

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Monday, March 10 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, which included committee and project updates and a presentation by the Beach Company on their plans for the Sgt. Jasper property. Mr. Gates reported that seawall repairs are progressing at the bend and should be completed by July, after which phase two will commence. A left turn signal on Meeting Street at Broad Street is being pursued, but complicated by Meeting Street being a state highway, now requiring long mast arms for turn signals. The First Baptist School is holding an information session on March 17 to present campus plans to its Church and Meeting Street neighbors. Memberships should be renewed at this time. Ms. Elizabeth Bradham, chair of the Tourism committee, reported that film crews are scouting filming locations south of Broad Street. Mr. Jimmy Bailey described a program where trees are available for planting in the neighborhood. Mr. Gates then summarized the status of cruise ship legal proceedings. Mrs. Kitty Robinson, as Chair of the Advisory Committee to the City's review of the Tourism Management Plan, reported that a public forum on tourism issues is scheduled for Monday, April 7, at 7:00 PM at 75 Calhoun Street. Mr. Gates emphasized that this is an opportunity for residents to voice specific concerns.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to introduce Mr. Kent Johnson of the Beach Company, who in turn introduced his project team. Mr. Glenn Keyes of Glenn Keyes Architects gave an audiovisual presentation illustrating a proposed architectural "vocabulary" for the planned development. Mr. Richard Gowe of LS3P Associates described the three building project, still in the conceptual stage, in some detail, pointing out surrounding promenades, street front retail space, hidden parking garages, rental units and office space. Height was described as four stories at the street with a set back seven-story tower in the center building.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to ask Mr. Robert Gurley of the Preservation Society of Charleston to offer a framework for analyzing the proposal and its impacts. Questions focused on size, number of units, parking adequacy, effect on traffic, type of retail, rent prices and so forth. The audience reacted negatively to a suggestion by Mr. Johnson that parallel parking be

implemented on Broad Street. Mr. Johnson indicated that the Sgt. Jasper will be condemned this summer, that plans would be refined based on input, that a traffic study is required as part of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process, and that detailed plans and the completed traffic study would later go to the Planning Commission and then to the Board of Architectural Review (BAR).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose
Secretary