

WAIA Fall Membership Meeting -- September 27, 2004

Minutes

- Mayor D. Walton welcomes membership and introduces new neighbors Marty McCann, Melissa Wilkes, and Shannon McGraw.
- Remarks from Tom Benedetti, candidate for City Council. If elected, Mr. Benedetti will focus on four areas: crime; education; integrity; and government efficiency.

New Business

- Minutes from Spring Meeting are proposed by Mayor, approved by membership, and recorded.
- Treasurer's Report by Bernard Hebert. WAIA current balance is \$3,547.51.
- George Longest provides report entitled "Pomander's Walk: A Report to the WAIA" regarding WAIA archiving project. Report is attached hereto.
- Historic Monument and Fan District Foundation make presentation regarding initiative to place new street signs throughout Fan District. Presenters ask for WAIA endorsement of initiative. Motion from Jean Longest to endorse initiative. Motion seconded and passed with all in favor, none opposed.
- Margaret Morse reports that Lutheran Church Food for Homeless Project needs volunteers. Those interested should see Ms. Morse for details.

New Business

- Mayor Walton reports that new WAIA welcome packets and directories are complete. Members who need either should see WAIA Officers for details.
- By-Laws Committee update from Bernard Hebert. Mr. Hebert estimates that By-Laws draft is one month from completion. Mr. Hebert also reports that, pursuant to the By-Laws Committee charge from former Mayor Tray Adams, it will be up to Board of Directors as to whether draft is forwarded to entire membership.
- Parking Committee report is provided by Wheeler Wood. Mr. Wood reports that Lanier Parking may get new parking enforcement contract from city. Lanier's goal will be to make rounds of parking area every 45 minutes. The telephone number for Lanier Parking is 225-PARK (7275).
- VCU Relations Committee report is provided by Bill Creekmur. Mr. Creekmur reports that VCU is considering plans for how it will utilize Raleigh Building on the corner of Franklin Street and Harrison Street. While VCU currently has no plan for future use of

the building, Mr. Creekmur recommends that WAIA stay on top of potential uses that may be detrimental to neighborhood. Mr. Creekmur also reports that a proposal has been made to allow area residents to use selected VCU parking garages. There is no news on whether this proposal will pass.

- Farhad Aghdami provides report on recent VCU fraternity party stabbing that occurred outside of the Aghdami residence. No status is known on injured student or on subsequent police follow-up. Mayor Walton reminds members to call VCU police when an issue regarding VCU students arises.
- Mayor Walton calls for any other business. No additional business is brought. Mayor Walton adjourns meeting.