

**West Avenue Improvement Association  
Spring Member Meeting  
Monday, April 13, 2009**

- **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Suskind and the minutes from the Fall meeting were approved.
- **W.A.I.A. Treasurer Earle Morrison presented a report on the General Fund, Stuart Circle Fund, Tree Box Fund, and Security Fund; totaling \$5,082.99 in aggregate.**
- **The Mayor welcomed and recognized Richmond Police Lt. Edward Capriglione for a Neighborhood Crime review. Lt. Capriglione discussed major crime was near zero; while there were reductions in break-ins, burglary, and robberies in sector 313. Note was made that graffiti seemed to be down as one suspect had been arrested in the area. Paul Kreckman discussed having a frustrating experience with trying to place a Police report and having to wait for call backs from officers. Discussions continued with regard to Club 534 and the difficulty in shutting the Club down. The non-emergency number for City Police is 646-5100.**
- **The Mayor recognized Ed White who reviewed the nomination process for officers of the W.A.I.A. Nominations were drafted by former mayors, current officers, and an “at large call”. The nomination slate was proposed as: Marty Martin – Mayor, Robert Smith – Vice Mayor, Earle Morrison – Treasurer, and Dan Snyder – Secretary. The nomination proposal was seconded, and subsequently voted into office.**
- **General Meeting:**
  - **Marty reported on the Garden Tour, reviewing agenda, alley clean-up, and hot dog party. Mimi Herrington and Dave Johnson were hosting the party.**
  - **Thea gave a report on the schedule for events the day of the tour. Judges for the event were coordinated by Maggie Morris. Congratulations were given on the new Garden Tour poster.**
  - **Call for New Business: Liz Fessenden discussed letter to VCU on community affairs. Linn Kreckman noted that Binford School was having a craft fair on April 25th. Question was raised about what percentage of homes in the W.A.I.A. neighborhood were members of the association. Marty noted that his intent was to get more of the old members rejoined with the association. Linn Kreckman asked that the Gazette make note of having people park better on West Ave.**
  - **Call for adjournment. So moved.**