

West Avenue Improvement Association
Fall Member Meeting
October 15, 2007

- Spring member meeting minutes accepted.
- Earle Morrison reported on the state of WAIA funds and presented the treasurer's report.
- VCU representatives Bryan Ohlinger and Paul Jez covered:
 - Capital Project status updates.
 - Monroe Park campus addition and improvement.
 - Parking Deck plans that include retail such as Chili's and Starbucks.
 - VCU neighborhood parking accommodations and concerns.
- Bill Pantele spoke on the positive effects of the VCU capital investments and growth but also the negative aspects concerning the parking problems. Some things under consideration:
 - 2-3 times increase in the parking fines.
 - Carver and Jackson Ward going to permits in near future.
 - Shorter permit periods.
- Capt. English, commander of the Richmond Police 3rd precinct addressed crime:
 - Violent crime is down in the area but there is an increase in car break-ins and vandalism.
 - Community office assigned to address graffiti is Christen Benkahla christen.benkahla@richmondgov.com
 - The normal non-emergency number for the 3rd precinct is 646-5100, additionally to report speeding and other complaints can be directed to 646-1211/1412.
 - Possible video surveillance with flash cams is being considered.
 - Increased vigilance on party problems. Part Patrol has been extremely successful but only functions on weekends.
- Sue Ann Messmer of VCU addressed enrollment plans, VCU police jurisdiction, and the need for a meeting with the VCU police to address problems.
- David Johannas spoke about a special use permit for 1020 W. Franklin Street. A vote to have the WAIA voice a non-opposition was accepted.
- Ed White expressed his thanks for the participation of the our speakers and adjourned the meeting.