

ACA General Meeting

September 29, 2016

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

Members Present: Norman McDonald (P), Glenn Sweatman (VP), Sharon Sanders (Sect.), Jason Simmons, Ted Hucks, and Angelika Dorsch-Bruckner

Members Attending: 13 total attendees at meeting

Guest Speaker: Fire Chief, Inabinett of the Ashley River Fire Department – There has been talk of North Charleston proposed absorbing the fire station and eventually annexing Archdale due to “aggressive annexation”. The Chief, who has been in place since May of 2005, said usually property owners are sent a letter asking if they want to annex into the city. He advised that we would still pay the county taxes; however, we will have to pay additional municipal taxes as well. This request for the proposal was made by Councilman, George Bailey, to the City of North Charleston. Mayor Summey responded back to Councilman Bailey with a proposal to take over services of the Ashley River area. They will continue to collect the same money the fire station receives (15 mils). There are services the fire station provides to Bosch that North Charleston cannot provide. The Council Chair, Dr. Richard Duncan, said it is not on the agenda. The fire station is rated as a Class 1, the highest rated fire department in this area. North Charleston is a Class 2. The Class 1 status should give us a reduction (10%) in our homeowner’s insurance. The county has not put anything out officially. Chief Inabinett suggests we call the Council Chair or Councilman Bailey to get concrete answers.

October 12, 2016 is fire prevention week. Festival Center will have activities.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Secretary-Minutes** – The minutes of June 30, 2016 were read by Sharon Sanders. There were no errors or omissions noted. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, it was 2nd, all were in favor, none opposed. The minutes were approved and accepted as read.
 2. **Treasurer’s Report** – The treasurer’s report was read by Norman McDonald, acting as the interim treasurer. There was no money spent that had not already been in the budget. We spent \$80 for computer repairs; \$500 for tree removal from Blvd. and Knightsbridge; \$350 for beautification of the Mansfield plantation area. We had allocated \$400 in the approved budget for beautification. A motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report as read, it was 2nd, all were in favor, none opposed. The treasurer’s report was accepted as read.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Storm Water Drain System** – Engineers were here with a pumper truck and blew out the drain lines.
 2. **Speed Humps** – Still in the drafting stage at County Council.
 3. **Knightsbridge Pond** – Glenn will pick up fish on 10/13/2016; 10 carp are being purchased at \$12 each. With that, we get the permit to have them. They (sellers) did suggest we do something so that carp will not swim out of the port holes. Carps live for about 12 years and do not multiply. There was a question of what needs to be cleaned out (bushes and trees) with regards to the water level. Norm said that the pond's water level is not that high. The estimate by public works is that the sediment is so high that the pond is only retaining about 20% of the water that it did when it was new.
 4. **Archdale Entrance Landscaping/Archdale Beautification** – Nothing new with landscaping. We have not gotten any input on anything else to add. The funds have been approved.
 5. **Delinquent Accounts** – We consulted with an attorney who wrote a letter with his recommendations that we can follow for a fee. The main goal was to compel those who don't pay their fair share to pay. We have attorneys contacting us at closing asking that we provide them with the homeowner's status with regards to their HOA fees. We are now receiving attorney trust fund checks, paying off delinquent fees. With having this avenue of collecting fees, there may not be a need to pay an individual law firm to collect.
 6. **Over Lament of Entrance at Dorchester Road** – Nothing new. Norman left voicemail for Councilman Bailey.
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NEW BUSINESS

1. **2017 Nomination Committee:** We are searching for board members willing to contribute their time to the board. Angelika is the contact for anyone interested in serving. We will vote on the 2017 Board members at the December 1, 2016 General meeting.
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DISCUSSIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

1. **114 Sunrise Road:** Yard grown up; fence has fallen; tree growing through the roof; property owners not living in the area; and being used as storage facility. Shown as being owned by a corporation. Norm will call code enforcement.
2. **Police Patrols:** Extra police patrols ended. We weren't getting any more complaints. There is still money in the budget allocated should we need it.

3. **Concrete drainage in between roads coming out of Archdale:** Who do we call to have it repaired? Start with the Public Works Department.
4. **117 Old Saybrook:** Yard has debris at curb for over a month. Norm will look into this.
5. **Parking on the median:** Glenn received calls from homeowners concerned about people parking on the median. You can call the Sheriff's Department and have them ticketed.
6. **Blvd. Landscaping:** Question of landscaper cutting the grass, but not blowing the sand back into the median. Additionally, trees need trimming along the Blvd.
7. **Sidewalks:** Any consideration of putting sidewalks along the Blvd? No, we would have to pay for it ourselves at an estimated price of \$500,000 per mile.
8. **Ashley River Fire Dept.:** It was suggested that the association congratulate Ashley River Fire Department for getting the #1 Rating.
9. **Vehicles without current tags:** Call code enforcement
10. **Blvd Beautification:** The pressure washing of curbs is included in the beautification of the Blvd. We are still looking for someone to do the job. Funds have been allocated for the whole Blvd.

Motion was made to adjourn, it was 2nd and accepted. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: December 1, 2016