Woodland Heights Civic Association
April Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9th, 2026
Location: Woodland Heights Baptist Church (611 W. 31st St)

Meeting called to order by President Cezar Carvalhaes.
The quorum was confirmed and Cezar presented a meeting agenda overview and a request for concerns, revisions to the agenda of which there were none.

Treasurer's report:

- Balance $8,898,78.
- Expected expenses include approximately $400.00 - $600.00 for the end of the summer picnic on Sept. 26 and the holiday event, cost unknown at this time (possibly $700.00)

Vice president Teresa Hermann membership report

- 106 households including one new member

Fonticello food forest report Erin Lunsford

- Fund raiser and raising awareness of food insecurity.
- Fonticello food forest feeds 200 families per week, free farm stand,
- RVA fridge are part of the effort
- She spoke about an afternoon of music to raise funds to expand the work of the Food forest. Other aspects of Fonticello park include wetlands restoration and getting more native plants in the park. Also looking for help for various activities in the park. erinlundsfordmusic@gmail.com

The bylaws committee update

- Emily McMillen and Josh Green presented all the revisions to the WHCA bylaws which were voted on by the membership.
- All the changes presented were approved by voice vote. This was the 1st update to the bylaws since 2016.
- The revised bylaws are available on the WH webpage.

Holiday gathering report

- Last year at Fonticello Park with train, hot cocoa, freezing cold weather.
- This year's focus is caroling, cocoa, and the train
- The city gave use of the park for free last year.
- Total possible cost for this year is $1097.35, but if the city waives the park fee it will be less.
- The biggest expense is renting the train. The expense was approved by the membership, Date for the event is Dec. 14, 2026.
- There was also a request for help organizing the event.

Other Business

- One more day to vote for merch.
- Also historical plaques are now available for purchase on the website, for $275.00.
- A question was asked about the history of the plaques and Cezar said it is because in 2009 a committee got WH designated as an historic neighborhood and these plaques commemorate that fact.

End of summer picnic

- set for Sept.26 , 2-5 P.M., at the edge of Forest Hill Park fronting the 900 block of W. 32nd Street.
- The event is free and open to all.

Code Refresh Draft 3

- Kevin Vonck from the Richmond City Development and Planning Department spoke concerning code refresh, part of the Richmond 300 plan.
- He spoke about residential areas and regulations regarding AUDs. Square footage and code updates.
- Traffic issues were also mentioned.
- He also fielded questions from the membership.

Friends of Fonticello Park

- Carl said they are looking for new members and information is available on their website: https://fonticelloparkrva.com/

City Council 5th District

- Amy Robins from the office of Stephanie Lynch offered updates on City Council including town hall meeting on Sept. 17, bulk trash pickup on Sept. 25, and a recycling event at the old Diamond on Robin Hood Road.
- The vote on Nov. 3 to increase sales tax will benefit Richmond schools in need of repairs, of which there are many

Community

- Emily McMillen promoted the Southside Spooky Bike ride on Qct. 23, the Spooky Heights run and the Southside Spooky map, all of which information can be found on the WHCA website.

The next WHCA is slated for Nov. 11 at Woodland Heights Baptist Church