

West Avenue Improvement Association

Fall Meeting Minutes– Thursday, October 13, 2010 – 7:00PM

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Feehan.

**Guest speakers.** Mayor Feehan introduced Richmond Police Lieutenant Edward Capriglione. Lieutenant Capriglione reported that crime in the lower Fan was down in 2011 compared to 2010, which itself was a “record low” year. Lieutenant Capriglione reported recent arrests for lower Fan burglaries, which should further reduce property crime in the neighborhood. Lieutenant Capriglione agreed to look into repeated parking violations at the intersection of Park and Boyd Streets. The Association thanked Lieutenant Capriglione for the Police Department’s good service.

Mayor Feehan introduced Nick Georges of the City Utilities Department. Mr. Georges outlined the upcoming cleaning and lining of the water main down West Avenue. Mayor Feehan thanked Mr. Georges for delaying that water service until after 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. Mr. Georges explained that project should take less than 60 days. During the project, temporary lines will be placed on the sidewalk, so please watch your step! Mr. Georges explained that residents won’t be charged for water usage during the project. Although the decorative raised cross-walks will be restored, the street will be patched, but not repaved. When the project is complete, water pressure and flow should be improved. Vice Mayor John Fottrell asked Mr. Georges to look into the crooked meter in front of 1503 West Avenue.

**Approval of Minutes.** Mayor Feehan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Spring meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer’s report.** Treasurer Earle Morrison presented the financial report and reported total funds of \$16,488.81.

**Committee reports.**

A. **Garden tour.** Megan Hopkins has agreed to serve as Chair for 2012 Garden Tour. She is looking for a Co-Chair. If interested, please contact Megan. Please return all flags to 1502 West Avenue.

B. **VCU relations.** Secretary Tom Stallings and Bill Creekmur attended the June 21, 2011 VCU Monroe Park Advisory Group. VCU is embarking on development on a six-year strategic plan. Local neighborhood associations have been assured that they will be kept apprised during the development of the plan. Dave Johnson reported that VCU will be platinum sponsor for 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party.

C. **Communications.** Vice Mayor Fottrell has been attending the Mayor’s Impact meetings. Topics for development include the City Stadium and the Canal and Riverfront.

D. **Events/social.** Mayor Feehan reported that WAIA Tervis tumblers are available for purchase. Please contact Mayor Feehan to place your order.

### **Old Business.**

A. Bylaws amendments. Secretary Stallings reviewed the proposed amendments to the WAIA Bylaws that were included in the October 5, 2011 Gazette. As Mayor Feehan reported at the Spring meeting, after the untimely passing of our dear friend Mayor Robert Smith, it became evident that the Bylaws did not spell out the details of the steps required for succession when a Mayor leaves office. Additionally, there were questions about the current one-year term limit and whether that provided enough time for meaningful service as an officer. Following review, amendments were proposed to clarify the provisions relating to officer succession and to allow the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Secretary serve up to two consecutive one-year terms in the same office. A quorum having been established, a motion was made seconded and passed to amend the Bylaws as proposed in the October 5, 2011 Gazette.

### **New Business.**

#### A. Upcoming events:

1. 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Party – Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Feehan has obtained permits for the tent. Thea Martin reported that rocks glasses with 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo are available for purchase. Mayor Feehan reported that more than 100 RSVPs have been returned so far. Mayor Feehan reminded everyone that the 1100 and 1500 blocks will be closed, along with Birch between Franklin and Park. All cars must be off of Birch Street by 6:00 am Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> through 3:00 am Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Evelyn Sutton reported that St. James's has kindly agreed to make its parking lot and deck available between 3:00pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 7:00am Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Halloween – Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. As usual, trick or treating will be between 5:00 and 7:00, and the costume contest will begin at 7:00.
3. Santa's visit – TBA.
4. New Year's Day Oyster Roast.

B. Parking. Susan Sadid reported on the proposal to become a Resident Only Parking (ROP) area. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that Susan will develop petition for to convert West Avenue and the North side of Park Avenue as an ROP area.

**Adjournment.** No other new business was presented and the meeting was adjourned.