

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2012

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 10, 2012 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 to introduce the speakers, who are members of Team 2 for the Charleston Police Department. Officers Dale Middleton and Harry Sosa reported that theft from automobiles is CNA's major crime problem. Two officers have been assigned to address this issue, with the result being that no thefts have been reported for the last month and a half. They reported that thefts tend to be personal property left in a vehicle, often unlocked. In addition to securing your vehicle, they advised owners to take the simple precaution of removing or hiding items of value.

It was announced that Chief Mullen would speak at a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on November 1 at 5:30 PM at the Charleston County Library on Calhoun Street. Of mention is that complaints about motorcycle noise should be reported to the police department at 577-7434.

There have been no recent reports of home burglaries, which in the past had occurred when opportunists took advantage of an unlocked door to burgle a purse or electronic device. They advised that homeowners, while out of town, could request a special police watch for their residence.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to introduce three candidates for election to the school board, Todd Garrett, Henry Copeland, and John Barter, who spoke of their qualifications and goals for the school district.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to report on the status of the litigation against Carnival Cruise Lines now pending in state court, in which CNA, HANA, the Preservation Society and the Coastal Conservation League have sued to secure compliance with various local and state laws. He reported that submissions have been made to Judge Newman, who has the matter under consideration. Judge Newman was appointed by the State Supreme Court to hear the pending motions.

The next order of business was for Mr. Randy Pelzer to report for the cruise ship task force appointed by the Membership. A second public hearing by OCRM on the permit application to build the new cruise terminal will occur on Wednesday, September 19, at 6:00 PM at Sterett Hall Auditorium in North Charleston. Members were urged to attend.

Mr. Pelzer stated that initially, the SPA sought a permit for shoring piling, but after review, OCRM has required the SPA to resubmit its application to cover all work on the warehouse

intended for conversion into the new cruise terminal. The task force provided a lengthy written submission to both applications and will appear at the public hearing.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to announce that Mayor Riley will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Membership on October 8, 2012 at 5:30 in Molly Weir Hall at First Scots Church.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose
Secretary