



## **JVCA Board Minutes**

**Meeting date: July 21, 2020**

**Attendees:** Stiven Foster, Devin Pharr, Kelly Connolly, John Bator, Jeremy Lowry, Crystal Street

**Guests:** Laura Tapper, Rodney Williams

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- BB&T Current balance is \$ 1299.60
- Since June 2020:
  - 2 transactions for monthly zoom subscription
- Discussed the need to get a zoom/google membership for the year since we will most likely be remote

### **Membership Report:**

- Numerous memberships expiring in August

### **Discussion on Racial Justice:**

- We would like to schedule a second conversation on race with the topic being "How to talk to kids about Race"
  - Currently reaching out to people that would be guest-speakers - Rodney Williams is leading the initiative
- JVCA would like to host a candlelight vigil on Summerfield that would honor the Commitment March that will take place on August 28th, 2020 at the Lincoln Memorial.
  - This march will commemorate the 57th anniversary of the historical march on Washington, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I have a dream speech"
  - Plan for the vigil would be August 27th

### **Ideas for Neighborhood Events during social distancing:**

- Back to School Socially Distant Block Party
  - Close down a street and have a block party where we could celebrate going back to school in these weird COVID times
- Host an event in the park
- Resource Fair
- Host a "Story time" in the park or in someone's yard
- Put together a Scavenger hunt with books at the book houses
- Read along zoom meeting with kids
- Involve the youth in the community and create a junior civic association
  - Could help with community service hours



#### **Yea, Nay or Ask the Members:**

- **Should we put short bios on the website of the board members?**
  - Board members are agreeable to this
- **Do we want to meet in AUGust, even though we usually have August off?**
  - We will need to if we are going to do an event in August

#### **County Update:**

- Stiven provided an updated about the Virginia Walkability Action Institute that Fairfax County Health Department was awarded with to look at the walkability of our area
  - The goal of the Institute is to promote safe and healthy environments that will look at transportation, law enforcement, public health, schools, elected officials, and residents
  - Focused on the walkability between Arlington Blvd and Graham Road area
  - Focused on decreasing pedestrian fatalities

#### **2020 JVCA Calendar**

- **Fall Fest**
  - Potentially do a costume parade through the neighborhood and encourage fun forms of transportation such as bikes, scooters, skateboard etc.

Next JVCA Board Meeting: **August 11, 2020**