Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

January 21, 2019

Minutes

Meeting was called to order @ 7:02

November 19, 2018 minutes by Mike and Jean Turner were read and accepted

Finances: Checking $34,249.74 (of that, $1253.66 is for the Dog Park Fund)
Savings $ 5,003.68

City Council/Police/Citadel: No Representatives Present

New Business:

1. Will secure date for 2019 Oyster Roast and BBQ at February meeting
2. Chas Parks Conservancy Shucked + Sauced on Jan 26 is sold out
3. Passed out design concepts for the Wagener Terrace Welcome Sign and will address this again at the Feb meeting

On-Going Business:

Anna McAllister continues to take orders for trees; $295, half covered by WTNA

Growth Management

Nothing new to report

Members and Residents

Sunshine – Anna McAllister suggested we send a card to Joe Wolfe. Ann has dementia and is now confined to a wheelchair.

Presentations/ Future Scheduling:

Lynn Bowley, executive director of the Charleston Habitat for Humanity spoke. Charleston Habitat includes the City of Charleston, North Charleston and James Island. The goal of Habitat is to build houses for working citizens in the 35-60% of area income who cannot otherwise afford one with mortgages from $500 to $600 a month. Recently that has included a teacher and a first responder. They build about 4 homes a year and 88 total over the past 30 years.

The Habitat Restore on Meeting St accepts donations for household goods (no clothing) that are sold to help finance construction. Our own Anna Lee Turner is a volunteer there. Store hours are 10:00 to 6:00.

Habitat also has a Veterans program by veterans for veterans that includes a veteran repair program.

Habitat is totally community based for the community by the community.

Volunteers are needed and there are no prerequisite skills. 16 to 18 year olds can volunteer but cannot use ladders or power tools. 15 year old can work preconstruction on clearing the lot and post construction landscaping.
If large groups want to volunteer, Habitat asks to be contacted.
Volunteer hours are 8:30 to 11:00 and from 11:30 until 3:00 Wed. thru Sat.

Questions/Concerns/Suggestions/Announcements:

Mike Turner announced that the Romney St Recycling Center is not accepting any refuse until March as it is undergoing a reworking. Must go to Bee's Ferry.
Beatrice again points out the number of trucks whether UPS, FedEx or Snyder that move too fast down the streets, damaging trees and blocking driveways. She suggests writing a letter to each stating our issues.
Anna McAllister points out our street sweeping is random at best and that it is best not to be put on a posted schedule which would require cars removed from the streets.
Nancy Wilson recommended that WTNA, as a service project, provide reusable bags for our WT neighbors who may not be able to afford them. Councilman Lewis said price is a factor and is concerned that the single-use plastic bags and straws would be a burden for low-income neighbors. Amanda Gurski reminded us that Councilman Lewis is up for re-election and maybe we can "push" him on this issue. Nancy will take the lead on this.
Gail Thomas recommended, as a community service, that we provide house numbers to those who do not have them - needed for postal service as well as emergency responders.

Meeting was adjourned @ 7:53

Next WTNA Meeting is February 18, 2019

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