

Friends of The James River Park



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January 9, 2007

Members Present: Molly Dellinger-Wray, Chess Goodall, Maureen Egan, Ralph White, John Zeugner, Anne Wright, Richard Taranto, Betsy Slade, George Wickham, Winnie Canup, Mary Helen Sullivan, Ken Hopson

Meeting was called to order by Molly Dellinger-Wray.

George Wickham reported that we have \$8,400 in the bank which includes a new \$5,200 gift from the Ruth Camp Campbell Foundation.

The association received seven new memberships in December.

In response to the success of the After Thanksgiving Park Hike which was attended by over 100 people, John Johnson attended the meeting and volunteered to develop a group of park guides who would conduct regular hikes through the James River Park. John has volunteered to recruit, train and organize guides for scheduled tours. Hikes may include distance and short hikes, guided tours, historic Belle Isle tours and bird watching expeditions. The board voted to allocate \$350 to be used for guides' expenses.

The board discussed line items and approved the 2007 budget. Budget Attached. Budget notes include:

- ◆ MORE (MidAtlantic Off Road Enthusiasts) has been allocated \$350 to be used for Bike Patrol training expenses only (including CPR, First Aid and Water Rescue). Volunteers must sign a two-year commitment to patrol all parts of the park. Patrols must keep a log of hours and shifts as well as incident reports. Success and future funding will be determined using this information.
- ◆ We will need to find either volunteer or paid carpenters to manufacture trash receptacles and kiosks for the park.
- ◆ Anne Wright and Ralph White will review photos by David Everett and research printing costs for postcards and note cards.

FOJRP By-Laws were presented by George Wickham and approved by the board.

The conservation easement for the park must be held by two non-profit entities. It is believed that the Richmond Recreation & Parks Foundation and the Capitol Region Land Conservancy will hold the easements and serve as advocates for the park in perpetuity.

The Endowment Fund Committee will hold its second meeting on January 16. The \$5,200 grant from the Ruth Camp Campbell Foundation will be used as the basis for starting a park endowment fund. A goal of \$15,000 has been set for the first year.

Yellow lines have been painted along Riverside Drive at Pony Pasture. These have proven very dangerous. Because drivers do not want to cross these lines, pedestrians and bicyclists are being forced off the road.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

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Friends of James River Park Budget for 2007

Staff Support

Staff Development	\$ 500
Farewell gift for Jeff Gillieo	\$ 100
<i>Total Staff Support</i>	<i>\$ 600</i>

Membership Expenses

Postcards printed	\$ 150
Mailing expenses (annual)	\$ 200
Food /drinks	\$ 250
Entertainment	\$ 200
Membership cards or stickers	\$ 300
Printing and Xeroxing	\$ 100
<i>Total Membership Expenses</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>

Park Improvements

Bike Patrol	\$ 350
Volunteer Guides	\$ 350
Discretionary Park improvements	\$2,000
Charlie Slade Trash Bins	\$2,000
<i>Total Park Improvements</i>	<i>\$4,700</i>

Advocacy

Maps of James River for RTD (tyveck)	\$1,000
Photograph note cards	\$1,000
City Council Tour	\$ 500
<i>Total Advocacy Expenses</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>

Total Expenses **\$9,000**