

# The Fredericksburg Jazz Collective

Notes from Special FJC Board Meeting July 17, 2014

## In Attendance

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## Notes from the Meeting

In addition to the selection of a new slate of FJC leaders, our meeting on Thursday, July 17th, 2014 had as its first priority to resolve the question of whether FJC should continue and if so, in what fashion. There was broad agreement that FJC and its mission should continue.

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A number of suggestions were made, among them:

1. Improve as soon as possible the appeal and usability of our website.
2. Continue with FJC involvement/support/direction of our Colonial Jam.
3. Retain our organizational mission objectives in total, but scale back in what we try to accomplish.
4. Continue with educational outreach efforts. Try to include all school levels K-12 and beyond in Fredericksburg and the surrounding region, including King George County. Make use of Parks and Recreation facilities for outreach as well as eventual fund raising events.
5. Find more opportunities to improve the social aspect for members.

Kenny Cooke has already started on one project which he'll announce.

Chris offered that we might gather for music listening socials away from the clubs.

6. There was agreement that we need to be sure to give FJC generous plugs at events, Colonial Tavern among them.
7. During Chris' transition from multiple hats of Treasurer, Webmaster and Chairman, he will assist with the orderly handoff of duties to our new Treasurer, Alvin Calhoun, and our new Chairperson, Maxine Clark.
8. There was a suggestion that we do a better job of keeping FJC, its members, and the public in the loop on proposed FJC activities.
9. A suggestion was made to ramp up our efforts to coordinate with other organizations in the region -- other arts, community or potential private business support entities.

Above all, what was emphasized, appropriately and most emphatically is that FJC needs its members to pitch in to help complete mission relevant tasks. New ideas are always to be welcomed, but our most pressing need is ACTION to bring ideas to fruition.

Our new members and leaders have joined and have pledged themselves to action as FJC moves forward.

Thanks to Harold Brooks for taking such good notes.

Submitted by Maxine Clark, FJC Chair – 7/31/2014