

A meeting of the Neighborhood Associations was held on **December 21, 2011 at 10:00 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.

Mayor, Billy Keyserling, wished everyone happy holidays. He also thanked everyone for representing their neighborhood. He briefly spoke about the following:

- Charrettes
- future student living for USCB
- Redevelopment Commission projects
- 2012 projects, Bladen Street and the "Boundary Jr. Road Diet"

He said there is one issue, Lady's Island Airport that has been before council. He said the airport is in the City but maintained by the County. He said it's been an ongoing issue for about 20 years. He said there will be a joint meeting with the City and the County in January that will be open to the public. He said there will be considerable work to do next year and that he hoped the neighborhood would continue to attend their meeting.

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Battery Shores Rep said there is nothing to report.

The Bluff Rep, said things are quiet.

Higgionsville Rep said there is nothing to report.

Jericho Woods Rep said nothing to report other than our annual meeting will be at the end of January.

Northwest Quadrant Rep spoke about the park work. Their next meeting will be January 21, 2012. Libby Anderson, with the City Planning Department, said the city attorney is working on the ownership of the park, trying to clear the title.

Old Commons Rep said three of the vacant and abandoned houses have been purchased. She also said there is one non-historic home that was demolished. Ms. Anderson said also 905 and 907 Prince Street were demolished. These were city-owned former pump stations.

Pigeon Point Rep, Rod Mattingly, spoke about the park dedication; the house that was demolished at the end of Lafayette Street and the Zoning Board of Appeals projects. Council member, Donnie Beer, wished everyone happy holidays and reiterated the importance of these neighborhood meetings. She said we need more participation from the Mossy Oaks area.

The Point Rep, said their December meeting with the representative from USCB was very informative. Ms. Anderson said regarding the road stripes, our goal is to have an agreement with SC DOT to better coordinate with the City to avoid these kinds of problems.

West End Rep said there was a mobile radar device in our area that has tremendously. He thanked the Police Officers. He commented on the vacant and abandoned homes in his area and that they can be demolished.

Ms. Anderson introduced Ms. Owens from EOC as a guest today.

NEWS FROM CITY STAFF AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Lamar Taylor, City Public Works, spoke on behalf of Waste Pro. Mr. Taylor said trash and recycling cycle will not change this week. He mentioned the following:

- The Bladen Street Phase II should be completed by 2012
- The Duke Street Phase I should be completed by 2012
- Scheduling for upgrading the lighting downtown
- Campaigning for vigorous drainage cleaning

Mr. Taylor said he noticed the streets are looking good and thanked Jerry Ahsmore of the Greenery.

Jerry Ashmore, The Greenery, said the Greenery was awarded the recent bid. He also said the Freedom Tree has a fungus disease that cannot be treated so the tree will be replaced at the beginning of the new year. He said leaf season is just about over and next will be the Live Oaks. Lastly he said he will be reclaiming the street edges. He said holiday decorations have been put up throughout the city by The Greenery.

Lundy Baker, Lanier Parking, said the 2 hour free parking is still going on until the first of the year. He said there has been great success due to the free parking and he has issued 60% less tickets.

OCI, Ms. Anderson spoke on their behalf of OCI. She said the Sector 1 Master Plan was adopted and is now on the city website.

Capt. John Robinson, Fire Department, said responses have been reduced to 300 which is great. He said last year there were 18 fires compared to 15 this year. Since the last meeting he's had many calls about chimneys. He spoke about the partnerships that the Fire Department as with Public Works and CAPA which are great. He said the Fire Department has helped the local hotels and restaurants with their interior/exterior fire safety. Captain Robinson thanked everyone for their donated toys. He said in January and February the Fire Department will be

doing a downtown sweep going from door-to-door to familiarize them with the businesses for fire safety purposes.

City Planning Department, Libby Anderson went over the agenda from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA) meeting. She spoke about the rezoning on Lafayette Street and said it will eventually be handled by the Redevelopment Commission in connection with the Civic Master Plan. This will be presented to council on January 10, 2012. She also said there an upcoming Design Exception application for 721 Ribaut Road, a short term rental application on North St and a variance in Battery Point. Donna Alley mentioned 2 new projects from the Design Review Board, Buffalo Wild Wings will be starting construction and also the Beaufort Memorial Hospital new building on Allison/Ribaut. Maxine Lutz asked what will happen to the lot on Prince Street. Ms. Anderson said it will be looked at for redevelopment, but right now we have to work on the Lafayette Street lot. Ms. Beer said that were looking at all city owned property on a case-by-case basis.

Karen Van Duser of Battery Shores asked Ms. Anderson if she received her e-mail about the covenants because she is concerned about the review boards not getting all the information for projects. Ms. Andersons aid the city is very supportive of the neighborhood associations.

West End Rep mentioned that he would like to have someone come to these meetings to talk about the electrical poles. Ms. Andersons aid she would call SCE&G.

Bundy Appraisal Rep advised everyone don't wait until you see something happening, but go to your POA as soon as possible.

Coley Hebrard, First Sgt., City Police Department, spoke about things happening under the Police Department such as: motorcycle toy run that had 80+ bikes; they co-sponsored a Christmas event at the Spanish Trace Apartments; Red Rooster provided dinners for needy families; and they assisted in an event at Baptist Church. He also said he was really happy with the changes in the West End area. He said there will be a traffic check point on December 29th. Sgt. Hebrard passed around his business cards and then introduced officer Sean Alford. Officer Sean Alford was happy to see a positive turnout at today's meeting. He did say a representative is needed badly for the Mossy Oaks area. He also mentioned that Sgt. Hebrard, himself and one other office were hired to respond to community issues. He said they have worked on the Most Wanted List; Spanish Point speeding was fixed; drug dealing was solved on Charles Street with 2 arrests being made; helped with preliminary work in recent armed robberies; DUI enforcement taking place and county will be out with us. He said stolen vehicles are becoming an issue as well as noise complaints. He also said we can escort business owners to the bank for their deposits. Lately, they have been still dealing with outdoor burning. Maxine Lutz asked if the officers are keeping an eye on Singleton's Barber Shop. The officers said yes definitely. Sgt. Hebrard said we also do property inspections and drive through of neighborhoods. He said if someone is leaving on vacation or their neighbor is he suggested they call him to drive by and

make sure everyone is okay while they're away. He thanked everyone at the meeting for being their Police Department's "eyes and ears". Donnie Beer reminded everyone that she and Rod Mattingly work with the Red Cross and they can also help if needed. Jerry Ashmore reminded everyone of the Founders Celebration on December 31st.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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