

Monument Avenue Preservation Society
Meeting Summary
January 13, 2014

1. Called to order 7:07pm

In attendance: Bill Tate, Janet Heltzel, Colleen Rodriquez, Tommy Thompson, Fran Zahmer, Bill Gallasch, Cindy Wofford, Jackie Jackson, Kip Caudle

2. Treasurers Report:

3. Allen Ave Common: Janet gave a report on the Allen Avenue Common project planned to the south side of Monument Ave. The 'Friends of Allen Ave Common' met with City Parks & Recreation in early December.

The median is technically owned by DPW but there seems to be a willingness to cede governance to Parks & Recreation once a space is rejuvenated to become park-like. Subsequent meetings will clarify this as we move along with specifications and approval from DPW, DPU, Traffic & Engineering. We will have a petition supporting this at the MAPS annual meeting. We have applied for grants from Historic Monument and the Fan District Foundation. FDA grants are only considered when we have city approval.

4. Annual Meeting:

- a. Invitations are going out soon by the last week in January.
- b. Food, drinks, and other logistics are being managed by board volunteers.

5. Properties/CAR report:

6. Other:

- a. Lee Circle Traffic Problem: We are working to arrange meeting to meet with Tom Flynn, the City traffic planner regarding new traffic pattern and traction-improving coating for Lee Circle, along with potential to reduce speed limit on Monument generally.
- b. An email has been delivered to pay dues on line. It cost us a small percentage to Paypal if a person pays online.
- c. Charles Samuels has agreed to come to the March meeting. We could have this meeting perhaps at Orchard House or VCA. Kip is on the board of VCA and will find out if we can use it. Charles Samuels and Jon Baliles are having a

meeting on Jan 22 to talk about the baseball park at Albert Hill Middle School from 6:00 to 8:00 on the 22nd.

d. Monroe Park: Alice Massey has headed up the restoration committee for Monroe Park. She is working with VCU and the city. They are investigating underground parking, restoring the park, symmetrical trees, a café and other things. The committee wants to make the park privately run. This does not concern MAPS but Alice would like to meet with us.

e. Monument Ave Workshop: Jackie recommended that we have a workshop on the Monument Ave Historic District every 6 months. Colleen and Joe Yates can help with this. All members attending agreed this was a good idea.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:40. Next meeting Feb 3rd.