



Freemason Street Area Association

December 18, 2015
Freemason Harbour Condominium
Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:10 pm

Roll Call: members present: Jack Kavanaugh, Shirley Ward, Betty O’Garr, Marie Torrans, Greta Gustavson, Buster Wilson, Jennifer Cordovana, Michael McCartney, Gerry Roth, Sarah Whiting, Madeline Sly, Victoria Pickett, Les Friedman and Randy Lyall.

Jack opened the meeting with a discussion regarding the opening of a new pizza restaurant on the first floor of the Town Center Building facing on Bousch Street. Concerns such as the liquor on and off license and its effect on the condos, limited parking and late hours were voiced. Members were encouraged to attend a hearing on the subject scheduled for December 28th.

Speakers for the January, March and May General Meeting: Jack called for suggestions for topics and for speakers from the attendees and the following were suggested:

- PETA or the SPCA (following discussion, it was decided neither were needed)
- Mary Miller, plans for the Neon Arts District
- Mayoral Candidates and the Super-ward 6 Candidates
- Update on the Elizabeth River project and our oyster beds
- TCC and the new market (Jack announced Farm Fresh will not be opening a grocery in the space)

Membership Report: 41 individuals and 2 condos have paid thus far for 2016.

Secretary’s Report: Betty O’Garr

- Minutes from the November General Membership Meeting were posted on the website prior to this meeting for review and no changes were made. Motion to file the Secretary’s report was made, seconded and passed.
- A history of Board membership with their roles for the past four years has been developed as a resource for the Board and future members.

Treasurer’s Report: Shirley Ward reported a balance of \$2,313.50 in our account. She will be mailing invoices to the members and the condominiums.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: the next Newsletter may be delayed because Lindsay’s time is consumed with her impending wedding and honeymoon.

Pagoda: Madeline Sly

- The Pagoda will remain closed until late spring. She is currently searching for a new Manager for the restaurant.
- Madeline suggested that Harold Protsman be awarded the honorary position of Director Emeritus of FSAA. The Board agreed and will move forward with the plan.



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Historic Oversight Committee: Gerry Roth

New neighbors/homeowners need to receive either a Historical Packet or non-historical Packet from their Block Captains. Information is still needed for the Historical Packet.

EARNN: Sarah Whiting

- Our report and application are due by December 31, 2015.
- They have not yet reported the name of the monetary award winner.
- Bow removal is scheduled for January 9th.

Old Business:

- City signs for Freemason tourists: it was decided this would benefit the neighborhood. The type, number and placement is to be determined.
- Gerry is finalizing the Welcome Aboard packet for newcomers to the neighborhood.

New Business:

- There are several street lights out in the neighborhood. Jack asked that a location list be sent to him so he can report them to the city.
- Leaves have become a big issue and we were encouraged to look for people raking them into the storm drains were they collect and obstruct water flow.
- Doggie bags: we have exceeded our budget for free doggie bags. We will research support from other agencies so we can maintain a supply.
- Flags instead of bows: Jack called for volunteers to research the idea of replacing the holiday bows with flags. Jerry Roth, Greta Gustavson and Madeline Sly agreed to form a committee to review the cost of purchasing and installing them.

Board Member Announcements:

Greta will be having her annual open house December 20th, 6 to 9:30 PM. All are welcome.

The General Meeting is scheduled for January 20th at 7 PM at the Blocker YMCA.

The next Board Meeting is February 17 at 7 PM at Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Betty O'Garr, Secretary