

## FVNCA Meeting Minutes 10-16-02

1. **Meeting called to order at Betsy Ross House, at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was established.**
2. **Secretary's Report.** The minutes of the September meeting were approved as circulated.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Carol Darling Campbell gave an oral report, saying there were no real changes since the September meeting. She said she had discovered a one-cent discrepancy in the statements and after investigating, found that it was a Key Bank charge for processing a cash deposit. Preliminary research showed that Key Bank's fees are higher than other banks and she suggested that once the new officers are in place, FVNCA might consider researching alternatives.

Speaking for the organization, Jan Grieco thanked Carol for her due diligence as treasurer, and made a motion to endorse the treasurer's sound fiscal decision. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. **Unfinished Business..... Action taken**

A. Election Results.

Betsy Morrison reported that 18 ballots were counted with the following

results:	President.....	Larry Albert
	Vice President.....	Bill James
	Treasurer.....	Carol Darling Campbell
	Secretary.....	David Jacobs

Larry Albert accepted the nomination with the stipulation that the results of the upcoming City Council election might affect his ability to serve, but said that he did not anticipate a conflict of interest; Bill James was not present but Aileen reported that he had accepted the nomination; Carol Darling Campbell accepted the nomination; and write-in candidate David Jacobs accepted but echoed Larry's remarks about the outcome of the city council election.

B. By-Law changes

Aileen presented the by-law change proposed at the September meeting.

**(Business meetings will be held four times a year, at 6:30 p.m., on the second Thursday of the month, plus an annual meeting in September. If issues arise, the president can convene additional special meetings)** A lengthy discussion followed, after which the by-law change was voted down.

Following further discussion, Elaine moved to revise the by-law change to read: **There will be an annual meeting in September for nomination of officers. Election results will be announced at the October meeting. In addition to the September and October meetings, there will be four business meetings a year on the second Thursday of the months of January, March, May, and July. The president can convene additional meetings as needed. The time of the meetings will be 7:00 p.m.** The motion was seconded, and tabled for a vote at the November meeting.

C. Updates from Larry Albert

1. The latest River Place meeting went well. Neighbors had expressed concern about dust on their houses and steps will be taken to mitigate the problem.
2. The tax forum committee met about five times after the event in the auditorium. Information packets were sent to all the candidates

and the general consensus was that the forum was informative and productive. FVNCA donated \$26 to print flyers. The money was not used so it will be held in the kitty and used for the next event.

3. There is an effort underway to form a coalition of neighborhood associations to make a unified effort for good government in South Portland.

- D. Master Plan. Jan Grieco reported that the FVNCA Master Plan was adopted by the Council, with some minor modifications in the wording, and formally recognized as part of the city's comprehensive plan. The FVNCA Master Plan Committee will reconvene in January (and Jan extended a plea for more willing workers) to define short-term goals. First on the agenda will be an assessment and analysis of the Cacoulidis property so that we will be ready with alternative suggestions when/if Mr. Cacoulidis presents a formal application for development.

**5. New Business.....Discussion/Action**

- A. David Jacobs reported that SMTC must reduce its involvement in the Spring Point Festival, and because of dwindling interest and returns, the Spring Point Festival Committee is considering disbanding. David will keep FVNCA advised about the progress of ongoing discussions about moving the festival to Thomas Knight Park, perhaps tying it into Art in the Park, and having the whole thing run by a professional event planner.
- B. Aileen announced that the South Portland Triad is holding their annual yard clean-up day for the elderly on November 16. Volunteers should meet at the Community Center at 8:00 a.m. to get their assignments.
- C. Betsy Morrison brought up a concern about toxic run-off into Casco Bay caused by the power washing of boats at the Shipyard. Aileen will write the city manager and Betsy and others will contact the Natural Resources of Maine, Friends of Casco Bay, and Casco Bay Estuary Council about the situation.
- D. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Betsy Ross House, 11/14/02.

6. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. On behalf of the organization, Betsy Morrison and Sara Walbridge presented Aileen with a potted chrysanthemum and a cake in appreciation of her excellent work as president, and an informal social hour followed.