

SCA 2018

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

7:15 PM TO 8:20 PM

SRA CLUBHOUSE
3201 CHELLOWE RD, RICHMOND, VA
23225

MEETING CALLED BY	Jeff Donahue
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Community Meeting
FACILITATOR	Jeff Donahue
NOTE TAKER	Paul Brooks
TIMEKEEPER	Paul Brooks
BOARD ATTENDEES	Brooks, Donahue, Giles, Harahan, Kane, Shiff, White, Wittington, Zerkel, Terry

MINUTES

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM

DISCUSSION	Special Guest Kelly Freda- Discussion on situation at Jones and Jones	
	Kelly Freda spoke about her on gong work trying to provide assistance to residence of Jones and Jones and some of the conditions she has found. -Workers Taking Cloths given to residence -Mixing of geriatric and non-geriatric residence -dirty conditions -minimal funding for residence and concerns that what little they should be getting for pocket money is kept by facility. Suggestions on how to help residence were made. Providing additional assistance with clothing, toiletries would be helpful Discussion about what can and cannot be done through legal channels. Reporting to Department of Social Services, etc.	
CONCLUSIONS	Facility is not well run. There is a lot that citizens can do by offering to provide donations and report any issues they see. Social Outreach committee to start collecting and distributing donations made by community for residence	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Donate	All	none

DISCUSSION	Treasurer's Report	
	Balance was reported to be \$6,382.19. 14 additional members added	
CONCLUSIONS	Doing OK at present	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	Kathryn Wittington	none

DISCUSSION	Future quest speakers at upcoming meetings	
	Actively seeking guest speakers to address meetings about various topics. Announced that Andras Bality, local artist, would address make a presentation at March meeting. Other quests in the works; Nathan Burrell and Greg Velzey – James River Parks Mater Plan, Off Grid By Design, Solar applications for home and business	
CONCLUSIONS	NA	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Solicit community on areas of interest	Board	Ongoing

DISCUSSION	Sub-Committee formation	
	Social Outreach Mary Arginteanu, Marianne Donahue. First Project is Jones and Jones City Services and Neighborhood Development Brooks Zerkel and Mike Kane. Communications – Paul Brooks and Peter Harahan Membership – Jeff Donahue Special Committee – By Laws and Articles of Incorporation review. Kathy Whittington, Harold Giles, Evelyn Terry. As per bylaws, the president is considered an active member of any sub-committees Any members that have an interest in helping on any of the committees are encouraged to contact the board on how to help	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue to make committees function	All	None

DISCUSSION	Non Agenda items raised	
	<p>Considerable discussion about outcome of previous planning commission vote and statements made by board, discussion about items tabled from annual meeting.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion about statements made at planning commission hearing concerning the CUP amendment for Shoppes at Stratford Hills. Question was raised about board supporting the CUP amendment. Clarification was given that there was no support of the amendment, just the process.</p> <p>[Note for clarification/record keeping by SCA Secretary.</p> <p>It has been widely stated on social media that a written statement was read giving support for CUP amendment. The text of the statement is attached. A recording of the meeting and the statement being read is available on line from the planning commission. No support for the amendment is stated, only support of the association to work within the public process as the amendments are worked through.]</p> <p>Considerable discussion about the ability to allow some items passed from sub-committee work on by-law amendments while others are tabled. Item were briefly discussed, including the idea of taking a vote. No vote taken. Board to consider how to move this forward.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	Considerable concern from a few members as to ongoing validity of organization, how it works, and how it represents the membership as a whole.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Bylaw sub-committee to take on issues. Stated goal is to have recommendations for board and membership at annual meeting in October 2018	Board, subcommittee	TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, planning commission members and staff. My name is Jeff Donahue and I am a member and board president of the Southampton Citizens Association. You have received correspondence from me last week that is intended to help clarify the issues that were raised and were the basis of the letter from the SCA last May that listed 3 objections to the proposed changes and expansion to the current CUP for the Shoppes at Stratford Hills. Now that the developer has made revisions and has brought the proposal back to the planning commission for consideration, our new board of directors met last month to review the reasons for the previous objections and to see if the developer had addressed the original concerns stated in the letter from the SCA. It became clear to the board that the reasons stated in the letter did not rise to the level of being valid objections as it relates to the review process by the commission. Our board did recognize, and the developer has admitted that both he and the SCA representatives made mistakes during the meetings last year that resulted in fostering distrust and communication failure. The objections raised by the SCA were formed based on misleading facts and accusations that were never clarified as such to the membership and most of the board members. Although the SCA has not revisited the objections by way of a formal vote by the board or the membership, it is clear by numerous emails and phone calls to board members, that many neighbors and members have now come forward to encourage re-engagement with the developer in the process for review of the CUP. Today the SCA board is here to support the process. Our board and members are committed to provide the time, talent and commitment to work within the guidelines of the process to achieve a consensus with all parties that will be a positive benefit to everyone involved. We understand that the addition of the 3.4 acre parcel is a preliminary approval and only the first step in the development application for the CUP. This is the best approach to ensure that the community will have the opportunity to be involved and the development will be subject to the same design standards and permitted uses as outlined in the current CUP. Clearly this last parcel should be included in the completion of the project to ensure a cohesive plan to the development. This parcel is not suitable for single family homes in any scenario. We do understand that our neighborhood is still divided on some neighbors being opposed and some being in support of the proposal. As a board, we must be open to both sides and if the commission and City Council move the proposal forward towards approval, our board wants to make a commitment that we are willing to come back to the table to participate with all parties in the process. Thank you for your time today.