Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

September 21, 2020
Minutes
[Virtual Meeting via Google Meet]
WTNA website address: www.wagenerterrace.org

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 by President Amanda Gurski. She asked any first time or non-resident guests to identify themselves. There was one: Erik Hofstrom.

REPORTS

Minutes:
The minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting and the August 17, 2020 meeting, having been posted on the WTNA website for a month, were approved as posted. The motion was made by Anna Turner and seconded by Patti Comfort-Capers and passed unanimously.

Financials:
In the temporary absence of Treasurer Gail Thomas, President Gurski reported a checking account balance of $31,240.01 and a savings account balance of $5,004.52.

PRESENTATIONS

1. ***2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget***. President Gurski reminded members that the proposed budget were posted on the www.wagenerterrace.org website after the August meeting. She also noted that 2020-21 income would be drastically reduced because of the cancellation of the January 2021 oyster roast. For that reason, $17,500 of the current available income was proposed to be put in savings for utilization in the next fiscal year to forward fund oyster roast "startup" expenses. She called for any questions or clarifications. Hearing none, Secretary Turner made a motion to approve the 2020-21 fiscal budget as presented online. Gail Thomas seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
2. **CITY COUNCIL/ POLICE/ CITADEL**

Councilman Jason Sakran (District 3) was present. No other officials were present at the meeting. Councilman Sakran noted that the Laurel Island Development PUD was proceeding toward a Council vote. Gail Thomas again asked if there were components of the PUD that could not be changed by the developers without Council approval. Councilman Sakran replied that there were some components of the PUD that were unchangeable for 5 to 15 years. He promised to send a document to WTNA outlining the unchangeable components. Vice President Petar Lemajic asked if that document could be posted on the WTNA website and the Councilman responded affirmatively.

3. **NEW BUSINESS/ LOCAL ISSUES**

A. Dog Park Improvements

President Gurski called on Bradley Thompson to report on his consultations with patrons of the dog park about their ideas for the use of excess donated funds for the dog park that have sat idle for some time. The total of unexpended donations is $1,253. Mr. Thompson reported that his conversations with patrons generally identified the need for more shade in the dog park, both for the dogs and humans. A motion was made by Mike Turner to authorize Mr. Thompson to expend the $1,253 to help provide more shade in the dog park. It was seconded by Gail Thomas and passed unanimously. Mr. Thompson asked Councilman Sakran and the members for assistance in identifying the appropriate city officials who could provide approvals for the installation of shade awnings.

B. Traffic Control Requests

President Gurski called on Tyler Heuter to report on his efforts to obtain petition signatures of residents living on Mt. Pleasant Street, from Hester St. to Rutledge Avenue. The petition calls for a STOP sign on Mt. Pleasant St. and Ashley Avenue and speed bumps on Mt. Pleasant St. between Hester and Rutledge. These measures are proposed to slow the speed of traffic on Mt. Pleasant Street. Mr. Heuter added that the waiting list for speed bump installation in the City was apparently very long, and the speed bump budget was limited. A discussion followed regarding whether speed bumps could be purchased for the City by WTNA in order to shorten the installation time. Vice President Lemajic interjected that he would discuss the strategies used by residents to get speed bumps installed on St. Margaret and also on Grove Street.

President Gurski then asked if there were other traffic concerns of WTNA members. Bradley Thompson mentioned that vehicles were parking too close to the intersections of Mt. Pleasant and Ashley, as well as Darlington St., preventing turning with a clear line of sight. Jarett Nicholson asked if the extra closures of the oval at Hampton Park to vehicular traffic that were made at the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic were permanent. President Gurski asked that the discussion of Hampton Park traffic be postponed, and asked again for other safety concerns with traffic in WT. The intersection of St. Margaret and Rutledge was mentioned as a dangerous one. Also, egress onto Rutledge from Moultrie was again mentioned, noting that the movement of the traffic light at Rutledge & Cleveland to Rutledge & Moultrie was a potential solution. Lyn Smith noted that the vegetation near intersections was a problem in some areas. One member suggested that the yellow lines painted to restrict parking near some intersections should be expanded to more intersections in WT.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Yard of the Month: 2322 Sunnyside, home of Franklin and Kate Adams.
No further reports.

5. GROWTH MANAGEMENT -- PERMITS & UPCOMING ISSUES

President Gurski recognized Erik Hofstrom of 210 Gordon Street who presented the history of his request to demolish a shed on his property and renovate the back of his home and outbuilding. He presented photos, site plans and artist renderings of views onto the adjoining lot at the rear of his home which he also owns. He answered questions regarding the Board of Architectural Review's rejection of his shed demolition request. Following a discussion of the purview of the BAR on outbuildings more than 50 years old, as opposed to the previous purview of 75 years, a motion was made by Mike Turner and seconded by Gail Thomas to support Erik Hofstrom's request for the demolition and renovation at 210 Gordon Street as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW CONCERNS

President Gurski noted that the Board of Elections for Charleston County was in need of **Poll Workers** for the upcoming General Election in November. To find out requirements and other contact information she directed interested parties to visit the site vote.charlestoncounty.org and select the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration tab. Also, if you have an absentee ballot, but do not want to mail your ballot, but deliver it in person, there will be another collection point for these ballots in Charleston County at the **Main County Library on Calhoun Street**. There is also a special collection box outside the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration building @ 4367 Headquarters Rd., North Charleston, SC 29405. The box is under video surveillance.

REMINDERS

Annual dues can be paid by mailing $10/ person to Gail Thomas at 354 Grove Street, Charleston, 29403. Gail says that the dues can also be dropped by if that was convenient.

Gail Thomas again reminded members to lock homes and vehicles in WT. Please do not leave valuables in vehicles, especially firearms.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:05 p.m.

Next WTNA Meeting is **October 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm**. An e-mail announcement and phone call will be made regarding format of the meeting.

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BOD: Amanda Gurski, Petar Lemajic, Mike Turner, Gail Thomas, Jeanie Knowlton, Susan Cale, Nancy Wilson and Anna Turner

Completed: September 23, 2020