

Charlestowne Neighborhood Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2014

A meeting of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (CNA) Membership was held at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 12 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 provided a quick review the agenda. He then introduced Mr. Russell Guerard and Mr. Chip Limehouse, both of whom are running for the SC House District 110. Each spoke briefly about their accomplishments and goals if elected.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to give committee and project updates, those being as follows:

First Baptist School: Mr. Gates reported that FBS plans to move the high school within three years or sooner, which would eliminate approximately 60 cars along South and East Battery. A traffic consultant has been hired to assist with improved traffic flow.

Cruise Ship Task Force: The Administrative review was dismissed, however SCLC is appealing. The SPA has not applied for a federal permit at this point. Mr. Randy Pelzer said the section 106 process has not been initiated and that he has been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding this matter.

Tourism: Ms. Bradham stated that there have been over 50 ordinance violations and that the committee is committed to getting more enforcement in place.

Tourism Management Plan: Mr. Gates reported that CNA would submit analysis recommendations, which include enforcement officers on the ground, coordination among city departments who permit various activities and events, no increases in the number if carriages, relocation of some events to other parts of the City, bike safety, no golf carts, improved residential parking, traffic congestion and shore power for the proposed cruise terminal. Mr. Gates also said that the CNA is opposed to public bathrooms in White Point Gardens and proposes better signage to alert tourists to the location of existing public bathrooms.

The next order of business was for Mr. Gates to introduce Yvonne Fortenberry, Deputy Director at the Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability for the City of Charleston and Kitty Robinson, executive Director for Historic Charleston Foundation and chair of the Tourism Management Plan Advisory Committee. Mrs. Robinson thanked the City of Charleston and Mayor Riley for recognizing the need for this study. The 25-person committee is in the process of gathering information and the next two meetings, which are open to the public,

are on May 29 and June 12. Quality of life for the residents is the cornerstone of the plan. Mr. Winslow Hastie spoke about the Mobility Forum, scheduled for May 13, which will address how people move around the peninsula in all forms. Two consultants from Portland, Oregon and Charlotte, North Carolina, will be present to assist with visioning and implementation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Rose
Secretary