

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2014

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 10 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 for Mr. Gates to welcome members and report that CNA has over 1,240 members representing over 700 households. He thanked Mrs. Eleanor Hale and Mrs. Margot Rose for maintaining our membership records and sending out notifications. He encouraged members to provide their email addresses in order to receive the latest updates.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to update members on the workings of the City Tourism Management Plan Advisory Committee. Five subcommittees are now in the process of consolidating recommendations to the Advisory Committee covering parking, carriage and tour bus rules, traffic and mobility planning, coordination of special events, enforcement, and other factors to balance tourism with residents' quality of life. The Advisory Committee is expected to receive and discuss the recommendations on November 21 and then approve a final set of recommendations in December 19.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to introduce Mayor Joseph P. Riley, who addressed matters including city planning, the Gaillard Center and the Gibbes Museum projects, the Upper King bar moratorium, plans to repair the Low Battery, the tourism management plan review, and traffic and mobility studies. He also reported that the DOT would not grant an exception to its requirement that turn signals be on long mast arms, so a left turn signal going north on Meeting Street onto Broad Street could not be installed on the corner pole.

The Mayor responded to a significant number of questions about resident parking, remote parking, increasing tourism, filming activity, cruise ship regulation, traffic planning and other issues affecting quality of life.

At 6:30 PM, Mr. Gates and the audience thanked the Mayor for attending. Mr. Gates observed that many of the subjects raised in this evening's questions would be covered by recommendations being submitted to the Tourism Management Plan Advisory Committee on November 21.

The next CNA membership meeting is on January 26, 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose
Secretary