

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2014

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 13 at First Scots Church in Molly Weir Hall. Mr. Steve Gates, acting as President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The first order of business was for Mr. Gates to welcome members and review the agenda. He recognized the members of the Board of Directors who have completed their terms, those being Elise Brown, Mary Cutler, Randy Pelzer and Margot Rose. He thanked them for their service, and the meeting showed appreciation with a round of applause. Mr. Gates described the nominating process and introduced the members of the Nominating Committee: Margot Rose, Zoë Ryan, Rich Leadem and Charles Duell. The slate were introduced: Adelaida Bennett, Elizabeth Bradham, Will Cleveland and John Thompson for three year terms and Steve Gates for an additional one year term as President. There were no further nominations, and slate was elected.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to give reports on the pending seawall repairs, discussions with the First Baptist School and cruise ship developments. He mentioned plans by the City to review the 1994 tourism management plan and propose changes. Mr. Gates and several other CNA members have been appointed to the oversight steering committee for the study. The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to introduce Mr. Randy Pelzer, chair of the Tourism and BAR committees, who gave an update on tourism ordinance enforcement and plans for the continuing review of new development at the Sgt. Jasper site. He also introduced the new owners of Burbage's Grocery.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to introduce Lt. Steve Sierko of the Charleston Police Team 2, who gave an update on crime statistics and new police staffing and answered a number of questions by members. Councilman Mike Seekings was also introduced, and he thanked the members for his recent re-election and gave an update on pending City issues.

The next order of business was for Mr. Pelzer to introduce Judge Michael Molony of the City Livability Court. Judge Molony gave a history of the Livability Court and a description of its typical docket. He described the challenge of enforcing the City noise, parking and other behavior regulation ordinances, including the proliferation of flash parties around the College of Charleston. He described the procedure for bringing complaints and handed out information brochures.

Comments from the members focused on issues with student renters and the condition of rental properties. Mr. Gates pointed out that Peninsula neighborhood associations have repeatedly asked the City to require business licenses for non-owner occupied dwellings to identify individuals responsible for rental violations.

The President invited anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors or on a committee to contact him or CNA through contact information on the website: [www.chasna.org](http://www.chasna.org).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose  
Secretary