



**Falls Church
Village Preservation & Improvement
Society**

Final MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 p.m.: October 9, 2008
802 Ridge Place

Host: Gordon Theisz and Melissa Teates

Present: *Officers:* Jeff Peterson, Karl Ensign, Barry Buschow, Ida Peterson, Melissa Teates

Directors: Mark Gross, Jon Hundley, Carol Sly, Gordon Theisz, Keith Thurston, Michael Volpe, Midge Wang

Absent: Nancy Brandon, Roger-Mark De Souza, Jason Douglas, Ellen Gross, Elizabeth Meade, Gerald Pressman, Ruth Rodgers, Michael Slonim, Mary Soule

Call to order: 7:48pm

Welcome: President Jeff Peterson welcomed everyone.

Business Meeting

- 1) **Minutes from September Meeting:** The Board voted unanimous approval with those who were absent abstaining.
- 2) **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was presented. Two of the largest city signs are being constructed, so we have paid a down payment.
- 3) **Proposal for Neighborhood Tree Program: Phase II:** The board discussed Phase II of the NTP and edited the draft proposal and draft application. There were extensive discussions about the format of the application and if there should be a request for voluntary donations.

Action(s): Motion to approve the draft proposal and draft application passes with two changes 1) in the event of a business or non-profit applying for a tree we will ask for a voluntary donation or an in-kind trade of labor, 2) the language in number 8 of the application be removed and re-written to reflect the first change and 3) that number 2 in the draft application specify 15 feet instead of 20 feet.

- 4) **Appointment of VPIS Representative to City Task Force on Creation of an Arts and Culture District:** The council asked for a VPIS representative for the new task force.

Action(s): President Jeff Peterson appointed Midge Wang.

Information Items (no vote of Board required)

- 5) **Membership Report:** In 2006 we had 325 members (included some “no payers”). In 2007, we had 160 annual members, 40 new members, 40 life members, 9 trys and 112 lapsed equaling 249 paid and 361 maintained on the list. In 2008, we had 180 annual members, 30 new members, 37 life members, 9 trys and 131 lapsed equaling 264 paid and 395 maintained on the list. Actual membership receipts are down with less people donating large amounts in the \$300 range with their membership. There will be a new campaign in December.
- 6) **Library/VPIS Cooperative Project Report:** Janet Walden is applying for a grant I in the spring to cover the library costs. If the grant is secured then we can move forward with more planning.
- 7) **Fall Newsletter: Status and Deadlines:** Should be out in November prior to the Fall Membership meeting.
- 8) **Neighborhood Tree Program: Fall Planting Date November 15th:** This will be the first Phase II if it gets set-up and it may be moved to another date. Watch for email updates.
- 9) **City School Facilities Meeting:** Meetings are open to the public and at this point are in the “visioning” phase.
- 10) **City Signs:** Large signs are on the way and should be here in six weeks.
- 11) **Fall Membership Meeting November 16th:** Meeting is set and will be in the Senior Center with Wyatt Shields as the key note speaker. He will discuss the CIP, the city hall and school facilities studies and more. Assistance is needed with refreshments.
- 12) **Other Reports from Members of the Board:**
- a. **Recycling Changes at schools** – recycling can be co-mingled now so new lids are needed to reflect that or new signage.
 - b. **Plaque for Sue Olom** - Estimated to cost \$200, but still trying to decide on placement. The money for the sign can be pulled from general maintenance fund for gardens.

Action(s): Motion to appropriate \$300 from general maintenance fund for the Sue Olom plaque.

- c. **Virginia 150th Civil War Anniversary** – State committee needs members. Decision was made to email VPIS Board to see if anyone wants to represent VPIS.
- d. **EDA Branding Presentation** – Matt Smith gave a great presentation. A study committee on branding is being initiated. There is room for a VPIS member if someone wants to commit to it.

Adjourn to Social

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm