Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

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Minutes

1. **Welcome and Call to Order**. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Amanda Gurski.
2. **Introduction/New Attendees/Guests**. No new attendees identified themselves to the membership. Several guests will be introduced during their presentations later in the meeting.
3. **Reports -- Minutes and Financials**. Secretary Mike Turner read the minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular meeting. No additions or corrections were offered and the minutes were approved by voice vote as read. The Financial Report was given by Treasurer Gail Thomas, who noted that the balance of checking and savings accounts were printed on the agenda: Checking -- $29,916.44; Savings -- $5004.05. An expenditure of $1374.00 was made as a deposit on the Wagener Terrace sign that will be installed shortly. $60 in memberships had been received since the last meeting.
4. **Presentations:**
   a.) **Wagener Terrace Award of Distinguished Service.** President Gurski recognized Charles Shine, former office and member of the WTNA Board for many years. President Gurski read the inscription on the plaque, and Mr. Shine thanked the membership and recognized several members who had served with him during his leadership tenure with the WTNA.
   b.) **Citadel Update to the Neighborhood.** President Gurski introduced **Col. Cardon B. Crawford**, Dir. of Governmental and Community Affairs, who introduced **Citadel Public Safety Chief Mike Turner** to address the issue of cadets parking in Wagener Terrace streets. Chief Turner clarified that cadets were not subject to military discipline and could not be "put in stocks" for parking on public streets. He did note, however, that cadets could not block driveways, and that they should park not closer than 3 feet from a driveway entrance. If violations occur, please call the City Police. The Chief also noted that the Wagener Terrace neighborhood could go to permitted neighborhood parking which would give the neighborhood a measure of control over non-residential parking. He pointed out that parking was more limited because of new construction of the new business school building and that sophomores have no parking privileges on campus starting this year. Chief Turner gave a phone number to call, (843) 953-5114, and his e-mail address: mturner7@citadel.edu if he could be of assistance. **Commander Jeffrey Lamberson,** the new **Vice-President of Facilities and Engineering** for the Citadel gave an update on the Citadel's Master Plan that is being formulated and the imminent expansion of Capers Hall to add more instructional spaces. He also commented that the Citadel was looking to make the

campus more inviting and open. The new buildings on campus would likely face outward to the community rather than inward, and that parking lots on the perimeter of the campus would be removed. He also mentioned the replacement of chain-link fencing with wrought iron fencing and power lines being placed underground to improve the "look of the perimeter." In response to a question regarding the reoccupation of the old apartments on Dunneman Street, he noted that faculty housing is in short supply. Also there was an increase in student enrollment in 2019-20 which caused the reoccupation of 5 units, but that he anticipated those students being move back into dormitory housing after freshman attrition in the first semester occurs. One of the units is also being used as office space during this year. He asked the WTNA members to share ideas with them on ways to improve the Citadel campus. David Welling, architect, was recognized to show drawings of the planned expansion of Capers Hall. The building will face Huger Street when the renovations and expansion are complete. It was announced that the improved Capers Hall will be a LEAD building, meeting new environmental standards.

c.) **Magnolia Development Update.** Mr. Welden Johnston, Vice-President for Highland Resources, made a presentation to the members about recent progress with the Magnolia Development. An extension of a sewer line under King Street to the Magnolia Development tract signals the beginning of construction in the southeastern corner of the tract. The first phase is scheduled for completion in the fourth quarter of 2020. This will be a mixed use development of residential units, retail spaces, etc. There is also a park planned for the development. There is a development priority to focus attention on the access to the Ashley River, with plans to have a continuous connection of the riverside from the northern end of the tract to the marsh on the southern end. They hope to have water taxi service and the capacity to "rent-a-slip" for a few hours to encourage use of the waterside facilities on a casual basis.

5. **City Council/ Police.** Charleston Police Officer Jenkins gave a presentation about recent crime in the Wagener Terrace neighborhood, noting that shootings had occurred recently at Sans Souci and Simmons Streets. Both are open investigations. Direct patrols have been instituted in both areas. He noted that overall, Wagener Terrace is a low-crime area. There have been a number of vehicle related thefts, including the theft of a gun from one vehicle. He encouraged all residents to bring firearms into their homes and not leave them in vehicles. Residents were again encouraged to lock their vehicles. Also, in the holiday season, Officer Jenkins encouraged residents to utilize the Charleston Police Department "Keep-A-Check" program if you were going to be out-of-town for a number of days. Officers will check your property in your absence. In response to a question about high speed chases in the neighborhood, Office Jenkins noted that Charleston police do not engage in high speed chases unless it is in response to a murder or other violent crime. Any other high speed chases may be county or state police.

6. **On-Going Business/ Committee Reports.**

a.) There was no report of the **Yard-of-the-Month Committee,** the **Sunshine Committee,** the **Environment Committee,** the **Zoning Committee,** or the **Publicity/ Membership Committee**.

b.) Oyster Roast Report. Vice-President Petar Lemajic reported he and President Amanda Gurski had met with the Lowndes Grove staff, including Kelly Olsen, to secure a contract for the location of the January 12 Oyster Roast and other services. The contract has not been finalized. One of the members reported that the band had agreed to perform for the oyster roast for $1,000, but other compensation in free tickets was not yet finalized. Petar Lemajic thanked everyone for the reponse on the volunteer sign-up app.

7. Adjournment. There were no further concerns, reports or issues, and President Gurski called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed by voice vote. The meeting ended at 8 p.m.