

A meeting of the Neighborhood Associations was held on **January 16, 2013 at 10:10 a.m.** at City Hall in the Planning Department's first floor conference room, 1911 Boundary Street. In attendance were the Neighborhood Association Representatives and City Staff.

HURRICANE SANDY CLEAN UP – Mayor Pro Tem Donnie Beer

Donnie Beer spoke briefly about the latest update in New York and said, "Remember, we can have a situation like this". She also reminded everyone that The Red Cross is always looking for volunteers.

NEWS FROM CITY STAFF AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Codes Enforcement, Dawn Boren, said there have been tons of improvements. She said the structure at 2203 Bay Street will be coming down and then cleaned up. With the warm weather she is seeing more overgrown lots and abandoned vehicles. She said if anyone sees a fence that is prohibiting any type of emergency vehicles getting through to call her. She has already had two phone calls. She is working on cleaning up the lot on Harding St due to people dumping on the property. The owners do not live in Beaufort and were unaware of the situation. Also, her, Libby Anderson and Lauren Kelly are working with the owners on The Pickle Factory. The public asked who owns it. Ms. Boren said, "The Daniels". The public also asked if condos were ever proposed. Ms. Boren said yes but the PUD and the economy out a halt on this.

The representative from Cottage Farm said the parking at the Rail Trail seems have more cars parked than people walking on the trail. Liza Hill said we may have to eventually put up signs. She also said the city is working on possible parking at the hospital. Pete Godby said there was an open sewer on Allison Road and Cottage Farm that he numerously told BJWS&A about but had not response. Ms. Hill and Isiah Smalls will look into it.

Ms. Boren said she saw in the Post & Courier that Beaufort may be voted the "Best Seaside".

Ms. Boren introduced Art Bernard who is the new addition to the Building Codes Department.

Waste Pro, Jim Berbigler, said they are re-routing to be more sufficient and will be out and about at 7:00 am. The public asked if there are still recycle bins on wheels. Mr. Berbigler said no, but if you call them they can put you on the "special services" list and they will come up the driveway for pickup. Mr. Smalls said council may approve them again. The public asked how a neighborhood picks up. Mr. Smalls said to call him.

The Greenery, Jerry Ashmore, said they are working on finishing up their punch list; picking up debris and trash; winter pruning; and addressing the drains. He said the warm weather is creating weeds. Ms. Smalls said there was recently a press release and interview about blowing debris into the street. This compacts the drains. He said if anyone needs sweeping of their streets to contact him. He mentioned that they would be working on site lines. The public asked if the lights on Ribaut Road will ever be synced. Mr. Smalls explained the light is

impacted by the pedestrians crossing at the hospital and the when the loops detector fails, the light is not synchronized.

Lanier Parking, Linda Davis, said the holiday parking has ended and things are back to normal.

Fire Department, Capt. John Robinson, said things that are going on locally are: Beaufort Memorial Hospital ER is now and the traffic pattern has changed; he is hosting the Lady's Island and Burton Fire Department on how to learn to maneuver the traffic patter at the hospital; CPR Pro Classes are being offered on Tuesday, January 22, and regular CPR classes will be offered and posted on Facebook. He said on a State level he was accepted in the Firefighter Leadership. He spoke about the Spartanburg Burns Program which does studies on how things burn. Next week the Beaufort Fire Department will be trying this in Spartanburg. He said this is a big deal for Beaufort. He welcomed anyone who would like to observe to contact him and he will put them on the roster list.

City Police Department, Officer Squires, said they are updating their website; hiring a replacement officer; hired a court officer; DUI' s were up over the holiday; and officers are patrolling the Rail Trail and the parking lot. He reminded everyone about the New Texting Ordinance. He said he has issued some warnings but no tickets. He talked about Post-Dramatic Syndrome that occurs in the Marines when the come home.

The public asked how they can have a speed trailer in their area. Officer Squires said to call the CPS in the Police Department.

City Planning Department, Liza Hill, said Libby Anderson was absent due to the death of her sister. Ms. Hill mentioned two of the city's big projects: Parker's Convenience Store to be built on County Shed Road received final approval and the new Publix's proposed on Lady's Island received final approval. Ms. Hill said the utility pruning is going to begin and she has more information if anyone is interested. The transmission and distribution lines will be done simultaneously. A seminar will be held tomorrow at 8:00 am at City Hall in the first floor conference room.

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Cottage Farm, Art Markle, said Walk and Talk on Mondays is going well on the Rail Trail. He asked if port-a-potties could be put in since they had an elderly man. Mr. Smalls said he will work on this. Ms. Hill the Greenery is opening and losing the Rail Trail. He thanked Erin from the newspaper for the information she put in the paper about the Walk & Talk. Mr. Godby said there is a restroom over at TCL in the electrical building which is right off of the trail.

Hermitage Road, Jeanne Wood, talked about the demo at Fripp Street and Hermitage Road for the tree trimming. She asked what time should

Mossy Oaks including Twin Lakes, Pete Godby, asked if there were any changes or updated with Southside park. Ms. Hill said no, we are working on the final report for the City Manager.

Edie Rogers thanked the city for instilling the Southside Park Committee. Mr. Godby mentioned that there were 2 signs down near Southside Boulevard, Center Drive and Mystic Circle. He let everyone know that the Vet Advocates meet every Thursday between 9 and 11 am at Hardy's in Port Royal.

Northwest Quadrant, Don Easton, spoke about the loss of John Gadson.

Officer Squires asked about the call boxes on Bladen Street. Ms. Smalls said he will hand this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.