

IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOC.

MEETING

June 23, 2009

A meeting of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce/Village Improvement Association was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at The Tides, Irvington, VA.

Those in attendance were: Larry and Jill Worth, Kathleen and John Pollard, Ann and Jeff Arnold, Liliane and Mike Merrill, Roberta Peek, Mary Ellen Tetrick, Fran and Dr. Bob Westbrook, Skip Ferguson, Bob Hardesty, Kate and David Raffetto, Denise Robertson, Michelle Lybarger, Susan and Gene Edmonds, Dermot McNulty, Toni Eunice and Marybeth Sisson. (That's 23 of us! Can you believe it? Where else in the world would you get 23 people coming to a meeting to volunteer to do something? And Paula would have made 24 if she could have.)

Larry Worth called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Minutes: The May, 2009, minutes were approved as corrected (Mike Merrill HAD been at the meeting and the web site I had in the minutes was wrong, it no longer exists but if you tried to get to it, I'm sorry.) The new web site is www.irvingtonva.org.

Treasurer's report: Michelle gave the treasurer's report: The balance on hand as of May 26, 2009, was \$16,028.20. We had deposits of \$4,515.00 and disbursements of \$1,379.87. The Balance as of June 23, 2009, was \$19,163.33. There will be only a few more vendor fees for 2009. Michelle announced that the VIA had received a donation of \$100.00 from the Tottos. (I'll write them a thank you letter.) The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Farmers' Market: Liliane provided the flyers to be posted. The July 4 market is packed. Jill had arranged for 2 ads for the Rappahannock Record and Gene asked that she send them to him for the website. We discussed links to the web site and decided to think about the possibilities for discussion at the next meeting. The Farmers' Market is such a smooth running function under Lilian's capable direction, that we just about say, "OK, you each know who you are and where you go and what you do when you get there, -just go." Thank you Liliane, and everybody, such a team!

Concerts: Mary Ellen says the Air Force Band concert is on track (see above paragraph). Mary Ellen needs the big coolers. The band is coming at 2:45 for set up. They will need water then. The guys will set up. RWC loved their place last year, they're bringing two busses. Extra porta potties have been ordered.

Beautification: Susan announced that a work group was meeting on Thursday to weed at the commons. Carol Goss and Ann Cheek have worked on the triangle and are anxious to help weed. Susan says to deadhead as you water. Susan would still like to have a wine and walking tour around the plantings. Susan has spent \$402.36 of the money she was given for plants.

Old Business:

There will be one more meeting with Randall Kipp about the shed. The tree removal associated with the shed placement is on the Town Council agenda.

Larry and Michelle have not met on the preparation of the budget.

Other Items and new business:

Segregation of Town contributed funds: Larry proposed that we segregate any money we receive from the Town for any reason. Larry wanted to know when we had started to receive money from the Town for the VIA. Kathleen said that it should be in the Town minutes. The town does give us money towards the food for the Air Force Band. The Town gave us money (up to \$35,000) for the shed. In both the case of the food and the shed, we are acting as the agent of the Town, they are not actually giving the VIA money. Larry's suggestion was approved. The group also decided not to take any money from the town except when we are acting as their agent.

Bike Trail: Gene suggested that we use some of our money to stimulate a bike trail in Irvington along Route 200 on land that Ann and David Cheek have offered to allow to be used for a bike trail. Gene suggested that we give \$10,000.00, collect donations up to \$5,000.00 and then apply for a matching grant. The trail being proposed would be between Northern Neck Insurance and Old Mill Cove Road on land which is in the McGinnis trust. Fran suggested that we consider naming our trail after Carter LaPrade, who was killed while riding his bike on Route 200. Kathleen explained the already ongoing project to use grant money to build a bike trail from the middle school to the "Y."

Screening the trash cans: John showed us plans he and his brother had developed for a mobile screen for the trash cans. John will bring a cost estimate to the next meeting.

Paula and Jill are working on developing a suite of items for the VIA recognition. Letterhead, type face, a color, and other documentation aids which will be recognizable as VIA.

Gene suggested that we consider paying for stone to smooth off the area by the Gaskins' new dock (which allows for public access to Carter's Creek). David suggested that we check our charter to see if we can spend our money on private property or commercial land.

Fran and Dr. Bob thanked the group for the plant we gave them in memory of Bob's Mother.

Bob Hardesty reminded us of the parade and said all volunteers are welcome.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at the Tides.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marybeth Sisson, Secretary