

**Southampton Citizens Association
Board Meeting
July 20, 2010**

Members Present:

Mary Blanchard, Brian Hampton, Jean Marie Hay, Bob Scott, Sue Stewart Bert Waters, Jonathan Young,

Guests: Ralph White, David Hathcock, Balfour Via, Todd Huber, Peter Blake

Andrew Frieden will be the guest speaker, at our annual meeting. Our nominating committee includes Brian Hampton and Bob Scott, and will submit a slate at the Annual meeting in October. We provided a list of accomplishments from the previous year for potential board members. Mary suggested we recognize the volunteer work of Mary Argentineau at the Annual meeting. The SCA bags have arrived. We can sell or use them for new neighbor packets. David suggested selling them at the Forest Hill Market.

Schools – Jean-Marie Hay discussed the new Huguenot High School which will be built in the parking lot of the current school. There was talk about mixed uses including a public library and community services at the school. However, these ideas have been problematic.

Area Development – The opportunity to present a model of the new Huguenot Memorial Bridge at the October meeting was discussed. Perhaps there could be a table display, or a 10 minute presentation. We are hoping to have representatives from the new CinéBistro (theater at Stony Point Fashion Park) opening in October, at a meeting. We discussed further action on a proposed Orthodontist office on Forest Hill Avenue. The Dance Service Center (formerly Texaco) on Forest Hill and Hathaway has discontinued selling gas.

Ralph White discussed issues concerning James River Park System. There appears to be less glass litter and more aluminum in the park. Ralph proposed a position from SCA to encourage local beer wholesalers to provide non-glass bottles at local stores. He said that the portion of the park at Huguenot Flat Water, (Southampton and Riverside) has a unique user demographic compared to other portions of the park, mostly paddlers taking advantage of the flat water. He also listed activities hosted by JRP this summer.

Council Report – Kathy Graziano/David Hathcock David said that residents of Custis Road have inquired about a speed survey so that they may be able to install speed bumps on Custis. He mentioned that the old Alcoa Plant may be redeveloped for mixed use. David discussed the work of Noel McKenzie, from enrichment, a foundation serving Richmond's people, parks and public spaces, formerly known as the Richmond Recreation & Parks Foundation. He asked if we would like her to make a presentation to this body on the endowment effort to support the idea that a healthy valuable park system contributes to the real estate value and family life. David also mentioned the continuing effort to use old CSX rail lines to tie into trails along Forest Hill Park.

Other Business – Jean-Marie has noticed the corner of Cherokee and Forest Hill Avenue is in poor shape, with litter and overgrown weeds. We talked about the benefits of composting leaves. David offered a potential visit from Richmond Animal Control to discuss their services.