

A meeting of the Neighborhood Associations was held on **June 19, 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.

There were some technical difficulties, so the Hurricane Preparedness Presentation by Captain Robert Carson was heard after the City and Staff News.

NEWS FROM CITY STAFF AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Waste Pro, Rob Scott, said the garbage pickup is going well. He reminded everyone to take advantage of the tracEZ system that is on Public Work's website or they can still call Waste Pro. He also reminded everyone to bag and tie up their leaves. The public asked about replacing damaged trash cans. They can call Waste Pro or use the tracEZ system and one will be replaced within a few days. Christina Wilson asked what if someone is not bundling their leaves. Waste Pro said they will not be picked up. Ms. Wilson asked what if the person is not "able" to bag the leaves. Waste Pro said they can come out and do it for them, but there is a fee. Also, we are starting to use the door hanger system that will let know people of any issues. Ms. Anderson asked what Ms. Wilson's address was. She said 910 Wilmington Street and the house not bundling is near Green & Monson Street. Ms. Anderson said Dawn Boren will look into this. Lamar Taylor from Public Works said we have a bundling and bagging ordinance but there has been some incorrect information being put out. He said we can do a flyer to inform people of the correct information.

The Greenery, Chris Hudson, said the first day of summer is June 21 and they will be preparing for that. He said the last storm should have reminded everyone that the Hurricane season has started and what they need to do. Their priority right now is the Waterfront Park since the Water Festival is coming up. He reminded everyone to call him first if they have any issues so he can delegate the remedy to the correct person.

Mr. Palmer thanked the Greenery for the help with the tons of sand for the Beaufort River Swim event last weekend. He said The Greenery should be added to the event's t-shirts as a sponsor.

Public Works, Lamar Taylor, said the sidewalk repair on the main thoroughfares has begun. He said there are some upcoming paving projects such as Lafayette St between July and August; North Street (Monson to Carteret); Bay Street (Hamar to Carteret) and Boundary Street. They are also working on the trip hazards; cleaning drainage projects (there has been minimal flooding); Monday the Palm Drive change-out basin will begin; there is a grant in the process for Allison Road; and the 2014 budget includes sidewalks for Southside Boulevard. The public asked what about Spanish Point? Mr. Taylor asked what areas in Spanish Point? Ms. Sedlacek said near Stuart Town Road and Fort Marion. The public also asked what about Twin Lakes because it's never been repaved and I've been told over and over that it's in the "pipe line". Mr. Taylor said repairs have been done as well as some patching of potholes. We can put the complaints into to Department of Transportation (DOT), but it's up to them to get out there. Mr. Taylor will check on the current pothole problem today. The public also asked about the Mink Point Boulevard area saying that the road is 50 years old and only repairs have been done.

Mr. Taylor said this is owned by DOT. Ms. Rodgers said there is a County Group that meets regularly but wasn't sure of the name. Ms. Anderson suggested a representative from the CTC attend one of the neighborhood meetings.

Lanier Parking, Lundy Baker, said the test meters will be completed at the end of this month and then be heard by council either in July or August. He said during festivals, the handicap spots are covered but have been relocated to another area. He reminded everyone that handicapped people can park anywhere in the city. Also during the festivals, there will be signs posted that say, "lot full". Mr. Whitehead asked if the new meters will take debit cards. Mr. Baker said cards that say debit on them can be processed as credit but you cannot use them as strictly as a debit card.

Main Street, LaNell Fabian, reminded everyone of the City's Farmer's Market that takes place every Wednesday from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Mr. Godby spoke about the Farmer's Market in Port Royal. He also said after the market is over, the Master Gardens give 45-minute presentations under the gazebo.

City Code Enforcement, Dawn Boren, said Ms. Anderson, Ms. Kelly and herself are working on the vacant and abandoned buildings. She spoke with OCRM regarding critical area issues. Also, the property at 120 Fort Lyttleton Road in Spanish Point has a contract with a landscaping business since the owner now lives with her daughter. Ms. Boren informed every one of the Contractors Forums that Safe Built is starting to have quarterly. She said there is one on June 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm here at City Hall in the 1st floor conference room.

City Fire Department, Captain Robinson, said the number of responses such as car accidents is increasing. Today is the second day for Beaufort County School coaches learning CPR. He talked about how the Fire Department has been preparing for the hurricane season as well as the Water Festival. Mr. Godby asked about the property for the new fire house. Mr. Taylor said he is on the planning team with the Fire Department and it is moving forward. The property (wooded area) is adjacent to the bowling alley.

City Police Department, Chief Clancy, reminded everyone about the Movie Club. He also spoke about the recent incident where a City ambulance was stolen by a patient. Alice Howard asked about the status of the Mossy Oaks area break-ins.

City Planning Department, Libby Anderson, spoke about the Allison Road connection grant application. Ms. Anderson said we will be submitting a grant application for a bathroom and for a trail at Southside Park. Ms. Anderson said the Civic Master Plan is in the process of being updated and the Form-Base Code is slowly moving along.

City Planning Department, Liza Hill, said if anyone has Rail Trail issues to call her and/or The Greenery. She said the chains have been removed at the Rail Trail by someone other than the City. Regarding the duplicate poles, the 5 in Pigeon Point have been removed. Hargray has taken the list of the 84 poles to use. Now we're working on Century Link. The Tree Board is now looking at hazardous trees and then sending letters. We have done one regarding 1212

Boundary Street and have 12 more left. Ms. Hill talked about the International Student Program through Beaufort Academy and said it's great if anyone is interested.

Public asked what the Allison Road speed table is. Ms. Anderson said it's not like a speed bump; it's only raised about 4". Mr. Taylor said it's called a "calming device" like the ones you would see at a hospital or university. Ms. Anderson will send out images to everyone.

Shirley Wilson from Lowcountry Housing Trust out of Charleston briefly spoke. She said they are working with the city on vacant and abandoned homes. They offer residential and small business loans. She is here at City Hall two times a month on Thursdays and Fridays. There will be a workshop on July 11 here at the City regarding rehabilitation funds (See attached). Also, there will be a First Time Buyers Workshop on July 20 in Port Royal (See attached).

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION – Captain Robert Carson

Captain Robert Carson from the City Police Department spoke about hurricane preparedness. The season is from June 1 until November 30 and 3 to 6 storms are predicted this year. He said the City Departments have already done their role-playing with their individual plans to prepare for the hurricane season. This year there will only be one evacuation; no volunteer/mandatory evacuations, just mandatory; you will have a one-day notice. This will help relieve the traffic congestion that occurred in past years. Captain Carson passed out flyers.

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Cottage Farms, Mr. & Mrs. Hopey said they had a picnic recently where the Fire Department handed out fire hats.

Northwest Quadrant, said their meetings are on the 4th Saturday and there next one is on June 22 at the First African Baptist Church. A new resident from the Northwest Quadrant area spoke about their Juneteenth celebration event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.