

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2016

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, January 19 at First Scots Church in Molly Wier Hall. Mr. Tom Waring, acting as President, called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was for Mr. Waring to introduce Mr. Rick Jerue, Senior Advisor to Mayor Tecklenburg. Mr. Jerue most recently served as director of education, outreach and strategic initiatives for the Charleston Gaillard Center. Mr. Jerue spoke about Mayor Tecklenburg's transition and the revised organization chart, the goal being to create efficiencies to focus on important issues like quality of life for the residents. The ten-person leadership team meets each week. New hires include Josh Martin, who will advise on the "built environment" and Mike Whack, who will oversee Mayor Tecklenburg's quality of life and community outreach initiative. The Mayor also plans to put together a group of citizens to meet regularly as advisors – twelve appointed by the Mayor and twelve by City Council. Mr. Jerue said that the Mayor's goal is to make Charleston the best place to live. He then answered a few questions from the membership and said his door is always open.

The next order of business was for Mr. Waring to say that the Charleston Police Department has no further information regarding the armed robbery on East Bay Street at this time. Mr. Waring recognized outgoing Board members Mr. Rich Leadem, Mrs. Bowe Pritchard, Mrs. Zoë Stephens, Mr. Simmons Tate and Mr. Jay Williams. He then announced the 2016 slate recommended by the nominating committee, including Mr. Bob Black, Mr. Larry Burtschy, Mrs. Ginny Bush, Mr. Randy Pelzer and Mrs. Connie Wyrick. A motion was made and seconded to elect the new officers, and the membership voted to approve.

The next order of business was the committee reports and project updates, which were as follows.

**Membership:** Mr. Waring reminded members to renew for 2016.

**Sergeant Jasper:** Mrs. Ginny Bush provided a brief overview, stating that:

- The Beach Company is continuing with litigation after the BAR denied their application in June of 2015.
- The Beach Company's plan (Plan A) to renovate the existing tower and add more buildings will go before the BAR on January 27.
- There have been facilitated discussions with all stakeholders, including CNA, Harleston Village Neighborhood Association, Preservation Society, Historic Charleston Foundation, City Council, the City and the Beach Company regarding the Beach Company's Plan B proposal. CNA is pressing for further reductions in height, mass and scale and has asked that St. Mary's field remain open as a park. Mrs. Bush said Mayor Tecklenburg and Councilman Seekings are firm that any discussions of either plan will involve public input. She also said that the CNA Sergeant Jasper committee will continue to keep neighbors updated on any new developments.

Mr. Jay Williams, a member of the Sergeant Jasper committee, recognized Mrs. Kitty Robinson and Mrs. Betsy Cahill, stating that Historic Charleston Foundation and the Preservation Society have been invaluable in the negotiation process.

The next order of business was for Mr. Waring to introduce Ms. Elizabeth Bradham, who reported that the fund raising effort has been an overwhelming success and thanked all donors for their support.

The next order of business was for Mr. Waring to introduce Councilman Mike Seekings, who said that at the top of his list is the implementation of the Tourism Management plan, including carriages and cruise ships. He spoke about the Sergeant Jasper negotiations, saying that any plan should be reasonable in terms of density and traffic and for St. Mary's field to remain as open green space.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose  
Secretary