

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2012

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 14 at First Scots Church in Molly Weir Hall. Mr. Steve Gates, serving as President, called the meeting to order. He first recognized CNA officers Mrs. Mary Cutler (Vice President), Mr. Calhoun Witham (Treasurer) and Mrs. Margot Rose (Secretary) for their efforts on behalf of the neighborhood. Mr. Gates also thanked Mr. Tom Uffelman for managing and maintaining our membership list.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to announce that Mr. John Cay and Mr. Randall Robinson are the appointed CNA members of the Charleston Trees Committee, a subset of the Charleston Horticulture Society. In sum, the City will plant a street tree, of which there are several choices, for a fee of \$150.00 if the homeowner is committed to watering the tree for one year.

The next order of business was to introduce the first of three speakers, Ms. Jane Baker, the outgoing Division Director for Neighborhood Services for the City of Charleston. Ms. Baker described the benefits of a street cleaning program in detail and suggested that CNA form a sub-committee to evaluate the possibility of this service for the neighborhood and to determine which streets would be suitable. CNA is not eligible until 2013 as other neighborhoods are already in the cue.

The next order of business was the CNA Board committee reports. Mrs. Ellen Smith, Crime Committee Chair, reported that there has been no criminal activity of late and introduced Sgt. Thomas Adams, CNA's Team Two Liaison, and Lt. Dale Middleton (not present), the new Team Two leader. Mr. Gates, reporting on BAR activity, stated that the CNA Board passed a resolution requesting that the City change it's laws and procedures so that adjoining property owners on matters relating to a BAR application be provided with actual notice of the application and all hearing dates. Mr. Randy Pelzer, Cruise Ship Task Force Chair, reported on the OCRM hearing for the SPA permit application to add shoring under the dock of the proposed cruise terminal site. Mr. Pelzer announced that a conference is scheduled for November 14-16, hosted by the Preservation Society, the World Monuments Fund and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Charleston will be a case study in evaluating the impacts of the cruise ship industry.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to introduce CNA's new City Council Member, Mike Seekings, who after a brief outline of current City statistics, budgets and revenue streams, proceeded to answer several questions regarding the present and future of Charleston. Most questions revolved around livability and the increasing pressure of tourism. Others expressed concern about non-restricted parking, horse carriages, pedicabs, noise and bicycle parking. With regard to parking enforcement, Mr. Seekings suggested reporting any infractions to Dan Riccio of the City Livability Division via text at 607-8759. Concerning pedicab infractions, Mr. Seekings asked that he be called directly at 364-8583.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose
Secretary