

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Membership Meeting
September 19, 2017

The September membership meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (hereinafter CNA) was held on Tuesday the 19th of September at Molly Wier Hall at First Scots Presbyterian Church.

Call to Order: Ginny Bush, president of CNA, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Announcements: Ms. Bush announced a change in the program because of the effects of Hurricane Irma. Mike Metzler, Mark Wilbert, and Laura Cabiness (employees of the City of Charleston), Jack O'Toole from the Mayor's office, and Councilman Mike Seekings would be speaking and making themselves available for questions.

Ms. Bush recognized those present who were first time attendees at a CNA meeting.

Communications: Ms. Bush conducted an informal poll of the membership on the frequency of e-mail communications from CNA and the value of the content. Those present were positive as to both the number of communications and the usefulness of the information provided.

Program: Ms. Bush introduced **Mark Wilbert, Emergency Management Director and Chief Resiliency Officer** for the City of Charleston, who told of the preparations for what the City knew would be a storm surge event, and the follow-up after the storm. His presentation included an explanation of causes for the flooding and the work the City is doing to address such situations in the future. Members asked many questions during the presentation, most of which he was able to answer.

Mr. Wilbert was followed by **Mike Metzler, Deputy Director of Operations** for the Public Service Department of the City of Charleston. Mr. Metzler informed the members of the proposed pickup schedules for debris and regular trash and recycling, and announced the City is considering a special pickup for hazardous materials. Mr. Metzler answered questions from the members.

Councilman Seekings presented a slide show of pictures he took during the storm surge. He spoke on measures being taken in the recovery and of strategy sessions for dealing with the future. He welcomed **Representative Cogswell** to the meeting, as he emphasized that the solution will require cooperation and funding from different governmental entities. CM Seekings answered members' questions.

Murray Boulevard (Low Battery) Project: CM Seekings announced that plans for the rebuilding of the seawall will be presented at a meeting on October 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Memminger Auditorium.

Ms. Bush introduced **Laura Cabiness, Chief Engineer for the City**, who took a couple of questions.

Because of the length of the meeting, Ms. Bush and various committee chairmen, with the consent of the membership, agreed to consolidate reports and announcements in a forthcoming e-mail to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the membership will be held on November 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis W. Ewing
Acting Secretary