

Southampton Civic Association
July, 2007 Meeting

Members Present:

John Cardwell Bert Waters Sue Stewart Jonathan Young
Bob Call Jeff Donahue Wendy Inge

Members Absent:

Dick Grinnan John McGrann

Guests:

Kathy Graziano David Hathcock Ralph White.

.Announcements:

Old Business:

Roadside landscaping:

Discussion occurred about improving the landscaping in the Chippenham Pkwy/ Forest Hill Ave area and at the south end of the Huguenot Bridge area. Concern was voiced regarding the dead wood along the Chippenham and Forest interchange as well as along Chippenham Prkwy north of Forest Hill Ave. The Clean City Commission may be able to help us out and a meeting is to be pursued. There was caution expressed regarding cutting down too much and losing the buffer from the road for nearby houses.

With the Huguenot Bridge project coming up in the not too distant future there was sentiment for an inexpensive fix for the east side south end exit / on ramp. The concern was mostly about parked cars and trucks on the grass. Ideas such as a ditch or old telephone poles were mentioned.

Storm water management:

This was felt to be a dead issue for this year, but to not give up on it.

Riverfest:

Riverfest was a successful event drawing many participants with more race participants. There was less in sponsorship monies (\$600 by local businesses and \$1000 by the SCA) and the expenses were \$2,650. and total income was \$2,529.

Board vacancies:

There are still two positions available

New Business:

Pony Pasture Park:

Concern was voiced over excessive trash in the park with the increased usage of the park, but Ralph White said he had it under control and trash was not overtaxing his staff. He mentioned more non-city residents use the park than city residents and a sign at the Forest Hill and Hathaway road might encourage more people from Richmond City to come. Ralph White said there have been less ambulance calls and police calls, no more graffiti. Most of the cars have single occupants and are from Henrico or Chesterfield county. There was concern over no dedicated holiday Police patrol.

Bike Paths:

Ralph White spoke about upcoming bike path ideas such as one from James River Park to Belle Isle via Property going under the Powhite Prkwy if RMA would grant permission. Also, access from Laris park to the Pony Pasture is underway via a culvert under Chippenham Parkway just east of Stoney Point Mall.

Public Forum for the House of Delegates race:

The board voted to have a public forum at St. Lukes Church on Oct. 16th with Katherine Waddell, Manouli Loupassi and Steve Grogan. We would try to get Tom Shields, University of Richmond's Political Science Professor to Moderate. We would set our own rules.

SCA Board Meeting:

The next SCA Board meeting will be held in September on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:15 PM

Annual Meeting:

Search for a speaker has begun.

Reports:

City Council:

Kathy Graziano was helpful as usual with informative comments and direction.

Neighborhood Teams:

Communications:

Bob Scott mentioned there were 60 hits on the website and 53% were first time users.

Zoning: Board member position still vacant

Schools: no news

Membership/Treasurer:

Sue Stewart reported we now have 314 members, all bills are paid and the bank balance is \$9,243.96

Transportation: no report

With no more business the meeting was concluded. The next board meeting will be in Sept.

Faithfully submitted,
Robert S. Call, M.D.