



Freemason Street Area Association

October 19, 2016
Freemason Harbour Condominium
Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:10 PM at the Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

Roll Call: Jack Kavanaugh, Shirley Ward, Betty O’Garr, Buster Wilson, Jennifer Cordovana, Sarah Whiting, Madeline Sly, Greta Gustavson, Gerry Roth and Les Friedman.

Jack opened the meeting with a discussion of a plan by the City to insert a bike lane down the center of Botetourt Ave. This will affect two blocks beginning at Brambleton Ave running to Freemason Street in front of the Cure. It was determined a vote was not needed to approve or disapprove since the city will do what they please.

The City has installed a bike corral across the street from the Cure at their request. This was done to get the bikes off the sidewalk in front of the Cure. Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the corral at the end of the block but it was decided it may block the view of the approaching traffic so we will ask the city to move it to the South.

Holiday Decorating Contest was approved for December 17th. Gerry to form judges committee.

President’s Report:

- Topics/Speakers for the November General Meeting:
 - Andrea McClellan, City Council
 - Erin Quigley from the City and Ashley Quigley, J&A Racing: Harbour Race 7 venue 5 K and half marathon Sunday, Nov. 19.
- Several Board members requested that we limit the speakers to two because more speakers because the meetings to run too late. This was approved by a majority.
- The City has asked that we remind Condo landscapers to not blow leaves/debris into the street or drains.

Membership Report: Jack Kavanaugh

Currently 85 individuals, 8 condos and 14 businesses have paid for 2016 for an income of \$2,380.

Secretary’s Report: Betty O’Garr

- Minutes from the September General Membership Meeting were posted on the website prior to this meeting for review; no changes were made. Motion to file the Secretary’s report was made, seconded and passed.

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Shirley Ward reported a balance of \$2,094.90 in our account.



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Committee Reports:

Newsletter: items for the next scheduled Newsletter are due November 1.

Pagoda: Madeline Sly

- The Pagoda will remain closed until October or November. Phillip Thomason, chef at the Vintage restaurant will determine the opening date.
- A fundraiser for the Friends of the Pagoda and Oriental Garden Foundation entitled “Frank Sings Frank” held Friday, September 23 was a success.
- Pagoda Lighting Project: Many of the footpath lighting wires have been cut by workers and other repairs are needed.
- Two trees were lost during hurricane Matthew. A meeting is set with the city to request assistance for these repairs.
- The holiday lights are to be installed November 19 and removed January 7. Bows will go up on November 19 and removed January 7.

Historic Oversight Committee: Gerry Roth

A dumpster will be on the street at the corner of Botetourt and Freemason Streets. They have a 45 day permit.

EARNN: Sarah Whiting

- The Great American Cleanup occurred September 17. We were awarded points.
- The \$100 earned was used to purchase plants for Wisconsin Square our newest “Adopt-a Spot”.
- A recycling event is scheduled for November 19 to earn extra points but we need a different type of recycling other than electronics e.g. paint, small appliances, etc. The type will be discussed and decided.

Old Business:

New business:

The city created a nineteen member commission to work in collaboration with Fest Events in planning the celebrations for the one-hundredth anniversary of the Norfolk Naval Station, the largest naval base in the world. Jack is on the Commission. The events will take place January 26 through 21 October 2017. Freemason will be a part of the walking tour.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 7 PM at the Blocker YMCA. The next Board Meeting scheduled for December 21 will be moved to December 14th at 7 PM at Freemason Harbour Condominiums. This will be a festive meeting with food and drinks.

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

Betty O’Garr, Secretary