

Friends of The James River Park



Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2005

Present: Molly Dellinger-Wray (President), Ken Hopson (Vice-President), George Wickham (Treasurer), Sue Cecil, Ralph White, John Zeugner, Anne Wright, Jason and Christi Deonanan, Winnie Canup
Absent: Ches Goodall, Greg Velzy, Temple Martin, Mary Wickham.

Old Business

1. **Introductions** – Molly led introductions to/for new attendees.
2. **History** – Sue and Ralph shared some history of the FOJRP
 - ♦ Began in 1972 as a citizens group opposed to city construction along the James River,
 - ♦ Membership waned and the group was reconstituted by Carter Tucker around 2000.
 - ♦ Sue mentioned that the group may no longer have the 501c (Non Profit) status.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - \$21,149.32 as of 10/05/05
 - ♦ \$740 in donations to Charlie Salde Memorial Fund.
4. **Membership** – George will mail all members reminding to renew.
5. **New Address** – P.O. Box 4453, Richmond, VA 23220
6. **Projects** – Ralph thanked FOJRP for the \$4000 to help pay for the 'In-City Take-Out' (steps) at 14th Street on the North side of the James.

New Business

1. CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL! Molly to speak with Ches Goodall about stepping in. Larry Miller also. [Virginia Outdoors Foundation](#) most likely to hold easement.
2. Subcommittee of Molly, Ralph and Mary to review possible FOJRP Award to be presented publicly. First award would go posthumously to Bill Snead.
3. Anne shared her recent experience with the [Virginia Society of Naturalists](#). They meet the third Tuesday of each month at the [Science Museum of Va.](#)
4. Ken will begin a newsletter, with Ralph's monthly report as the main content. This will be a 'printable' e-newsletter.
5. Molly will ask Mary to create a list of FOJRP accomplishments to be recognized on the membership form.
6. John Z. handed out the Annual Report from the Richmond Recreation and Parks Foundation.
7. Molly and Ken to check into Trolley/Bussing options for James River Park tour with Ralph. Invite the Mayor and staff. Shoot for November 12.
8. Anne Wright contacted Cliff Fox with VCU Environmental Studies about conducting a survey about who uses the park. They discussed intercept surveys (stopping people and interviewing them), phone surveys, license plate surveys and focus groups. Anne and Ralph have agreed to meet with Cliff to discuss information that we would like to get out of a survey, and she will present it at our next meeting.
9. Ralph noted that Ted Ellet wants to donate his small rented island, at Rock Falls and Riverside, west of the dam, to the James River Park. This is currently in Henrico.
10. Ralph asking Public Works to give north side of Flood Wall, between 14th and 18th streets to park.
11. Board voted on spending \$3000 on fencing and signs to complete north shore track off maymont. All agreed (John z. abstained). Also voted on spending \$1000 on Poetry Guide and Wheelchair publications. All agreed (John Z., abstaining).