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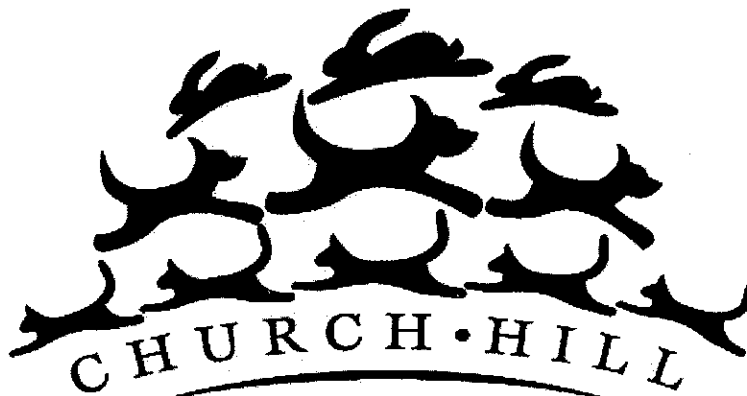
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The Church Hill Newsletter is distributed by volunteers throughout the Church Hill neighborhood (North and South of Broad Street) and to many of the apartments in the Shockoe Bottom area (including Tobacco Row, Superior Building, and the Poythress Apartments). We also distribute through several local restaurants and area merchants. A total of 1400 issues are distributed each month.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The newsletter is published monthly except for a combined November/December issue. All official opinions of the CHA are found in the minutes of the meetings. All other opinions expressed in the newsletter are the opinions of the individual author. All submissions are welcome. The editorial policy does not permit personal attacks, profanity or anonymous submissions. Submissions may be edited for space. Final approval rests with the Board of Directors. Please submit all articles/letters as e-mails to newsletter@churchhillrichmond.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A New Year Message from John Johnson, President, CHA

During the time of New Year we typically look back over the past, take stock of the present and set some positive resolutions for the future. For many of us this past year may be one we'd prefer to forget. For some, they've lost someone very precious, for others there is sickness, and still yet for some of us there has been a new realization about the fragility of our economy, personal wealth and emotional wellbeing. Then too, there have been the good times and positive things: some good might have come our way through our own hard work, some through the assistance of loved one's and some seem to have come from a higher enlightenment and/or benevolent heavenly intervention. Regardless of how these have presented themselves in our lives let us stop for a moment and recall them, see them for what they are and when possible share them with others as inspiration and beacons of hope.

Yes, time marches on – No, rushes on! And for 2009 we may feel more challenged to pull everything together, or keep our lives on track and somehow make things a little better and safer for all those that we love and count on us.

In truth, this next year might appear somewhat scary with our economy reeling; but we cannot be limited or encumbered by the ugly past. So now what? What can each of us do to best shape what may be ahead? Isn't that vexing question on each of our minds (not only for us but for many loved ones too)? Seemingly this whole scenario harkens us back to those who faced similar circumstances some 75 years ago in the 30's and 40's. How did they manage? Perhaps it was through inspiration of men like Roosevelt, whose name is still synonymous with recovery and help to the downtrodden, the weak, the helpless, and the fearful. In describing his leadership, character and style ... one could reflect that he believed that, 'we all differ more in the degree to which we use our abilities (or handle our problems) than the total sum of our problems or disabilities.' Life's greatest tragedy is not to fall down, "NO" - it's to lie down or to stay down!

So where is our Roosevelt today? Will it be President-Elect Obama or the government in Washington? I think not. It is much closer to home and, this may sound funny, but I think it is here and all about us. It is our community! It is and can be an inspiration and a star shining bright full of reflective hope. Just think - Church Hill has risen up from former years of benign neglect, crime, drug problems and abject poverty.

This community has come-a-long-way-baby. Yes, our beloved neighborhood has evolved into a wonderful community that is vibrant, positive, inclusive in attitude, people and divergent points of view. Church Hill is its own Phoenix Story. But Church Hill didn't just happen on its own – the bricks, mantles, cobblestones and gas lights did not make the community come alive and grow. No, rather it happened as a result of people and optimistic visions, dedication to building a good healthy neighborhood and hard work.

Our challenge for 2009 is to maintain the momentum from the past and preserve, conserve and build appropriately for the future. While the people build and create a good community, sometimes the community can return the favor by inspiring its residents to reinvigorate their belief in themselves, the goodness of other men, rekindle a positive spirit and reaffirm the true meanings of love.

Thanks Church Hill and Happy New Year to all.
John Johnson, President, CHA

TIMELY & NOTEWORTHY



NEW LIGHTS FOR CHIMBORAZO PLAYGROUND

After several years without lighting at the Chimborazo Playground, new lights were recently installed through the generosity of Custom Designed Controls, LLC, a Georgia based lighting design, manufacturing and contracting company. The offer to replace the lights was made by one of the company owners who lives in the Church Hill area. He kindly donated the company's time, labor and materials to rewire all the circuits and, once approval was received, eleven new lights were installed by mid-November. In addition, Custom Design Controls lowered one of the basketball backboards to its proper height and installed a new net on another backboard.

The installation was coordinated with and supported by the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF). They replaced two damaged poles and installed push-button switches for on-demand lighting of the basketball and petanque court areas. The new lights have immediately improved the safety of the playground and recreation area. On-demand light timers will allow for early evening activities to take place during the winter months until about 8:30 PM. There are two lighting circuits – one for the basketball courts and a second one for the petanque courts.

The offer to install the new lights was made to Bridgette Huff and Shawn Noroian, co-founders of the Friends of Chimborazo Playground, several months ago. PRCF approved the plan and the installation was completed just before Thanksgiving. This is the first step in the planned improvements to the Playground. Improving the playground's safety has been one of the Friends' and neighborhood residents' top priorities and with the new lights, the playground will be a much safer place.

The Boulefrogs of Church Hill petanque club is extremely happy with the lights and will be using the new system when they play Thursday evenings. Basketball players who like to brave the cold will be able to extend their playing time, as well.

On behalf of the Friends of Chimborazo Playground, The Boulefrogs of Church Hill and the neighbors of the Playground, many thanks to Custom Designed Controls and PRCF for their generous support of all who use the playground.

EDGAR ALLEN POE'S 200TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrate Edgar Allen Poe's 200th birthday on Monday, January 19, 2009 with a "Mournful Walk" and a few "Warming Hours" at the Poe Museum. The "Mournful Walk" begins at 6:45pm, at St. John's Cemetery, (2401 East Broad Street), at the grave of Eliza Poe and then to Elmira Shelton's House, (both locations will feature performances by Eliza and Elmira). Then the walk will continue down the hill for a view and history of the tragedy at the Monumental Church, pass the Craig House and finally arrive at the Poe Museum at 8:00pm. For those not up for the "Mournful Walk", they can go directly to the Poe Museum, door open at 7:45pm, for the museum portion of the program. Cost is but \$15 per person, which includes the costumed performances, a candle, museum entrance, a presentation of 'The Tell-Tale Heart', and coffee/tea/desserts at the Poe. There will be stronger spirits available at an optional cash bar that features a wine of Amontillado. Sponsors of the Poe 200th birthday event are: St. John's Church, the Church Hill Association, and the Poe Museum. For more information: contact Kappy at the Poe Museum at 804.648.5523 or info@poemuseum.org



SILVERSMITHS IN 19TH CENTURY CHURCH HILL

Ruth D. Hunter, 2507 East Grace Street

WILLIAM MITCHELL, JR. (1795-1852), a silversmith and prominent Richmonder, was born in Boston, the son of William Mitchell, Sr., a wholesale merchant, and Sara Corliss. On December 15, 1815, he became a member of the firm of commission merchants known as Wm. & C. H. Mitchell Co. in Richmond. He went into business for himself after 1818. He married Julia Ann Burham in 1824. MITCHELL WAS ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH on May 11, 1825 and served until 1828. Later, he was on the building committee of ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. On June 3, 1847, Mitchell helped purchase 42 acres of land for a rural cemetery...this was the beginning of HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY, where he is buried. His father, William Mitchell, Sr., is buried at ST. JOHN'S, his resting place alongside 25th Street.

Information Sources: Silversmiths of Virginia, George Cutten, 1952; Annals of Henrico Parish, Moore, 1904. An extensive display of silver by Mitchell, Johnson & Reat is in the silver gallery at the Virginia Historical Society.

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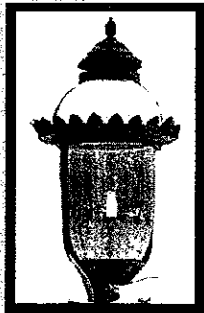
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Beth Sanett, Chair

Vespers/Candlelight Walk Committee

John Johnson, Chair

Matt Conrad, refreshments

Sarah Huddle, publicity for weekend

Minister Allen and staff, St. John's Church

Linda Napolitano, candle and song sheet distribution

John Murden, CHPN for ads on website

Mike McPeak, posting holiday activities on CHA website

Barbershop Quartet

Church Hill Ball Committee

Elizabeth Steen, Chair

Staples MacDonald and crew, bartenders, food service

Elizabeth Steen, Food/Supply setup/cleanup

Carolyn Worssam, Ball Decorations

Rick Jarvis, Food preparation and donated food items

Tim Honock, Set up

Mark Baush, Set up

Elle and Caroline Patterson, Set up

Diane Worthington, Set up

Keith Vincent, Tear down

David Ross, Tear down

Tim Wohlford

"Linens of the Week" Company, Linens for the ball

Church Hill House Tour Committee

Lisa Gouff, Co-Chair

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Carolyn Williamson, House Tour Tickets

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Brandy Holiday, Shuttle Van Driver

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THANKS TO THE HOME OWNERS FOR MAKING THE

Robert Baratta, owner



This is one of the oldest surviving examples of the brick Federal-style residential architecture in Richmond. It was first owned by Richard Adams and deeded to Samuel G. Adams in 1814.

316 North 27th Street

Vick Palmeria, owner



This home is an example of brick Victorian Italianate construction. Along with its twin, 318½ next door, it was built by Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Crump of 316 North 27th Street for their two daughters.

318 North 27th Street

Michela Worthington-Adams & Brian Adams, owners



This Queen Anne style home built was in 1888. It has recently been renovated while maintaining historic features such as its wide main staircase, original heart pine floors, unique moldings and operational pocket doors.

2604 EAST BROAD ST.

David Cooley & Jessica Jordan, owners



This home was bought and restored in 1999. It is a frame house that was originally built in 1860 as an investment property. It features a view of the river, a cozy kitchen, and a relaxing garden.

2910 LIBBY TERRACE

Susan White, owner



Like many of the houses along numbered streets in the Historic District, 206 N. 29th Street was home to many working people who were renters. The house was built in 1897, and is half of a double house.

206 NORTH 29TH ST.

Karen Kulinich, owner



Built in 1920 the house is reflective of the typical style of home built in northern Church Hill. Don't let the ordinary façade fool you.. this home has an exceptionally decorated interior.

719 NORTH 33RD ST.



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CHURCH HILL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR A SUCCESS!

Lou Gorre, owner



Eighteenth century historic house on East Marshall Street. Built over an old Adams family graveyard, this house has many ghostly stories to share when you decide to enter!

2310 E MARSHALL ST.

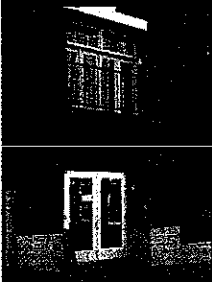
Ryan Maine, owner



Great, newly renovated two story house on the upcoming side of broad street. Brand new interior as well as a beautifully sculpted back yard with hand laid brick.

502 NORTH 33RD ST.

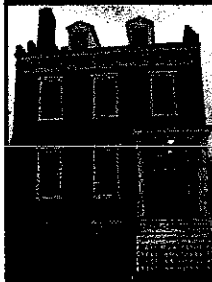
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Elmira Shelton House



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2407 EAST GRACE ST.

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

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Adam Campbell
Josh Cooley
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Karl Corely
Mary Corley
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Dave Sarrett
Amelia Cate Seibert
Carolyn Williamson

All the friends and family of the Home owners who volunteered as docents.



CHA GENERAL MEETING



PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2009 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Submitted by Pam Prescott, Secretary

CHA President John Johnson called the ad hoc general membership meeting to order at 7:09pm at St. John's Parish Hall

Announcements

John and the membership welcomed all the new members! Next general membership meeting will be January 20th, 2009.

Police/Crime Report was given by Lt. James Lanio. He told the membership that crimes are down with only one robbery since September. Everyone still needs to be alert and take care to remove anything valuable (GPS, etc) from view when locking your car. Any questions or concerns, please call Lt. Lanio at the First Precinct at 646-0572.

Thank you to Tony and Tracy Monteleone and their helpers for putting all the neighborhood decorations and holiday bows on the gas street lamps this year. Tony and Tracy do this task each year and we are very appreciative!

CAR made the decision to deny Oakwood Heights approval stopping the developers from moving forward. CAR felt the design did not compliment the existing homes in the area and the structure was too massive for the space.

Business

CHA Treasurer John Whitworth presented the 2009 Budget to the membership. Displaying the budget on the projector, he fielded questions and explained each line of the proposed budget. The budget was voted upon and approved by the membership. Thank you, John for all your hard work!

Committee Reports

Holiday: Beth Sarrett spoke about the upcoming Church Hill Holiday Weekend---Vespers, Ball and House Tours. There have been several promotions touting our weekend events like an advertisement in Style. Many neighborhood restaurants are having special promotions on the night of the Ball including Sette, The Hill Café, Hard Shell and Europa. Poe's Pub will be serving breakfast on

Sunday morning.

Membership: The Membership party on November 18 went splendidly with over 100 people attending at the 2300 Club. Lots of members chose this time to renew their 2009 memberships and purchase Ball tickets. Lots of the new CHA green totes were handed out. Anyone interested in chairing this committee, please see any Board member.

New Business

Union Hill is seeking historic neighborhood designation and CAR voted to continue the process in becoming an Old and Historic District. Although much more work needs to be done to realize this goal, congratulations on all your hard work so far!

The possibility of a new CHA membership directory was discussed with John Johnson outlining three proposals to the membership. They include: we provide no new directory, we ourselves do the work on the making a new directory, or we hire someone to complete the directory. We will discuss this further at the January 20th membership meeting.

The Board has recommended setting up a Capital Expenditure Committee. This committee would review ideas submitted on desired projects that members would like to see in our community. The form will be in the newsletter. Nominations will be taken and a presentation to the membership for a vote is necessary. The funding would extend over a three year period. Any questions, please see any Board member.

Kristen Hughes of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation spoke about the upcoming Virginia's 2009 Rally for Clean Water. Virginia has made significant progress in recent years to reduce pollution from wastewater treatment plants. We must continue that progress by reducing runoff pollution. To demonstrate public support for clean water, concerned citizens, organization and businesses will converge on the Capital Law January 26, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to ensure our legislators continue to make clear water a priority for the Commonwealth. Please get in touch with Kristen at khughes@cbf.org with any questions.

Presentations

Mr. Paul Kreckman made a presentation on the proposed

CHA GENERAL MEETING



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES CONT...

ballpark in Shockoe Bottom (see his Letter to the Editor). This presentation was for informational purposes only with no vote being taken. The City of Richmond has selected Highwoods Properties as the master developer. Highwoods Properties wishes to transform a portion of Shockoe Bottom into Shockoe Center, a \$363 million transit-oriented, mixed use town center. This Center will include a 6,500 baseball stadium with the extension of the 17th Street Farmers' Market as main promenade into ballpark including open air pavilion, Shockoe Square entertainment area, and an 'entertainment alley' between the ballpark and existing nearby businesses. While there were many opinions pro and con to this proposal, it is our duty to get all the facts to make an informed decision on the proposal. There will be an open discussion on this matter during our next membership meeting on January

20, 2009.

Highwoods Properties suggested a single liaison or a liaison committee to work together to resolve issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



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- 19TH LEE / JACKSON / KING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

FEBRUARY

- 16TH PRESIDENTS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
- 24TH SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, 5:30 P.M.
- 25TH ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES, 12:15 & 7:00 P.M.

Patrick Henry Committee Events

For more information, please call our Visitor Center at 804-648-5015

Liberty Lecture Series

Please join the St. John's Church Foundation and the Valentine Richmond History Center on Wednesday, March 4 at 11:00 a.m. for the Spring Liberty Lecture. Optional lunch in the Parish Hall to follow. Please call 804-649-0711 for more information.

March 22, 2009 Anniversary Reenactment

The Patrick Henry Committee invites you to join us for historical reenactments of the Second Virginia Convention of March 1775. In the presence of Washington, Jefferson and other notable Virginians, Patrick Henry delivered his passionate call for liberty, uttering the immortal words "give me liberty or give me death!"

- 1:00 P.m. Free tickets are distributed at the front door.
- 1:30 P.m. Patriotic music program
- 2:00 P.m. Reenactment program begins.

Guided Tours: 10:00-4:00 Monday thru Saturday, 1:00-4:00 Sunday

Visit our gift shop for a unique assortment of historical mementos and gift items. Pick up your copy of *Liberty or Death*, an educational PBS program with Pulitzer Prize-winning historians discussing the events in Virginia that led to the American Revolution and a reenactment of Patrick Henry's famous speech.

CHA MEMBERSHIP



2009 CHA MEMBERSHIP

Following the Annual Membership Party at the 2300 Club on November 18 where 61 members joined or renewed their membership for 2009, there are 185 members of the Church Hill Association for 2009. 2008 memberships expire December 31, so if you have yet to renew or join the Association for 2009, it is time. There are many issues that will impact our Church Hill neighborhood in 2009 and the Association is committed to keeping you informed and providing you with opportunities to hear from the folks who are directly involved. Your memberships also help make The Holiday Ball and House Tour events possible every year. The membership card that you will receive provides you with discounts at local restaurants and businesses that you will not want to miss. Of course there will be the neighborhood picnics this summer and lots of other opportunities for you to participate in the life of this active and vibrant community. The Church Hill Association remains fully committed to the quality of life on Church Hill - join us!

The 2009 Church Hill Association Membership as of November 19, 2008:

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Adams, Blaise
Anderson-Ellis, Eugenia
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P.O. BOX 8031 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23223

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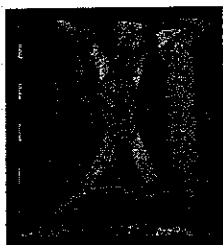


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Christmas 2008

Another "Friend Raising" letter from the FRC.

Before entering the Pathways to Tomorrow Family Self-Sufficiency Program at the Family Resource Center Sharon never thought she'd have a job working in an office. But now, dressed in scrubs, answering phones and making copies for a medical practice, she is brimming with excitement—she called and told us so. Life had not been easy for Sharon. She had a felony conviction, no high school diploma and four kids. A month ago she was just hoping for a fast food job. Now she's on her way with a job, GED classes and ongoing supportive services. We lent a hand to Sharon, but imagine what this did for her children.

Pathways to Tomorrow Program at the Family Resource Center is designed to assist adults in achieving economic self sufficiency by providing:

- Financial Literacy Training
- Life Coaching from a trained volunteer mentor
- Dress for Success through donations to the FRC Clothes Closet
- Access to Comprehensive Family Needs Assessment
- Comprehensive Community Care, a program of the East End Partnership with Families (A Partnership between FRC, Child Savers, Challenge Discovery, Capital Area Health Network, Richmond Healthy Families, and VCU).
- Intensive case management and referrals to other resources and support services

18 participants and 17 life coaches are currently enrolled in the program.

The program has been funded by the Community Foundation over the past two years. Collaborative partners include: NIA Inc.; Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority; small businesses; TDC Culture of Work Program; and New Visions, New Ventures.

Larry Ochs
Board Vice Chair
Family Resource Center

ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING



PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2009 CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Church Hill Zoning Committee met in the Nolde Bakery Building conference room. In attendance were Beth Sarrett, Susan Nolan, Martha Broughton, and Charlotte Kerr from the committee, and visitor, John Sydnor. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by chairperson, Beth Sarrett.

1. There was not a quorum present to approve the October 27th minutes. Beth Sarrett will email them to the members for their approval.
2. John Sydnor presented an overview of the situation concerning the ice cream shop and eatery located in his building at 2503/2505 East Broad Street and asked for our input and suggestions for bringing some closure to the issue. Mr. Sydnor rents the ice cream parlor space in his building to Stanislaus Johnson. The building was restored according to historic specifications in order to obtain the tax credits available, with Mr. Sydnor using Mimi Sadler as a tax credit consultant on the project.

The historic status requires that the ceiling not be dropped to accommodate full fire regulated protection, and as such cannot house a restaurant. The existing ice cream parlor/eatery is not a restaurant and was not leased as such.

The City of Richmond has presented several changes in parking requirements for the eatery, according to the number of seats existing in the space. At present the requirement is for eight spaces, which Mr. Sydnor and Mrs. Johnson have put together. In spite of this, the city recently sent Mrs. Johnson a cease and desist order for the restaurant, effectively closing it down. Mrs. Johnson spoke with her connections in city government to try and solve this problem, and she did subsequently receive a call notifying her that the letter is null and void and she can ignore it. Brooke Hardin on the City Planning Commission is working on the proposed changes in the zoning for the area, as well as a new parking overlay.

Mr. Sydnor will attend the December 2nd Church Hill Association Membership Meeting to briefly present the case. He will ask Ms. Johnson to attend with him, also. He would like a letter of support for the ice cream parlor/eatery, which can be requested of the full

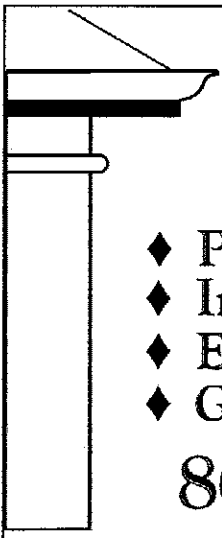
CHA membership at the January 20th meeting.

Martha Broughton asked for more definite information on what constitutes an eatery vs. a restaurant. Beth Sarrett will research this and arrange for info to be shared with committee members by Tarisa Griffith from the city's Zoning Department at the January 19th Zoning Committee meeting.

John Sydnor expressed interest in joining the zoning committee as a member. He has a master's degree in urban planning and is a property owner in Church Hill. He needs to verify his membership in the Church Hill Association, prior to a recommendation being made to the Board by the Zoning Committee.

3. There were no pertinent liaison updates to be presented to the committee at this meeting.
4. There was no representative from the Rezoning Sub-committee to address its recommendations re: proposed city zoning changes relative to the St. John's and north of Broad O & H Districts. The sub-committee will provide this to the Board, which will then be presented for a Membership vote at the January 20th Membership meeting.
5. There being no new business presented by the members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Kerr, Secretary



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Church Hill Association

Calendar Year 2008 Budget & Actuals Accruals Basis - Preliminary as of 12/29/08

REVENUES (NET)	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Cash+ Accrual 2008
Holiday Festival													
Sales	18,000.00												13,789.00
Expenses	(12,000.00)				(26.94)					(355.79)	(1,109.41)	(9,689.18)	(13,191.32)
Net Holiday Festival	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(26.94)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(355.79)	365.59	2,624.82	597.68
Holiday Costs paid from 2007	0.00	(787.87)	(132.30)										(920.17)
Newsletter													
Revenue - Ads + 2000 Club	8,770.00	1,365.00	250.00		421.00	1,843.50	499.00	835.00	861.00	988.00	253.00	1,436.00	9,034.50
Expense - Printing	(9,000.00)	(612.85)	(997.50)		(950.00)	(875.00)	(900.00)	(900.00)	(1,825.00)	(950.00)	(875.00)	0.00	(10,701.50)
Net Newsletter Revenue	(230.00)	(249.85)	(747.50)	0.00	(529.00)	968.50	(301.00)	(65.00)	(964.00)	18.00	(622.00)	1,436.00	(1,667.10)
Membership - Annual Fees	6,000.00	480.00	500.00	300.00	40.00	40.00	480.00	180.00	860.00	320.00	1,480.00	860.00	5,760.00
- Purchase Church Hill Bags									(963.69)				(963.69)
- Sale of Church Hill Bags									8.00	8.00			16.00
Planters Society Funds Raised													
Funds Deposited	300.00	430.00			108.00			203.00		50.00			791.00
Expenses Paid	(300.00)	(250.03)			(176.32)					(250.00)			(676.35)
Balance Available	0.00	179.97	0.00	0.00	(68.32)	0.00	0.00	203.00	203.00	(200.00)	0.00	0.00	114.65
Donations/Grants Received													
High on the Hog	0.00												0.00
St. Patricks Church	1,000.00											500.00	1,500.00
Net D/G Revenue	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1,500.00
Community Events													
Italian Festival - Revenue	0.00												0.00
Italian Festival - Expenses	0.00												0.00
Net Italian Festival Revenue	0.00												0.00
Irish Festival - Revenue	0.00												0.00
Irish Festival - Expenses	0.00												(19.74)
Net Irish Festival Revenue	0.00												(19.74)
Interest Earned	0.00	143.77	73.21	68.89	146.24	73.84	124.14	27.84	28.83	44.05	25.48	21.74	803.50
TOTAL REVENUE	33,770.00	2,416.77	1,718.21	818.89	426.50	602.84	2,007.64	946.84	1,023.83	1,390.05	3,233.48	15,131.74	31,678.00

EXPENSES	Budget CY 2008	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Activity To Date
Operating Expenses														
Meetings/Membership	(2,870.00)											(3,144.20)		(3,144.20)
New Member Social	(500.00)													0.00
Welcome Packets	(500.00)								(190.94)	(92.38)		(274.63)	(190.94)	(748.89)
Picnics	(400.00)								(63.45)					(63.45)
Union Hill "On the Night"	0.00										(190.00)			(190.00)
Meeting - School Board Forum	(1,200.00)													(1,265.00)
Insurance	(300.00)			(740.00)					(48.00)		(18.63)			(66.63)
Supplies (Stamps/Envelop/Misc)	(300.00)							(27.00)		(86.00)				(81.00)
Post Office Box	(200.00)													(86.00)
Website	(200.00)													0.00
Financial Review/IRS Filings (990)	(400.00)						(117.90)							(117.90)
Contingency	(400.00)	0.00	0.00	(740.00)	0.00	0.00	(117.90)	(27.00)	(302.39)	(178.38)	(208.63)	(3,418.83)	(769.94)	(5,763.07)
Total Operating Expenses	(6,470.00)	0.00	0.00	(740.00)	0.00	0.00	(117.90)	(27.00)	(302.39)	(178.38)	(208.63)	(3,418.83)	(769.94)	(11,770.00)
Donation and Project Expenses														
Reed's Square Maintenance	(400.00)					(400.00)								(400.00)
Crime Watch	(1,000.00)												(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Alley Rally (two)	(200.00)	(370.00)												(370.00)
North District Initiative	0.00													0.00
Block Captain	(100.00)	(370.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(400.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	0.00
Sub-Total	(1,700.00)	(370.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(400.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	(1,770.00)
Education														
Donation: Bellevue	(500.00)												(500.00)	(500.00)
Donation: Chimbrazo	(500.00)												(500.00)	(500.00)
Donation: CHAT	(500.00)												(500.00)	(500.00)
Donation: Richmond Public Library	0.00												(250.00)	(250.00)
Donation: Memorial Child Guidance Clinic	(500.00)												(500.00)	(500.00)
Sub-Total Education Expense	(2,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,250.00)	(2,250.00)
Preservation														
Donation: ACORN	(300.00)												(300.00)	(300.00)
Sub-Total Preservation Expense	(300.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(300.00)	(300.00)
Community Relations														
Donation: Richmond Hill	(300.00)												(300.00)	(300.00)
Donation: Planters Society	(1,500.00)								(500.00)				(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)
Donation: Church Hill Dog Park	0.00													(500.00)
East Dist. Family Resource Center	0.00										(500.00)			(500.00)
Donation: Undeclared	(500.00)													0.00
Sub-Total Cmty Relations Expense	(2,300.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(500.00)	0.00	(500.00)	0.00	(1,800.00)	(2,800.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(33,770.00)	(4,030.75)	(2,048.55)	(1,737.50)	0.00	(1,553.26)	(992.90)	(827.00)	(1,702.39)	(2,967.07)	(2,264.42)	(5,403.24)	(15,809.12)	(37,472.08)
Capital Budget														
Tables, folding chairs, fundraising items	(700.00)													(258.16)
NET CASH FLOW	(700.00)	(1,613.98)	(330.34)	(918.61)	168.34	(950.42)	1,014.74	119.84	(678.56)	(1,009.60)	(874.37)	(2,169.76)	(677.38)	(7,920.10)
Beginning Balance all accounts	48,054.35													
Bank Statements - End of Month		47,440.37	47,110.03	46,191.42	46,359.76	45,409.34	46,424.08	46,543.92	45,865.36	44,855.76	43,881.39	41,811.63	41,134.25	
Change in Cash		(1,613.98)	(330.34)	(918.61)	168.34	(950.42)	1,014.74	119.84	(678.56)	(1,009.60)	(874.37)	(2,169.76)	(677.38)	(7,920.10)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear CHA members,

On behalf of Highwoods Properties and our entire development team I want to express our appreciation for your invitation to present our vision for Shockoe Center to the Church Hill Association at your membership meeting on December 2.

This presentation was the second, after the Shockoe Bottom Neighborhood Association the previous week, in a series of "community conversations" we are going to have about what Shockoe Bottom deserves to be. This presentation and others in the future are important to us because you live right above Shockoe Bottom.

Most of you have made significant investments in your home here in Church Hill. Let me assure you that we would not be part of any development in Shockoe Bottom if we thought it would be harmful to your neighborhood. We are convinced our proposal will be good for your neighborhood and property values, while also being good for your neighbors in Shockoe Bottom.

Shockoe Center is an economic development proposal with an ambitious agenda. We want to capitalize on its location between Capitol Hill and Church Hill to create a Transit-Oriented Development, or TOD, of mixed urban uses to capitalize on Main Street Station. It's a town center-style development, which means a place where you can *live, work and shop*. To that we would add: *And play*.

One of our City's oldest neighborhoods, Shockoe Bottom has a rich cultural and historic heritage that more people need to know about. We want to facilitate that. And, we see the opportunity to transform surface parking lots in an area of bars and clubs that appeal mainly to 20-somethings into a broader family entertainment district. A minor league ballpark is central to that objective.

Many of you opposed a previous development that included a baseball stadium in the Bottom. We have gone to school on your comments then. We hope that you will see that we learned from them. Indeed, in talking with people from Church Hill, many of you tell us that you like the vision we have proposed, but remain opposed to a ballpark because of concerns about traffic and parking, about lights and noise. Personally, I have lived for more than 30 years within two blocks of VCU's campus. Believe me when I tell you I understand your concerns.

We are *not* proposing to re-build The Diamond. It is a 20th century stadium. This ballpark will be about half its size, situated largely 20-feet *below* sidewalk level, behind buildings of at least four stories, and similar to 30-plus successful minor league ballparks built since the early 1990s. Ours will be a uniquely Richmond ballpark that fits into its historic setting, but it will be thoroughly modern in how fans park, get to it, and enjoy themselves. And, in its directional lighting and digital sound systems.

We are completing the myriad of details that go into a project of this scale. As we refine our plans, they are changing in many small improvements. We hope to have another opportunity early next year to come back to the CHA and provide the details of our vision. We value your input because we want to support our approach to realizing the rich potential of Shockoe Bottom, which we feel will also benefit Church Hill.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Kreckman
Vice President
Highwoods Properties

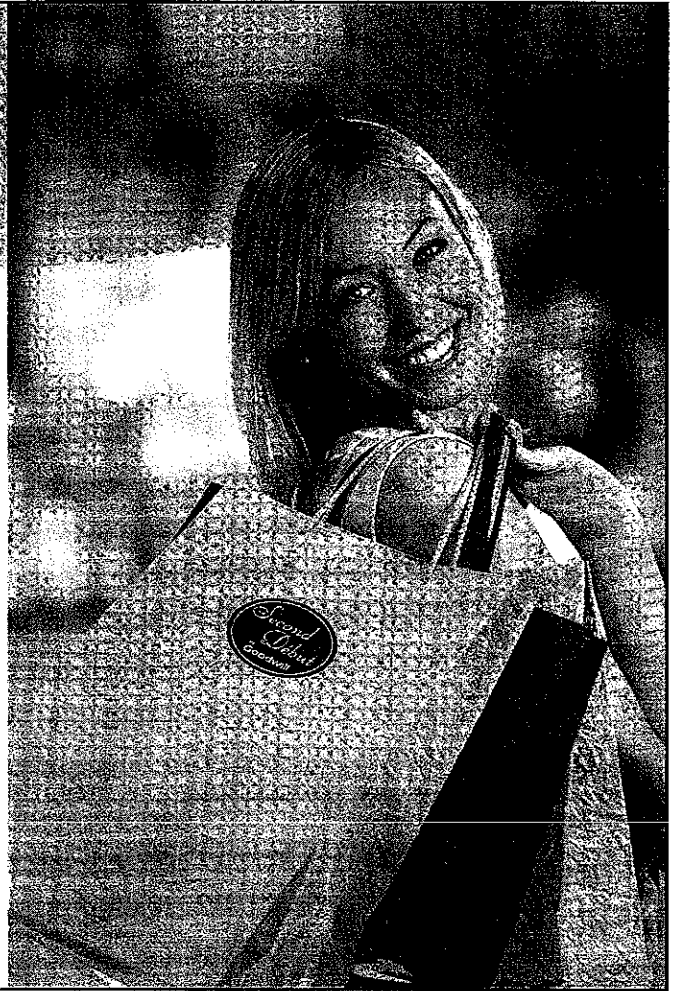
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