present with the exception of Gene Henley and Jacqui Newman.

1. The need for a CHA newsletter editor was addressed by the Board. Erika Gay after nine heroic years has edited her last newsletter as of February 2010.

2. Waite Rawls gave the Zoning Committee's report: The committee is working on creating a layman's dictionary of zoning terms to better understand zoning concepts such as R-63 and R-8, as well as the interplay between zoning and the historic district overlay. At the last meeting, the committee received a presentation from Bob Klein and his developer and architect. Bob seeks to develop the vacant hillside parcel east of the 25th and Franklin Street intersection (behind Pohlig Box factory and adjacent to the steps). He contemplates a 4 story building: 3 stories with 5 residential units each and one level of parking. The committee generally approved of the project in concept, although concerns were raised as to whether the project would include first floor commercial in keeping with the community's desire for a more walkable neighborhood. Finally, the zoning committee addressed R-8 and R-63 as contemplated in the city's zoning study area. R-8 was approved of as a general zoning concept.

3. The Board passed a motion stating the following: "We endorse R-8 as a general zoning concept for our neighborhood and recommend its usage where recommended on the map of the study area presented to us by Tarisa Moran and planning staff. We withhold comment on whether the T-shaped area in North Church Hill should remain R-63 as recommended by planning staff in favor of gauging that specific neighborhood's opinion." (6 yeas, 1 abstention)

4. The Board debated whether the newsletter should move to an electronic format versus printed distribution, in light of the difficulty of finding a newsletter editor. It was noted that approximately 85% of CHA membership use e-mail and that CHA could open a Constant Contact account for \$10/month as opposed to the usual monthly printing cost. It was recommended that CHA membership be consulted before making any decision. John Johnson

recommended publishing both an electronic and paper newsletter for a 6-month period.

5. Historic Richmond Foundation and the Commission of Architectural Review are putting final touches on the historic plaque program for Church Hill. All parties will meet at Waite Rawls house on January 8th to flesh out final details. This is the first time the CAR has considered approving a process by which it will approve a form of plaque without individual review of the Commission.

6. John Whitworth addressed some of the 2010 CHA goals he has considered and other board members shared theirs, including, in no particular order: block parties to encourage neighborhood cohesiveness; becoming more inclusive (diversity of age, race, geography, etc.); forging partnerships with neighborhood organizations (such as the Family Resource Center, Tricycle Gardens); considering hosting Vespers at other churches; making meetings more interesting and relevant; focusing on addressing policies important to residents; and, finally, addressing the question of what the borders, if any, of the CHA may be.

7. The Alley Rally was canceled for future years because of the lack of City funding for private use of trash trucks. CHA should consider hosting a neighborhood clean-up with adjoining civic associations, such as Union Hill, Church Hill North, Church Hill Central, New Visions, Unity, etc.

8. The Board discussed revival of the neighborhood block program and the merits thereof. No action was taken.

9. John Whitworth addressed several more issues for 2010: (1) he would like to shorten meetings, ensure that they consist of original and purposeful topics, and limit meeting length to no more than 1.5 hours; (2) CHA should have snacks and sodas at meetings; (3) CHA needs to clarify the decision making processes between the Board, membership, and the various committees; (4) CHA should endeavor to better understand its relationship to emerging and established civic associations in the East End (a neighborhood forum at Richmond Hill would assist in this process); (5) the Board should conduct a survey of the membership inquiring as what they want out of CHA meetings and their goals for the Association in 2010 and beyond; (6) CHA should consider alternatives to the Holiday Ball, including a possible second annual event in the Summer, such as a Garden Day combined with a House Tour.

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10. The Holiday Weekend earned a profit of \$2,378, outpacing many prior years. Nonetheless, the Ball had revenues of \$5,510 but cost \$8,062. This is unsustainable for the Association, but was largely due to the low ticket sales. 131 tickets were sold which is the lowest number in memory. The House Tour was incredibly profitable, despite poor weather. It brought in \$6,380 and cost only \$473. Vespers cost \$889.

11. The Board received a report from John Whitworth on the progress of developing a new website for CHA. Karen Chase, a CHA member, has kindly offered to do all of the creative work, including brand development, for free. However, creating the actual website will cost up to \$1500. The Board decided to ask the Membership for approval to spend up to \$1,500 on website development at the next monthly meeting.

12. The recently amended by-laws will be included on the current website very soon.

13. Shop-RVA, a buy local initiative, will address CHA membership at its February meeting.

14. Future membership meetings:

February: We would ask our City Councilor, Cynthia Newbille if she would give us a presentation on her vision and hopes for Church Hill.

March: John Whitworth proposed that we ask ACORN (the Alliance to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods) to talk on how to obtain State & Federal Tax Credits, and at the same meeting Barbara Smith, who recently retired from the Library of Virginia, will be approached to see if she would provide guidance on how to use the Library to research the history of individual homes in Church Hill.

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2010

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Jacqui Newman

CHA President John Whitworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church Parish Hall.

He made the following announcements:

-Robert's Rules of Orders will be used to keep order and fair discussion at CHA meetings.

-He asked for board members or general members to volunteer to serve as a liaison to the other area Civic Associations (Union Hill, Church Hill North, Church Hill Central and Oakwood-Chimborazo. They would be expected to attend their meetings and help co-ordinate our activities with them.

-CHA still needs an editor for the newsletter. Erika had kindly offered to do the February newsletter but we cannot continue without a replacement.

-The Board had discussed the ending of the Alley Rally clean-up program, and it was felt this was a pity. We would like to resurrect it and hence need a volunteer to run it. Please call John: 644-6559.

-There are currently two CHA member picnics scheduled for 2010.

-Historic House plaques are progressing. John Johnson has offered to co-ordinate our work with the City on getting final approval.

-Next month's meeting will not be held at St. John's Church Parish Hall due to the Church requiring it. Councilwoman Cynthia Newbille has gracefully offered to address the meeting; location of meeting TBA.

Katy Thomas introduced herself as the Church Hill Central representative to the CHA

Both this meeting Agenda and the Minutes of the January 7 membership meeting were then unanimously approved.

John Whitworth then, on behalf of the members, thanked John Johnson for all his tireless work over the past 20 months as our President. His contribution was enormous. He also thanked the outgoing Secretary Pam Prescott for all the hours put into writing up our meeting minutes, and to Tony Monteleone – who had completed his tour of duty as an extremely effective Director at Large.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer reviewed December 2009 holiday weekend

profit and loss. The Ball lost \$2,186, the House Tour was an amazing success in spite of the weather and made a \$5,986 profit, and Vespers cost \$890 (mainly the bagpipe and Drum band) Other costs were \$530. Total revenues were \$12,336; total costs were \$9,957 so overall a profit of \$2,379k was achieved. The members voted unanimously to adopt the accounts.

The CHA President noted the loss on the Holiday Ball as unacceptable, and the Board will come forward with recommendations for next year. Surveys will be going out in the upcoming weeks to all members which will allow everyone to voice their opinions.

The New Board members briefly introduced themselves.

Business:

The Police Report

Police Officer Walter provided the monthly crime report. He advised that crime in the neighborhood were significantly down, in spite of crime being on the rise in other parts of Richmond. For the month of December, property crime was reduced 81% and major crimes reduced by 50%. There have been two larcenies, six residential burglaries, one robbery, one theft from motor vehicle, and two mopeds stolen. Officer reminded residents to remain vigilant in reporting suspicious people or behavior. Members mentioned graffiti around the neighborhood, drivers running stop signs on Broad St., cleaning up after dogs, and tire dumping as current concerns of theirs. Officer will look into these issues, and suggested that it is a great time to address these less urgent problems while crime is down. Any questions or concerns, please phone the First Precinct at 646-0572. The non-emergency number is 646-5100.

The Zoning Committee Report:

Waite Rawls, the Chairman, confirmed that the Committee had recommended to the Board that the current proposals which would shortly be outlined to the general meeting were an excellent compromise and should be adopted. He noted the CHA January Board Meeting had indeed accepted the Zoning Committee's recommendation and they had passed a motion to recommend it to the full membership

Tarisa Moran and Roy Benbow from the City Planning and Preservation Division then presented the new R-8 zoning proposal, and took questions afterwards. The membership voted overwhelmingly, around four votes against out of 45 present, to endorse the R-8 concept and its proposed application including the area at the far East

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end of Broad Street that was not in the City's proposal since it is currently in litigation. The CHA put on hold its endorsement of the recommended R-63 "T-zone" pending the voting outcome from Church Hill North and Church Hill Central Civic Associations.

CHA membership voted unanimously in support of a special use permit for 2824 E Broad St. LLC to convert the building at the aforementioned address into a mixed use space. The first floor will be split between commercial space and one residential unit. The second floor will be two residential units.

The Fire Report

Lt. Forgette from the Station One Fire Department provided a report. The Fire Department would be pleased

to attend future meetings to give updates similar to the Police Report. Lt. Forgette emphasized the "open door" policy of their station. If you have a concern or just want to visit, feel free to stop by! He discussed the "Keep the Wreath Green" program Richmond participates in each year. He also offered the "Project Fire Safe Home" program. Under this program, firefighters will come to your house and install up to three smoke alarms for free. A member questioned the current staffing at Station One. Staffing has been significantly cut, and in December the fire engine capability was not operational virtually 50% of the time (14 days out of 31) CHA will address this as a priority at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Friends of Chimborazo Playground

The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, and the Honorable members of Richmond City Council, the governing legislative body of Richmond, do hereby unite together in solidarity and common purpose to jointly and publically recognize and celebrate Friends of Chimborazo Playground for their dedication to our community.

A grassroots organization, Friends of Chimborazo Playground is a nonprofit group working to increase and enhance the safety and beauty of the city playspace and recreation area located near Chimborazo Park, between N. 29th and 31st streets, and E. Grace Street in Richmond's Historic Church Hill Neighborhood.

The outstanding work of Friends of Chimborazo Playground includes ongoing support of the Chimborazo playspace and the recent construction of a new playground and community garden on September 10, 2009 in coordination with the grant funding and direction of the national KaBOOM! organization, which funds and manages the building of new play spaces in a "community build" process. Additional partners included the City of Richmond, Church Hill Association, Shockoe Bottom Neighborhood Association, Home Depot, friends, volunteers and other organizations.

The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do therefore officially recognize and bestow the Official Joint Community Service Award on Friends of Chimborazo Playground and thanks its members, partners and supporters for their work in helping to make our community an even better and safer place to live, work, learn, play, visit, and raise a family.

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