

# Historic Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 12:00 pm

## Meeting Minutes

**Committee members in attendance:** Alex Dahm, Justin Doyle, John Heerwald, John Moeser, Leighton Powell, John Thompson, Greg Velzy

**Guests in attendance:** Shawna Shade, Friends of the James River Park

### Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve meeting minutes from the August 16, 2018, was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Scenic River Designation Extension

John Moeser reported Lynn Crump educated local government staff members about the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program at the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission. John suggested an upcoming meeting of regional county managers is an opportunity to discuss the extension of the existing scenic river designation. John will confirm the scenic river designation extension is on the agenda. John offered to attend the meeting on the committee's behalf. Greg Velzy identified John Thompson and Justin Doyle as alternates.

### Richmond Riverfront Plan Update

Justin Doyle recently spoke to Mark Olinger, the City of Richmond's Director of Planning and Development Review, and reported survey work for the Missing Link project is underway and Hargreaves Associates will conduct conceptual planning for the project. Survey work needs to be conducted at Lehigh. Design development and construction funds are needed. Justin reported the Intermediate Terminal Dock area recently reopened after being closed for improvements.

No updates regarding Intermediate Terminal Warehouse No. 3 were shared by committee members. Leighton Powell volunteered to draft a letter to Mayor Stoney supporting the preservation of the warehouse.

Greg reported lights on the T. Tyler Potterfield Memorial Bridge may be out. Lights associated with Festival of the River will be removed soon.

### Canal Walk

Alex Dahm reported Venture Richmond is working on wayfinding signage for the Canal Walk. He also reported a new section of the Canal Walk will be constructed along the north side of the Haxall Canal between Casa Del Barco and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

### **New Trail Connection Along James River & Kanawha Canal**

Greg reported plans for a new trail connection between Maymont and Texas Beach on city-owned property along the James River & Kanawha Canal

### **James River Park System Updates**

Greg reported a reorganization of the Richmond's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities is underway. Michael Burton is the interim Superintendent of the James River Park System and a search for a new superintendent is forthcoming. Leighton will inquire about the job description at the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board meeting. John Moeser and Greg Velzy are representing the Historic Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee on the advisory committee for the James River Park System master plan.

### **Vauxhall Island**

No updates regarding Vauxhall Island were shared by committee members.

### **Sharp's Island**

Sharp's Island was recently purchased by Andy Thompson.

### **Social Media**

Anne Wright is coordinating the Historic Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee's Facebook page.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program**

John Heerwald did not have an update to share with the committee.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 12:00 pm

Submitted by Justin Doyle