Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

May 18, 2020
Minutes
[Virtual Meeting via FreeConference Call.com]
WTNA website address: www.wagenerterrace.org

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 by Pres. Gurski. She asked that if there were any first time guests to identify themselves. There were none.

April minutes were accepted as posted on the website. Pres. Gurski made the Treasurer's Report for Gail Thomas:

Checking account has balance of $32,205.58 less an obligation of $1,500 to Florence Crittenton and a $87.86 reimbursement to Petar Lemajic. Savings account has balance of $5,004.35.

Special Guest Report of Stuart Coleman, Partner, CCTE

Mr. Coleman noted that activity in the 133-acre Magnolia Development has been focused on two areas: (1) implementing infrastructure prior to phase two construction (i.e., utilities, storm water drainage, roads), and (2.) remediation of 3 cleanup sites (Koppers site, Columbia Nitrogen site, and Ashepo Phosphate site). Mr. Coleman noted that with the economic disruption caused by the pandemic, the Highland Resources team has stopped current infrastructure work with a plan to resume that work when vertical buildings are begun. In the interim, work is ongoing in the remediation area—focusing work to move from the current qualification for commercial development by EPA to the qualification for residential development—to get off of the EPA Superfund site list.

In response to a question from Alston Middleton regarding an anticipated date for sale of houses and apartments, Mr. Coleman stated that Highland Resources will be selling land to developers for construction of dwellings and commercial areas in "blocks." He said that the sale to developers may happen in 18 -24 months, and construction was probably 2 ½ years out.

Mr. Coleman noted that Magnolia Development is in communication with Low Country transportation to identify bus routes. He stated that the Riverwalk was still in the plan, and they are working on all the permits necessary to bring the park to fruition in time for the opening of the first buildings in 2 ½ years. He also stated that they have been in consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers to confirm that the proposed seawall will end on the south side of the Magnolia site.

In response to a question about the anticipated traffic egress and exit from the Magnolia tract, Mr. Coleman stated that they anticipated that 50% of the traffic would exit via King Street and 50% via Rutledge Ave.

Pres. Gurski thanked Mr. Coleman for accepting the WTNA invitation to update us on the Magnolia development progress.

City Council/Police/Citadel;

Councilman Jason Sakran was present via teleconference audio and made a report. He noted that City Council has been working on the Charleston re-opening plan which will be released soon. Councilman Sakran noted that this and other issues, such as vehicle traffic in Hampton Park were addressed in his recent e-mail newsletter. He plans to issue a monthly newsletter. He invited members who have not received the newsletter to contact him via e-mail: jasonsakrandistrict3@gmail.com . The Councilman noted that there have been discussions about the closure of parts of King Street (north of Calhoun) to give restaurants more space for outdoor dining. Discussions have also continued about a permanent

closure of Hampton Park vehicular traffic. Greg Smith recommended that the Association support such an effort. The Councilman suggested that taking such a permanent action be postponed until the pandemic crisis ends.

New Business:

President Gurski called on Alston Middleton for a report of the nominating committee for the four vacancies on the WTNA Board of Directors. Nominating Committee members included Alston Middleton (chair), Mike Hilfer, Kelly Hobbs, and Hannah Reynolds. The recommended slate to fill the fours board vacancies were: Susan Cale, Anna Turner, Jeanie Knowlton and Nancy Wilson. Pres. Gurski asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Noting there were no additional nominations, Pres. Gurski asked if there was a motion to elect the slate by acclamation. Alston Middleton made the motion and Greg Smith seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

On-Going/Old Business:

Yard-of-the-Month: 64 Clemson Street, Baird Mallory and Molly Pratt.

Longborough Dock: No report.

Growth Management: No report.

Members and Residents: President Gurski noted that the reusable WTNA grocery bags have not yet been delivered to residents. She asked if the members felt that they could be delivered to residents. Most noted, including Councilman Sakran, that the re-opening activity was such that residents should not be suspicious of door-to-door activity. Mike Turner and Alston Middleton volunteered to help distribute with others that were previously identified. Masks and gloves were recommended during distribution.

Sunshine: No report.

Questions/Concerns/Suggestions/Announcements:

Hannah Reynolds suggested that Emergency Management be invited to the next meeting to discuss hurricane preparedness. Pres. Gurski announced that she would not be able to attend the next meeting, and that Petar Lemajic would chair.

Meeting was adjourned @ 7:48

Next WTNA Meeting is June 15, 2020. An announcement will be made regarding format of the meeting.

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