

FVNCA Meeting 3/8/01 Minutes

1. **Meeting called to order @ 6:40.**
2. **Secretary's Report:**
 - Newsletter and Minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report: (Carol Darling Campbell)**
 - **Checking Account Balance** as of 1/31/01 = \$ 304.03
 - Deposit for Dues = \$ 5.00
 - Deposit for T-Shirt Sales = \$ 32.00
 - **New Balance = \$ 341.03**
 - **Savings Account Balance** as of 1/31/01 = \$ 989.98 (\$500 for Old Joes).
4. **Mayor Nancy Larsen & Steve Johnson Director of Public Works:**
 - **Curbside Recycling Program:**
 - Program to begin May 7th.
 - All residents and apartments with less than 4 units will participate.
 - Recycled items will be picked up the same day as regular trash pick up.
 - Need to recycle to maximize limited resources.
 - Running out of space in landfills.
 - Will still have silver bullet recycle program.
 - Steve provided examples of items that were made from recyclable materials.
 - Each resident will be provided with one 14-gallon tote along with instructions on how to use and a list of materials that can be recycled.
 - Pine Tree Waste will be the sub contractor.
 - Consumers should try to buy products made of recycled material.
 - **Tex Hauser:**
 - Discussed planning project.
 - Various items being worked on are: Highland Avenue connector, Open Space plan, Master Plan, etc.
 - Three more neighborhood workshops are being planned for the west end of South Portland.
 - List to qualify for open space includes roughly 10 - 12 things, and then assigned points.
 - Parcels were then visited and prioritized.

- Some of the top parcels listed are within these areas: Petrolick property, Trout Brook, Fickett Woods, Dows Woods, Sunset Park, CMP property in Knightville, Rigby Yard, and possibly Old Joe's Pond depending on negotiations with the developer.
- Letters were sent to property owners asking for permission to include properties in requests for grants to purchase at fair market value should they come up for sale.
- Some property owners agreed but many said no.
- This is completely voluntary on the owner's part.
- City should be active in preserving open space and council agrees it is a priority.
- Will recommend it becomes a bond issue that goes to the voters.
- Many different options are being looked at on how to purchase open space.
- Mayor Larsen added a % of sales of tax acquired properties should go into the land bank.
- Next Steps:
 - Develop strategies to recommend to the council.
 - Get a sense of what other communities are doing.
 - Try to have wrapped up by the end of May/June.

5. Master Plan Research Committee:

- Jan provided an update on the progress of the committee.
- Handouts were provided of Tentative Workshop Schedule.
- Vision statement has been written and feedback provided for minor adjustments.
- Will be going to the Planning Board on Tuesday 3/13 to ask for endorsement to proceed with schedule.
- Many thanks to Tex for all his help.

6. Unfinished Business:

- **Earth Day is scheduled for April 21, 2001.**
 - Aileen handed out flyer on Great Earth Clean Up.
 - Saturday, April 21st, 2001.
 - Sign up at Ferry Village sign on Pine Street for assignments.
 - Two trashcans are coming as mentioned last summer.
 - Seven benches, provided by the Rotary will be placed in various locations.
 - Stain & paint have also been donated to clean up the benches along the Greenbelt.

- SPLT will provide gloves; bags and the city will be picking up the collected debris.
- Join at Millcreek after the event for a cookout!

- **Rockwood Property Update:**
 - Aileen received correspondence from Howard of Ram Mgmt. Regarding the progress on the development of the Rockwood property.
 - Howard reports that things are moving along slowly but he is looking forward to working with FVNCA as the progress moves along.
- **Sea Dog Restaurant:**
 - The new owners of the old Sea Dog restaurant have asked to extend the outside deck of their business.
 - Larry will look into what type of zoning change, if any this will entail.
 - FVNCA supports this as it is within the scope of improving the waterfront properties within Ferry Village.

7. New Business:

- **School Board Openings:**
 - There will be two openings on the school board in November.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.