

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2015

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 11 at First Scots Church in the sanctuary. Mr. Will Cleveland, acting as President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The first order of business was for Mr. Cleveland to welcome members and to introduce Mr. Randy Pelzer, who gave a brief presentation from the Cruise Ship Task Force. The next order of business was for Mr. Cleveland to introduce Mr. Jay Williams, who spoke about the proposed Sergeant Jasper complex. Mr. Williams provided a detailed explanation of the building plans, which includes residential, retail and office space as well as parking for 592 cars. Mr. Williams presented several architectural drawings with north and south elevations, noting that the mass, height and scale are incompatible with the neighborhood. Mr. Pelzer stated that CNA has a legal team who are working with Board approved counsel. Mr. Williams reviewed the issues as follows:

1. Limited business as outlined in the Beach Company's plan is not compatible with the existing neighborhood.
2. State law requires that municipalities follow the City's comprehensive plan. The Century V plan does not allow for this kind of business in the neighborhood.
3. The Beach Company has asked for more residential development and maximum density.
4. The 3X zoning designation is outdated.
5. A traffic study has not been done.

Mr. Williams reminded the audience that the Planning Commission has recommended reducing the height zone of the Jasper site to 55 feet. He said that The Beach Company does not have grandfather rights nor do they have vested rights since they are far from receiving final approval from the BAR.

Mr. Cleveland encouraged everyone to contact City Council to support the Planning Commission's recommendation to change the height to 55 feet. He reminded the group that there are two meetings being held regarding the Sergeant Jasper project – the BAR meeting on May 13 to review height, mass and scale for the current plan and the Planning Commission meeting on May 18 to discuss reducing the height zone. Both meetings will be held at Burke High School. A map was circulated for those who wish to attend one or both meetings.

The next order of business was for Mr. Park Dougherty to speak on the necessity for more public school options.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose  
Secretary