

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association
Membership minutes

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 30 at First Scots Church in Molly Weir Hall. President David Smythe called the meeting to order. He first called upon Chief Mullen to address recent incidents of car vandalism. Chief Mullen reported the perpetrator had been apprehended and lessons learned about the selection of target vehicles. He apologized for any delay in communicating this risk and ongoing developments. He recapped other recent public safety issues.

President Smythe called upon Randy Pelzer to deliver a report of the Cruise Ship Task Force. Mr. Pelzer described recent efforts to promote an independent merit based study of the proper location of a cruise new cruise terminal, including letters to the editor in Charleston, Savannah and Columbia newspapers.

President Smythe called upon Chairmen of the various standing committees of the Association who gave brief updates. He then recognized Steve Gates to give a brief report of the Litigation Committee. Mr. Gates described the decision of the South Carolina Supreme Court to take the Carnival lawsuit under its original jurisdiction and probable next steps in the process.

President Smythe explained that the next item of business was to elect six new Directors to replace the five rotating off the Board and one to replace Cornelia Pelzer, who is leaving the Board due to moving out of the neighborhood. He called upon Park Smith to give the report of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Smith explained the nominating process and proposed the election of the following six persons to the Board of Directors: Elise Brown, Richard Hutson, David Neff, Jo Simonds, Ellen Smith and Peter Williams. There were no nominations from the floor. By voice vote, all nominees were elected.

President Smythe said the next order of business was consideration of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. He described the Bylaw Committee deliberations and proposed amendments to make technical changes, change to individual memberships and to eliminate proxy voting. After a brief discussion, the matter was put to a voice vote and the amendments were adopted.

President Smythe observed that this was his last meeting and thanked the Membership for the opportunity to serve.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose
Secretary