Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

July 20, 2015
Minutes

Meeting was called to order @ 7:01

Ginny Deerin will speak at a future neighborhood meeting
174 Dunnemann – deferred

Finances: $8693.24 Checking $5001.90 Savings
No outstanding bills or checks
$900.00 check written to Lowcountry Unity Fund with Coastal Community Foundation

Budget to be discussed at Board Meeting and presented to WTNA

Issues: Raccoon problem – call Environmental Services or
William Dudley Gregorie @ 327-7900 and speak to Mona Lisa OR
James Lewis @ 910-3897
Currently there is a list of WTNA issues in the "system"
Future upper peninsula development to be presented at later date
Should we allow short term rentals/airbnb? To be discussed

New Business: C. Saylor of the Citadel introduced herself – she will be contact person

Meeting adjourned @ 7:18

Charleston Park Conservancy Presentation by
Harry Lesesne and Josh Martin (Jerry Ebeling , Director of Parks also present)

Background of the work of the Charleston Parks Conservancy (CPC):
- Work with city to preserve and improve city parks
- First project was Corrine Jones Park in WT
- Over 1000 park angels (volunteers)
- Have improved Allen Park, Magnolia Park and Common garden, a park in Elliottborough along with the park at Rutledge and Calhoun and daffodils at Marion Square
- Also offer classes for community gardens (more than 30 thus far)
- Have invested ~$3.5 million in parks, 17,000 hours and volunteer value hours of $383,000

Current plans:
- Renovate Superintendent's Bldg and Stables as a Multi-use Community Center
- Parking lot of 150 cars with entrance coming into parking lot from Grove St at Rutledge
- Funding source for CPC
- Café in Hampton Park will serve light fare along with beer and wine with acoustical music
- All plans must go before BAR and then back to neighborhood associations
- Plan to integrate public art in Hampton Park (HP)

- Stables and Superintendents Bldg will face park with old bldg from Navy base to be public restrooms placed next to far end of stables
- Center will open to public when not reserved
- Service entry thru 12th Ave?
- Only City Council can defer decision for 2nd/3rd reading of lease
- Will present to DOT a plan to move traffic light @ Cleveland and Rutledge to Moultrie and Rutledge making entrance into park @ Cleveland more "passive"
- 1.5 of the 63 acres in HP under consideration for this project
- City will own master lease and it can be terminated/revoked
- No city taxes; the CPC will pay for the renovations and all associated costs
- City oversight of RFP once lease approved
- Mission is tied to lease and if not followed it can terminated
- 350 people maximum however, it is up to the city

Presentation ended @ 7:45 – opened up to questions

* All music indoors, except at café where there would be acoustical music
* All revenue to go to city parks
* Third party will manage café and Community Center
* All "renters" will be taxed
* If subjected to property tax, CPC will pay
* City of Charleston residents to get a 33% discount for use of Community Center
* Free to surrounding neighborhood association meetings
* Hours of Operation same as park: 6:00 am to 11:00 pm
* 65 Decibel noise limit
* 26 parks under CPC BUT none with commercial enterprise – NEW to CPC
* Traffic is already a problem at Grove and Rutledge and this will make it much worse
    - any traffic study?
* Said there were 10 public meetings – WHEN?
* Concerns about lease and omissions:
    - inside HP parking reserved for café users and not HP visitors
    - café can be expanded to larger restaurant
    - would like more details in lease
    - community center visitors and parking can spill over in to HP
    - traffic congestion @ Rutledge and Grove
    - Bird Sanctuary affected
* Hampton Park is a passive park and this will greatly impact its current use

City Council Meeting Tuesday @ 5:00 and this will be addressed

8:16 Comments Ended

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