

Minutes:

Historic Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee

Meeting: - March 15, 2018, 5th Floor Conference Room – City Hall – Richmond, VA

Greg Velzy – Chair Presiding

Call to Order: 12:06 PM

Minutes - February 15, 2018 minutes – approved as amended.

Attending: Greg Velzy, Tricia Pearsall, John Moeser, John Thompson, Justin Doyle, Jim Hill

Current Issues:

- **Riverfront Development Plan:**
 - **Downriver Updates – Main Street Work and Dock Street Repurposing:** Justin Doyle relayed that in the new City Budget for 2018-2019, there were two appropriations for Riverfront Development: one an amount of \$484,000 for the Intermediate Terminal area which will provide for construction documents and the second (Missing Link Phase below).
Justin suggested that he had no firm date when the construction fence at the Terminal Site might come down.
He also added that he had heard rumor that the Intermediate Terminal Building did not suit Stone's needs for the Beer Garden Restaurant. Justin added that Mark Olinger had not seen a plan from Stone regarding the site. (and indeed in the Richmond Times Dispatch on Friday, an article said that Stone was requesting permission to tear the current building down.
 - **Missing Link Phase** – \$200,000 for a feasibility study for the Missing Link Trail.
 - **JRA Support Letter** for the RVA Budget as proposed: Justin announced that JRA was looking for sign-ons in support of a letter to City Council in support of the proposed Capital City Improvement Plan FY 2019 – 2023 to retain the \$484,00 and \$200,00 allotments at a minimum. There was a motion and second to add the Falls Committee as a signatory. Approved.
 - **Potterfield Bridge: Stolen LED Lights:** Replacements will come out of JRP budget. They have also been charged with the electric bill without being given extra funding.

- **Joint meeting with representatives of State Scenic River Advisory Committees** – March 27, 2018 in Culpepper, VA: Justin Doyle and John Heerwald: Justin said that he and John would be driving up with Lynn Crump.

- **Enrichmond – Vauxhall Island** - Cede to City of Richmond Update – No one has heard anything. Greg V suggested that he would try to reach out to John Sydnor of EnRichmond and see if he can find out the status.

- **Venture Richmond Canal Committee Plans** – Update – nothing from Alex. Greg said he would reach out to Alex.

New Business:

- **Falls of the James on Social Media:** Anne Wright is working on this. Looking for appropriate photographs.

- **Extend Scenic River Designation on the James River from the western tip of Williams Island to Boshers**

Dam and perhaps even west to Robious Landing: Goals for 50th Anniversary: There was much discussion regarding this designation push, and John Moeser agreed to reach out to the Henrico County Manager, John Vitoulkas in the form of a letter to get the ball rolling.

Reports:

James River Park System – Nathan Burrell – not present.

JRA - Justin Doyle: Riverfront Plan Advocacy. Fish Migration Day at Boshers' Dam on April 21, 2018. Ours of the fish ladder and screening of the film: Dam Nation

JRAC - Stewards of the River Awards nominations have been extended until March 23rd. July 21st is the date of the rescheduled Christmas Boat Parade

JROC - Cleanup around old Westham Bridge site at Huguenot Flatwater including new bridge and stone steps. Gear Swap in conjunction with Earth Day – April 21, 2018 at the Manchester side of the 14th Street Bridge.

FoJRP - Pledges to JRP Masterplan: \$50,000 from FoJRP. \$20,000 from The Community Foundation

CRLC – Jane Myers - nothing

Open Discussion: None

Meeting Adjourned: 12:55 pm

******Next Public Meeting: - April 19, 2018******

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