

A meeting of the Neighborhood Associations was held on **October 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** in 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, Rob Scott, said we have new drivers so you will see new faces. If anyone sees any problems, let him know ASAP. He also reminded everyone to use Tracease. He sees that everyone is doing good with bundling yard debris. Remember, no bags > 50 lbs. If you can't bag, call for a quote. Dave Easton reported recycling has not been collected on Washington Street or Scott Street. Montey Hopey said in Cottage Farms, some recycling was sloppy and ended up in the street. Mr. Scott said to have the material out by 7:00 am.

Lanier Parking, Lundy Baker, said he has been working in Beaufort for five years and last month was the lowest complaints ever. Park Beaufort will be partnering with Historic Beaufort Foundation (HBF) to manage Fall Tour traffic. Phil Hodges said he has seen apps that show where vacant parking spaces are. Mr. Baker said our new meters can do that, but there is a cost to do that; \$10,000. We have converted 70% to new meters.

Phil Hodges thanked the Greenery for taking over several new sections of the rail trail.

City Public Works Department, Isiah Smalls, said at the last meeting, there was incorrect information about Southside Boulevard sidewalks. There is not \$75,000 available. Mr. Smalls said he has contacted CTC to request funding in November. He asked everyone to be patient. We are aware of the situation. We could pull it up and put down crush and run, but that's not a good solution. Regarding stormwater, please do not put leaves, etc. in storm drains or swales. It's very expensive to fix underground. He just met with DOT to discuss Charles Street and Craven Street intersection. Southside Resident said we are getting petitions going about sidewalks. There is also a drainage problem there. Mr. Smalls said the challenge is when the ditch becomes tidal; then we have environmental issues. It would probably take \$800,000 to get connection to the Broad Street to outfall. We get \$200,000/year for projects, so we need to phase things. From CTC, will probably get \$60,000. The ditch doesn't have a shelf where you can get equipment in.

Resident described problems with Southside sidewalks. We would be happy if the asphalt path could be extended to Battery Creek Road. Mr. Smalls said if we want to make it right, it will take a lot more money than we have. Ms. Van Drauser said try replacing broken sidewalks with plantation mix.

Main Street, Beth Caron, said October 23 will be the downtown Trick-or-Treat from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. There will be some street closures.

City of Beaufort Fire Department, Chief Negron, reminded everyone this is Fire Prevention month. We have a free smoke detector program; call us for more information. We will also do

a fire safety inspection. We are hoping to start work in December for the new fire station. Also, ordering replacement ladder truck if we get a good return on the sale of the old one. If you are concerned there is a smell odor, please call 9-1-1. You can tell them it is not an emergency. There was a recent incident at TCL. We will help you track the smell down to prevent something bad from happening. First full week of November and December are permitted burn weeks. You will need a permit. If you think someone is burning illegally, call the Fire Department. This will be anonymous.

City Police Department, Chief Clancy, said one officer just graduated from the Academy as a distinguished officer. Also received a physical fitness award. The other two officers are still in the Academy and one is the class leader. We also just hired two new officers who will be going to the Academy. Montey Hopey asked about the burglary in Cottage Farm on Sunday. Chief said he didn't have the specifics on this one. He said we can get your house an extra patrol when you are away. Old Commons resident said there are double yellow lines on Craven Street and cars are passing the carriages; is this illegal? And, can a sign be put on the back of the carriages that it is illegal to pass? Chief said he will have Officer Able bring this up at the next TMAC meeting.

City Codes Enforcement, Steve Baske, said he has designed an orange door hanger which should expedite things. Also, this could indicate if the property is vacant. He is also clarifying the procedures for summons. He said the Fire Marshall office now has I-Pads which makes inspections much simpler. Also, easier for fire fighters to use so they can do more inspections.

City of Beaufort Planning Department, Libby Anderson went over some projects. Duke II starting now and should be completed in March; SC 170 rezoning; Boundary Street Code Revisions; Old Commons short term rental.

Liza Hill gave an update on Southside Park. Dog Park is being constructed. BJWSA is clearing Waddell Road and buffer is being cleared. The walking trail is being cleared too. The soil from Southside Boulevard ditch cleaning was put in dog park area. Pigeon Point Neighborhood Associations authorized a contribution to Pinckney Park for additional plantings. The PTAC meeting at 3:00 on October 23 will seek input on the tree ordinance revisions. Ms. Anderson said the Bailey Bill was adopted. There are handouts available.

Building Codes, Bruce Skipper, said before you sign a contract, make sure the scope of work is clear. Make sure the contractor gets a full inspection.

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Pigeon Point, suggested inviting candidates to your neighborhood meetings.

Steve Murray said early voting is now available. Thursday's 6:30 meeting to discuss Elk's Club issues at Police annex of Duke Street.

Hermitage Road area, would like to do median landscaping.

Pigeon Point, asked about Pigeon Point Road street re-paving. Ms. Anderson suggested e-mailing this to Mr. Smalls and Mr. Mulligan. Phil Kromer suggested each neighborhood inventory road conditions and send to the City and DOT.

Spanish Point, Fort Marion triangular piece was never re-paved since the work was done in 1995. Now needs to find out who is responsible. Spanish Point Drive street sweeping was missed.

Old Commons, will meet on Thursday. Will have 2 candidates there. We are organizing several intersection to see if stop signs are warranted.

Next Meeting is October 15, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.