

Deerbourne Civic Association
Southside, District 8
Richmond, VA 23234

February 19, 2023

City of Richmond Fire Department
Fire Department Chief Melvin Carter
5600 Beulah Rd
Sandston Virginia 23150

RE: Email from Travis Ford to Raymond Roakes (UDC Committee), February 3, 2023

This letter is to address concerns about communication from Travis Ford of the City of Richmond Fire Department in correspondence dated February 9, 2023 to the City of Richmond Urban Design Committee about meeting with the Deerbourne Civic Association pertaining to Fire Department occupancy of the Hickory Hill Community Center.

The Deerbourne Civic Association concluded its formal 2022 season meetings in October. The Deerbourne Civic Association has not had a formal meeting since. At no time has the Richmond Fire Department had a meeting with our civic association last year, or to date.

It has come to our attention that there may be individuals representing themselves as a part of the Deerbourne Civic Association. These individuals are not members and did not represent the Deerbourne Civic Association in any capacity. The Deerbourne Civic Association has served as a constituency body and advocacy group consisting of the majority of Deerbourne residents for over 50 years. Monica Esparza served as Acting President for the 2022 season.

We support the Southside Joint Civic Association and oppose the City of Richmond Fire Department proposal for occupancy of the Hickory Hill Community Center for the safety and health of community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Johnson".

Jean Johnson,
Secretary