

Archdale Civic Association **Minutes for 24-Mar-11 General Meeting**

1) The meeting was called to order by President, Norman McDonald at 7:01 with 6 Board members in attendance with 18 others. Board members present: Eric, Norman, Joe, Jackie, Jennifer, and Bob.

2) Larry Hargett (Dorchester Co Councilman) spoke: (7:02-7:40)

- Dorchester County is the fastest growing county in state. The voting lines are being redrawn.
- County is in good financial condition.
- The budget will have about 2mil shortfall due to state funding.
- There is a “savings” account for future activities.
- Large Road projects: 1) Berlin G. Myers Parkway
2) Widening Dorchester Rd from Trolley to 17A
3) Orangeburg loop (Widening of Orangeburg Rd from Dorchester Rd to I-26)
- County Council: added 2 more appointees to council
- County is one of the 11 most “green” counties in the State
 Bosch waste water project (purple pipe).
 IMO, German company; County helped with solar panel project
 Reworked many of the co building (lighting & A/C), review details at www.Dorchestercounty.net
- Actively working on county parks.
- School District consolidation in the future (reasons for)
 1- help the children
 2 – save \$
 3 – economic impact from companies relocating to the upper Dorchester area
 DD4 had \$6mil in savings
- Boeing move in area has a large impact
- Boeing suppliers are investing/moving to upper Dorchester county to stay out of the immediate labor market.
- Impact fees were passed last fall. Impact fees will be paid by new businesses & others (houses ~\$4K)
- Question from floor: Blue Ridge Trail flooding complaint. & Sawpit gap; Larry took notes on subject for investigation
- Richfield Rd work to start soon
- Parlor Rd extension is on hold due to snails study.
- Question from floor: Are bike & walking trail to be extended (working on this but no dates)
- Speed limit change to 45 MPH on Patriot
- Timing of Archdale traffic light @ Dorchester; Can it be made faster?
- In-bound turning lane is very rough; Can we get it fixed?

Larry took notes on many subjects for investigation

3) The minutes of the September General meeting were read by Joe Wagner. The minutes were approved as read by majority of attendees.

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4) Jennifer presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached sheet). Jennifer distributed hard copies of the report. Jennifer reviewed the report. After a very confusing discussion & questions, the report was accepted by majority of attendees.

5) Old Business

- a) Landscaping RFQ status
Norman had sample RFQs printed for handout. Norman asked for the status; Eric replied that he had stopped work on the RFQ in December, thus there were no quotes as of this time. Eric stated that there was no contract with the current "provider". Norman stated that at the board meeting he had a contract. Eric called it a fabrication. The discussion of this subject was stopped.
- b) The discussion turned back to the "assessments". A new resident stated that he had purchased a home within the past year and that the closing attorney told him that the "assessments" were "voluntary. Norman explained that the "donation" term from years ago in order to justify tax write offs. The same resident stated that this confusion should be cleared up in order to avoid future issues. A long time resident stated that it is very difficult to "consolidate" all of the covenants to help this situation. There was a suggestion to put some kind of "letter" on the website to address this situation.

6) New Business

- a) Archdale boulevard beautification, Norman will bring up at a latter date.
Motion by Carl: ACA to investigate the filling of the ditches on the blvd. Norman will take this as action to investigate.
- b) New neighbor welcoming, There will be more information later on this subject
- c) Archdale established in 1978, problem with noise ordinance issue by an individual Elder abuse situation. Handout from Norman on Elder Abuse Daily. The details for the investigation are ongoing.
- d) There is a report that at 110 Palmetto Bluff w/ large trailer in driveway. Norman will investigate this situation.
- e) Question from the floor: fencing question and the covenants; Jennifer answered.

The next General meeting will be Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 7pm at the ARFD meeting room and the next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 8, 2011 at 7p.m.

Board Attendees:

Norman McDonald	President
Jackie O'Riley	Vice President
Joe Wagner	Secretary
Jennifer Chaffee Wallis	Treasurer
Eric Zink	Past President
Bob Veitch	Board Member

Absent:

Jimmy Hahn	Board Member
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John Frutchey	Board Member
Ted Hucks	Board Member
Glenda Moore	Board Member

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.
Submitted by Joe Wagner