Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of November 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Alston Middleton at 7:00 p.m. New attendees were recognized: Stuart & Hallie Hall of Grove Street; Rich Colangelo of 31 Addelstone; and Doug Loizeaux & Sharon Phillips, owners of the home on SW corner of 8th and Grove Street.

Minutes of Board Meeting of October 3, 2018 and Regular Meeting of October 15 were presented by President Middleton. Motion to approve the minutes made by Hal Marshall and seconded by Martha _____ was approved unanimously.

Hal Marshall presented the Finance Report, noting that the checking account balance was $33,077.04 and the savings account balance was $5003.59.

Mr. Marshall then gave a preliminary report of the statistics and financial outcome of the Oyster Roast at Lowndes Grove on November 4, 2018. Total Income to date is $20,998. Total expenses to date is $15,079.88. Net income is $5.908.91. [Detail Report is attached.] Beatrice Frask noted that Silent Auction accounting is almost complete. If the last three items are picked up and paid for, the total income from the Silent Auction will be $1,342.

Hal said that total attendance is a guess at this point -- between 550 and 800 persons. It was noted by the President that Carmen Gaston was very helpful in securing the band for the event.

New Business

1. Alston introduced Doug Loizeaux and Sharon Phillips, owners of the home on the SW corner of 8th and Grove Street. The building is a two-story brick built in 1940, and is need of upgrades and renovation. Doug noted that they had preliminary architectural drawings available and passed them around the membership. The improvements included a two-story "bump-out" on the north side to have screened porches on both stories. They were also going to replace the roof; add a portico over the front door and perhaps add dormers of the street side of the house. They also wanted to rebuild the garage on the existing garage footprint, but raise the level of the garage to provide for an office space above the garage. Also a gabled roof was to be added to replace the flat roof of the existing structure. He assured the members that the couple was not going to have an Airbnb on the site. The couple is now living out-of-state, but is contemplating moving into the second floor apartment after the renovations are complete. The couple reported that they had shared their proposed improvements with 13 residents facing their property and that all were supportive. The noted that their architect had suggested that they present their proposed improvements to WTNA before going to the City of Charleston zoning board. Mike Turner made a motion of support for the proposed renovations/ additions and Jarett Nicholson seconded the motion. During discussion, Sis Marshall suggested that a letter of support from WTNA to the appropriate city agency include the phrase that the building use was to remain "residential use only." The motion was approved unanimously.

2. President Alston recognized Jarett Nicholson of 97 St Margaret who wanted to inform the WTNA that he had received permission from the City to hold a block party on St. Margaret Street between 10th and 11th Streets. The party is to take place on December 15, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Food will be served to the residents at that location, and alcoholic beverages will be served in a "roped-off" area to residents of the two blocks.

3. Jarett Nicholson also informed the members that the City Council had first reading of an ordinance banning plastic grocery bags and plastic straws from use in City businesses. Jarett is supportive of this effort and urged the WTNA to send a letter of support to our council representatives. President Middleton urged members to Table the issue until the January meeting when the councilmen could be present. The Motion to Table passed.

4. Rich Colangelo of 31 Addelstone was recognized by the President Middleton to present his proposed eight-foot fence between his property and the Citadel soccer/ lacrosse field. The current chain-link fence does not block the view of several storage buildings that are backed up to the fence next to his property. There is also netting stretched above the fence to intercept errant balls. Mr. Colangelo is seeking a variance from the City to erect an eight-foot fence between his property and the Citadel property. Current ordinance only allows a seven-foot fences to be erected in residential areas with a variance. Mr. Colangelo reported that he had contacted the Citadel about this issue, but they were not amenable to increase the height of the fence. Mike Turner made a motion of support to the City and Sis Marshall seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Oyster Roast. President Middleton thanked everyone who volunteered and made the Oyster Roast a success. He noted that there were some things that WTNA could "tweak" to make it better for next year. He thanked Lowndes Grove for allowing the WTNA access to their facility when they could have profited from another event. Anna McAllister was lauded for her work at the Gate. Mike Turner noted that Gail Thomas spent many hours to organize the event and rounded up supplies that helped make the event a success. Petar Lemajic suggested that the raffle needs to be better advertised for next year, and Beatrice Frask noted that two of the contributors to the silent auction have already indicated a willingness to contribute again next year.
2. Anna McAllister listed all trees varieties available to homeowners who want to have the city plant discounted trees on their street-side property.
3. Sis Marshall reported for the Sunshine Committee that Carmen Gaston was in recovery from her fall and that there were other residents who needed our prayers, but did not want to be named.
4. Petar Lemajic reminded members that the Longborough Dock was still unavailable to the neighborhood outside Longborough. He urged us to not forget this issue, but address it.

Motion to adjourn was made by Anna McAllister and seconded by Sis Marshall. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 21, 2019.