Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association
June 21, 2021
Minutes
[Virtual Meeting via Google Meet]
WTNA website address: www.wagenerterrace.org

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Amanda Gurski. She remarked that hopefully we will not be meeting virtually for too many more months but is leaving that decision to the new officers. She welcomed any new attendees to introduce themselves, but no one did.

REPORTS:

President Gurski said that there would be no presentations at this meeting.

Minutes: April minutes were not entered at the May meeting because they were not posted in a timely manner, so President Gurski requested a motion for minutes to be read as posted for the April and May meetings. Jarrett Nicholson moved to accept the minutes as posted, and Gail Thomas seconded. The motion passed, and the minutes were accepted as entered on the website.

Financials: Treasurer Gail Thomas reported a checking account balance of $9,454.57 and a savings account balance of $22,505.67 [$17,500 on reserve for oyster roast in 2022].

ONGOING BUSINESS/LOCAL ISSUES

1. President Gurski introduced a discussion of whether we should make a decision about next year's oyster roast, as this is the time of year where we usually solidify the date. Vice President Petar Lemajic asked whether anyone wants to reach out to Kelly Hobbs with Patrick Properties to discuss Lowndes Grove availability. Jarrett Nicholson volunteered to take the lead and suggested that at the next couple of meetings we begin looking for volunteers who are willing to help plan the oyster roast. Gail Thomas noted that Kelly Hobbs is attending this meeting but unable to un-mute herself, so she requested that Kelly email her with potential oyster roast dates.

2. Petar Lemajic brought up a post that was discussed on the I Live in Wagener Terrace facebook group which described a young woman who lives on Grove Street in our neighborhood who has been repeatedly accosted by the same man. The incidents have been reported to police, and the impression by this neighbor and her roommate is that no action has been taken. As a neighborhood, we want to know what exactly the Charleston Police Department is doing to address this problem, to the extent that they are allowed to speak about it. Councilman Sakran has not heard from the woman in question, despite attempts to reach out to her. Lt. Dasher's position is that it is still an open investigation, but President Gurski thinks that as a community we need to advocate for people being able to walk around without being harassed. VP Lemajic says that he will follow up with Lt. Dasher to try to have him attend the next meeting and allow us to have a conversation about this issue.

3. An email was already sent about work impacting Grove Street, but Petar wanted to make sure everyone was aware. The work started June 14 and would be continuing to June 28th, with street blocking going on between Wagener Avenue and 8th Avenue. There is also some sidewalk closure. They do have a permit and will be using a crane to lift HVAC equipment onto a roof. The crane will be blocking the street, and they will be blocking off the sidewalk for safety.

4. DHEC is doing a homebound vaccination program, and this information was also sent to our email list. This program is available in all 46 counties through December 2021, from 7am-7pm daily. The phone number is 866-365-8110, and interested persons should call and provide their name, date of birth, and street address with the operator, and someone will call back to schedule an appointment. One caregiver per provider is also able to receive vaccine. If there is someone you know in the neighborhood or generally who is homebound and would like to be vaccinated, please share the information.

CITY COUNCIL/POLICE/CITADEL

Councilman Sakran was unable to attend the meeting. Lt. Dasher was given an opportunity to speak, but he was not present. There were also no presentations. No one representing the Citadel was in attendance. No one had any New Business.

COMMITTEES

1. Sunshine: Gail Thomas said that Sis Marshall is now in Florida with Hal's daughter Kimmy. They are going to have an estate sale and sell the house. Petar Lemajic requested that Gail try to get an address for Sis.

2. Membership: Gail says that it is time to pay dues - $10 a person. People who prepaid will be getting cards this week. Anyone who still needs to pay can take money to Gail Thomas at 354 Grove St. You can drop off cash or check to her house or mail it to her. The payment should include the member's name, address, email address, and phone number so that she knows who it is registering as a member. Checks should be made out to WTNA.

3. Oyster Roast: Jarrett Nicholson asked for any interested oyster roast volunteers to message him.

4. Yard of the Month: The June winner is 17 Clemson St and owners Jay and Elizabeth Williamson.

Officer Transitions

President Gurski said she is excited to see what the 4 new officers are going to do, and she thinks the new officers are responsible and dedicated. She asked whether anyone is interested in the Board position being vacated by Nancy Wilson, but no one spoke up. Outgoing Secretary Mike Turner wished Nancy Wilson good luck in her new position as Secretary and states that he enjoyed his time as secretary and on the Board and encourages people to welcome new neighbors and talk to them about the importance of joining and being involved in WTNA. Mike and Jean Turner sold their house and will be

based out of Kiawah and traveling extensively. Petar Lemajic thanks President Gurski for her leadership. She will continue heading up Yard of the Month. President Gurski thanked Jarrett Nicholson for stepping up and joining the officers, and she thanked Gail Thomas for being an officer for many years and for doing so much work behind the scenes.

President Gurski expressed that she is unsure what the appropriate process is for officially transitioning leadership to the new officers. Gail Thomas said that there was a swearing in ceremony the first year she was secretary, but it has not happened since then. She said that she hopes the Board enjoys the next 2 years, and "You are in. Tag you are it!" President Gurski said that she is officially handing the reins to Petar Lemajic and passed the floor to him.

New President Lemajic thanked Former President Gurski. He also thanked everyone who attends regularly. He said that we have good intentions in what we do, he thinks we do a good job, and he looks forward to our work in the future. President Lemajic gave members a chance to speak, but no one did. Mike Turner and Gail Thomas both moved to close the meeting, and Jarret Nicholson seconded. The meeting closed with more expressions of appreciation.

The next WTNA Meeting will be July 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm. An email announcement and phone call will be made regarding format of the meeting.

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BOD: Petar Lemajic, Jarrett Nicholson, Gail Thomas, Jeanie Knowlton, Susan Cale, Nancy Wilson, and Anna Turner

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