

A meeting of the Neighborhood Associations was held on **May 15, 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.

NEWS FROM CITY STAFF AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Waste Pro, Isiah Smalls, reminded everyone that there has been some administration changes with Waste Pro. We're having an operational meeting tomorrow. Mr. Smalls encouraged anyone to call with any issues. The neighborhood cleanups are still available at no cost. He will get a list out of the "Do's and Don'ts". Mr. Whitehead asked about TVs. Ms. Smalls said Public Works cannot take them but the County does a quarterly pick up for them. He will find out when the next one is and let him know.

The Greenery, Ike Smalls, spring change-outs going on; 24 tons of sand was put down at Waterfront Park and now we have new growth happening. We are doing weed maintenance. We're also addressing drainage and street signs. The Taste of Beaufort was great as well as the American Idol event. Don't hesitate to contact us with any issues. Ms. Wood said it all looks good and she thanked the Greenery.

Public Works, Lamar Taylor, went over their ongoing projects such as Bladen Street planting beds; Andrews & Burgess is doing the engineering for Duke Street Phase II; flooding issues; Southside Park is coming together and the bathrooms are now open; and Mossy Oaks area drainage is in the budget.

Lanier Parking, Lundy Baker, said the 90 day test on the new parking meters is almost done with no complaints. The tourists are very happy about the new meters. The next maintenance will be painting of the meter poles and striping streets which we will have Public works involved in. Also, the meters that have fallen will be fixed with the help of Public Works.

City Fire Department, Captain Robinson, Taste of Beaufort went well fire-wise. The event for Candice Glover was a bit crazy and he had 2 medical issues. The Fire Department now has the new cardiac database and with summer coming, there will be more of these issues. He said Hilton Head and Bluffton are doing the same thing. He reminded everyone that they are in "storm" mode and we are starting to check our equipment, make sure our vehicles are always full with gas, etc.

City Police Department, Officer Squires, said the American Idol event was done well and he felt very prideful. Tonight there is a viewing of the show at USCB. He mentioned the burglaries in Pigeon Point and said there were 3 during the daytime. Also beware of a money scam going on downtown. He said beware of suspicious people and call our dispatch number, 524-2777, anytime. Tomorrow we will be doing a DUI experiment. Lastly, he mentioned that his department is hiring 2 more officers.

City Planning Department, Libby Anderson, said the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA) meeting this month is on Tuesday, May 21st, and there is one variance for the new Publix's on Lady's Island. She said we are working with Public Works for regulations for parks. Also, the

Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) meeting is next week on May 20th, and there are a few amendments on the agenda for the City.

City Planning Department, Lauren Kelly, mentioned that the HRB reviewed 507 West St and 807 North St which are on the City's Vacant and Abandoned List. She said these two structures will be restored.

City Planning Department, Liza Hill, gave an update on the Rail Trail. She said the Path Foundation will be back in a month and they are working on the south end. And the County is doing their part by working on the north end. She mentioned the projects that on going, Family Dollar on Ribaut Road and Dollar Tree near Lowes. These are both great projects. Southside Park will have the well in 2 weeks. The Dog Park and walking trail is being worked. The swing bench will be in soon at the Pigeon Point boat landing. At the park, don't park in the grass in the park or a ticket will be given. Officer Squires said he is beginning to enforce it.

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

The Bluff, nothing neighborhood wise, but he wanted to mentioned the "Learn to Swim" program at the YMCA on Saturday, June 15th. He spoke about the young boy who recently drowned. If you can't attend, you can also make a donation which would be helpful.

Cottage Farms, Liza Hill, talked about the community area and said her husband and her are working on it.

Hermitage Road, Phil Hodges, said the Redevelopment Commission met on May 8. We had 2 people from our association attend. We are happy about the changes in the plan. He thanked Jon Verity or all he is doing, especially the downtown marina. He also thanked Erin Moody and Terry Murray. Ms. Anderson said the Civic Master Plan is ongoing and she will keep everyone updated.

Northwest Quadrant, Christina Wilson, said on June 15 between 5-6 pm, there will be the Juneteenth Event with a movie and popcorn. She said the Juneteenth Event is about the emancipation proclamation that was signed by President Lincoln. She said there will also be a parade on May 30th. They are working on flyers.

Jericho Woods, Edie Rodgers spoke and said she heard Cottage Farms had a cleanup and she wanted to know how Jericho Woods could have one. She also thanked the Greenery for the beautiful roses. She asked about the orange cones along Ribaut Road. Mr. Smalls said DOT has a drainage program going on. She also reported a safety issue on First Boulevard at the corner with Ribaut Road near the new gas station. She said the palm tree on the corner is obstructing the view of drivers. Ms. Smalls said he will call the owners of the gas station.

Officer Squires reminded everyone of the Movie Club. Registration starts in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.