

# Friends of The James River Park



## Meeting Minutes FOJRP December 12, 2007 Meeting

In Attendance: Richard Taranto, Ralph White, Winnie Canup, Molly Wray, Maureen Egan, Mary Helen Sullivan, Gay Leahy, Rob, George Wickham, Matt Perry

- I. Richard kicked-off the meeting
- II. Minutes from November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.
- III. Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report- 7 new checks, 5 new memberships since last report. General Account balance = \$16,000, Endowment = \$7,000
  - b. James Scenic River Advisory Committee Regional Cleanup 2008 Brainstorming Session- Tabled in Greg's absence. Instead discussed River Days calendar entries. Settled on: FOJRP Annual Meeting and Picnic, FOJRP Monthly Meeting, Fish Fest, Fish Release on Belle Isle, July 4<sup>th</sup> Tube Float for FOJRP members. **Ralph to submit all entries.**
  - c. Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee update- Tabled in Greg's absence
  - d. Parade of Light- Just about broke even. ~350 people in attendance, up significantly from last year. Ralph's team may not be able to help next year due to overtime pay issues. In that case, he'll need to rely more heavily on FOJRP.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Easement- Outstanding questions about exceptions for utilities and public works projects. Moving ahead slowly toward public hearings and city council debate in '08 with possible ratification in '09.
  - b. Tracking Partner Volunteer Hours/Accomplishments- **George will distribute template to collect FOJRP hours.**
  - c. Donation to FOJRP Endowment update- No new update
  - d. FORJ presentation to the VA. Native Plant Society at their 3/6/08 meeting (7:00pm)- Updates forthcoming in January. **Betsy and Maureen will pull-up with Ralph for ideas on discussion topics.**
- V. New Business
  - a. "Worthy service project" for the James River Parks- John J. – Deferred to future date.
  - b. Random topics:
    - i. Request from Ralph for there to be a FOJRP guide at the Pump House each Sat. or Sun. from 3:00pm-6:00pm in July and August. **Rob, John, Molly and Ralph will bring proposal to January board meeting**
    - ii. FOJRP monthly meeting changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month starting at 5:45pm.
    - iii. FOJRP committed to working an information table at Fish Fest in April.
    - iv. Open question regarding whether or not we want to request that Parks and Rec offer driving tour to the elderly and physically disabled.
  - c. **Other New Business Updates- George.**