

A meeting of the Neighborhood Associations was held on **December 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** City Hall in the Planning Department's first floor conference room, 1911 Boundary Street. In attendance were the Neighborhood Association Representatives and City Staff.

UNDER ONE ROOF – RICHARD DRAKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Richard Drake introduced himself. Mr. Drake said this organization provides repairs, maintenance and modifications for the Senior Citizen Homeowners. He gave a presentation and left brochures for everyone. He said he can be contacted by phone at 843-781-6770 or by e-mail at underoneroofsc@gmail.com. His mailing address is PO Box 1901, Beaufort, SC 29901 and their website address is www.underoneroofsc.org.

NEWS FROM CITY STAFF AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Waste Pro, Curtis Dansby, attended on behalf of Jen Ruzicka. Mr. Dansby state the following issues and how they will be handled:

- GLASS (brown, green, clean bottle and jars) YES – they will be recycling.
- PLASTIC BAGS - please do NOT place anything inside plastic bags for disposal. The recycling centers are unable to recycling these bags and this causing whole “loads” to be turned away as “contaminated” loads/unrecyclable.
- They use a 1-man auto arm truck for servicing. Therefore, please place carts 4 feet apart, away from mailboxes, buildings, etc.
- Place “open” side of lids towards the street for service.
- They will be placing newspaper ads for all the new changes.
- They will update the city webpage.
- When the drivers find “contamination” in carts they have a “zone tag” that will be left by the drivers to notify residents why their items were not serviced.
- Trac Ez is up and running, this is the main “work order” system that records complaints, request and compliments.
- Any issues, please call main office at 843-645-4100 and individuals may call Curtis direct at 843-226-4209.
- If an organization wants to create handouts or brochures for their neighbor Curtis will review all information for them before the hand it out. They may email him at cdansby@wasteprousa.com
- Question was asked if recycling is twice a month, or every other week – he will check with upper management and find correct answer. (Note: It is every other week)
- HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: New Year's Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If a resident's service day falls on one of these holidays their day for service will advance by one day. For example, if you have service on Thursday, then it will move to Friday and Friday service will move to Sat. These five (5) days are the only holidays that Waste Pro observes.
- Question was asked referencing carts being left out on curb and not being brought to house. City Manager, Bill Prokop, stated that there is a \$25.00 fine in the ordinance

now, and the city is looking for ways to enforce with having personal in Codes address. We have the “rights” by ordinance now, just need to fine tune when and how to process.

- Resident asked if drivers would stop leaving carts in the middle of the road and in middle of driveways. Mr. Dansby stated this was a “driver” issue and he would address.

Mr. Dansby said he can be reached either on the main number at 843-645-4100 or on his cell phone at 843-226-4209.

City Public Works, Lamar Taylor, went over the following:

- Meeting with Contract Manager referencing the Landscape contracts (in Jan).
- Stated all the issues that were raised at last meeting were taken care of (street signs replaced, wires removed, storm drains blocked, etc.).
- Introduced new hire “Neil Desai” as City Engineer/Assistant PW Director.
- Spoke about recent vandalism at Waterfront Park playground. Parts ordered and area is secured. Expect parts received in January.
- Pigeon Point playground equipment being re-installed.
- Sink holes at Waterfront Park has been repaired.
- Reports to FEMA referencing sinkholes – hopefully will be able to collect funding.
- The Point has signed contract and staff to install “fountain” at Charlie Knott Park.
- Contract drawn up to repour multiple sidewalks in the Mossy Oaks / Battery Creek area.
- Also multiple ditch work completed in same areas.
- Start repair work at Cottage Farm/Brighton intersection. PUPs called, roadway cut and excavation to start Thursday.
- Southside Park Fencing – special order on parts and are awaiting delivery. Estimated start for fence is January 2016.

City Fire Department, Captain Robinson, said the new Fire Department is almost ready for occupancy. The grand opening is set for Jan 8, 2016. Captain Robinson talked about the new ladder truck. There are high hopes and great expectations for use. He went over multiple Christmas projects: Santa letters, can collection, etc.

Police Department, said:

- Arrest made for Beaufort Inn (Bride) case. Due to diligence of staff and continued work on the case.
- Programs: Spanish communities and Spanish radio broadcast – Spanish language individuals can call in with questions, they have a Spanish speaking policeman to take the calls; They also had their annual Christmas Party at Spanish Trace Apartments. (Santa Clause / gifts / comradery)
- Cameras: Going through the Finance Requirement process.

City Manager, Bill Prokop, said

- Liza – very happy with Pride of Place donations, recognized Battery Point for their donation towards the flower basket hanging for Bay St poles.
- Announced Matt Clancy will be chairperson to oversee the Pride of Place donations. Quarterly will review and approve forward movement for a project.
- Palmetto Grant received. Will be used for “pet station BAGS” mostly along the Spanish Moss Trail and Southside Parks (also other parks where needed). \$4,000 grant to COB
- Stated there is continued discussion referencing Short Term Rentals.
- Stated there was the 1st Reading for the purchase of 500 Carteret St building/lot. This area has the potential for 91 parking slots (at a min 50 – 60). Will enhance the cities needs for parking. Possibly will use for employee parking. Also, looking at joint business venture with private companies/individuals and city for leasing of building or offices in the building. Anticipate is a parking garage is built then this property would go up for sale. Bill also stated value of single parking space in revenue to merchants is \$37.50; potential of 2.25 M as revenue with this added parking. Bldg. would supply individual offices for computer based businesses. Stated 12 to 16 million needed for parking garage which the city will continue to pursue.
- City in the process of selling multiple properties that are owned by the city. First one that has sold is 302 Carteret Street.
- Recognized PD and Fire department and their personnel for all “good” that they do, not just at their jobs, but so much offered to the community.

City Building Codes, Bruce Skipper, Building Official, said there is a lot of building going on; things are looking good. He said be sure to not overload your receptacles with too many cords. Don't hesitate to call with any issues, he said.

City Codes Enforcement, Stephen Baske, reminded residents that they have 2 part time employees. He asked for patience when making a complaint. He said we feel we have succeeded in getting a handle on lots that have been neglected and overgrown. The Charles Street residence: house emptied and “junk” left in front of property. They have contacted the owner and are in the “process” of a resolution. Bill Prokop, City Manager, stated they will attend and propose to State Legislature a “process” that will allow municipalities to do clean up and add the “cost” to the yearly tax bills. At this time the only source of collecting on such issues is by lien which can only be collected by the sale of the property.

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Pigeon Point, Rod Mattingly, said the process began to install swing at Pinckney Park. Funds have been released and swing is ordered. Public Works staff will put swing in. Request a good “clean up” of the observation pier at end of Pigeon Point.

Old Commons, Josh Gibson, stated all the replacement “historical” signage has been completed. Thank you, he said. He also had continuing questions concerning short term rentals.

Battery Point Rep stated they had a gathering and collected funds for the flower basket hanging on Bay, and were very happy to do this.

The Point Rep stated they were excited that the fountain was going in at the park. Work has started by Public Works staff and they will maintain after up and working. They are concerned for a live oak at 501 Craven St and stated it appears dead.

Hermitage, stated the North Hermitage Road area of the Spanish Moss Trail towards Robert Smalls Parkway is "beautiful" and invites everyone to come and see. Questioned was asked about the Police Department being seen parked at Pickle Factory. Chief advised it was officers that get out and do a "walk through", or getting caught up on paper work.

Cottage Farm Rep, stated the area by the entrance has been cleaned and looks very good.

Next Meeting is January 20, 2016