

The CHA of RVA Viewshed Advocacy Committee Charter

Purpose: The purpose of this committee is to advocate for preservation of important viewsheds from Church Hill including, but not exclusive to the following views:

1) Views from Libby Hill:

East – the View of the bend of the James River “That Named Richmond” and surrounds

South – Across Main Street from the Echo Harbor Property to: Peach and Pear Streets,
Canal

Street, Great Shiplock Park and onto Cary Street.

West – Downtown along Tobacco Row and Main Street

2) Views from the E. Grace St. Overlook

3) Other prominent viewsheds from public spaces adjacent to Church Hill and in concert with other associations.

The Committee will develop a plan of advocacy to include each of the view sheds under the purview of the committee. The plans will include anticipated challenges to the viewsheds and their recommended rebuttal, and any anticipated expenditures.

Individual plans will be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Committee members will work with the President, Board of Directors and other committees, as appropriate, to implement strategies. The Committee should be a point of contact for concerns in these areas as well as a bridge to other entities and organizations with a common focus. The committee should maintain a good working relationship with appropriate public and private agencies and their officials or officers. And do so in collaboration with the CHA Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee.

Committee membership: The committee will have a chairperson appointed by the President of the CHA of RVA. The Committee will be composed of at least seven members. The Association’s President will have a casting vote, and his/ her designee will serve as a standing member of the Committee. A majority of the members shall be CHA members and represent a cross section of the Greater Church Hill area but the Chairperson can decide the make-up of the Committee after consultation with the President of the CHA of RVA to avoid any conflict of interest. Committee members need not belong to the CHA of RVA as these viewsheds are of State importance not just of local concern

Meetings: The committee will meet, at the call of the Chair, a minimum of four times a year. The Chair or a group of at least three members may call a meeting at any time with adequate notice. Meeting times and locations will be determined as needed. Minutes of meetings will be documented and submitted to the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Voting: Committee matters requiring a vote will be resolved by a simple majority of members present. A quorum, designated as one person more than one half of the committee is required for a vote.

Expenditures – The committee will have use of the CHA funds set-aside at the August 2014 Special Membership meeting* until those funds are exhausted. These expenditures must be authorized by the CHA of RVA Board of Directors, and are not to include any legal fees.

Subsequently, the Chair will request funds to be included in future CHA budgets based on approved advocacy plans.

Spokesperson: The committee chair is the spokesperson for the committee to the board. The president of the CHA of RVA is the Association's only authorized spokesperson. Only with the President's prior authorization may the chair or any committee member speak on behalf of the association in any formal oral or written presentation.

* notes from the August 2019 Special Membership meeting. The agreed motion read *“to allocate up to \$5k to a public awareness and educational fund specifically for the Libby Hill viewshed defense, to be paid out at the discretion of the board which will report back to the membership.”*

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