**ACoN Minutes**
July 26, 2016
6:30 p.m., Municipal Bldg., First floor conference room

Present:
Ann Dicks, Vice President Bill Busser Sgt. Mary Frantz Patti Bennett
Beth Copenhaver, Secretary Roger Brock Laura Bagwell
James Matthews Michele O’Shaughnessy John Lindsay

In President Gary Yount’s absence, Vice-President Ann Dicks opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Dicks asked everyone to introduce himself/herself. She also complimented Sgt. Mary Frantz for being named South Carolina’s Deputy of the Year.

The minutes from the May 24th meeting were distributed. There was discussion regarding where we are on our goal of addressing concerns about absentee landlords, landlords that do not follow city ordinances, etc. After more discussion of issues, Mrs. Dicks asked Mrs. Copenhaver to send an email to all ACoN representatives to ask their specific concerns/issues in this regard.

As requested at a previous meeting, Mrs. Laura Bagwell used her laptop and projector to show the group a YouTube video about the free “NextDoor” app. After the video, Mrs. Bagwell showed how a neighborhood “administrator” could enroll in the free app for his/her neighborhood, how residents could then join their neighborhood’s NextDoor web group, as well as what the app offers neighborhoods/residents.

During a short “Community Roundtable”, Mr. Brock shared his positive comments after his attendance at the Unity Day festival at Perry Park on July 23. In addition, materials were handed out for the “Chat with the Chief” upcoming phone conference. Comments were also expressed that ACoN must quickly move ahead with its primary goals (sent to all ACoN representatives with the May 24th minutes).

Secretary Beth Copenhaver gave a short summary of her participation at one of the four Aiken Planning Commission’s comprehensive plan public workshops (at USCA on July 21st) and detailed why it is particular importance for all Aiken Council of Neighborhoods’ representatives to review the charts and plans at the last workshop tonight in the Aiken Municipal Conference Center (ending at 7:30 p.m.).

Vice-President Dicks adjourned the meeting and urged anyone who hadn’t attended one of the City of Aiken comprehensive plan workshops to do so in the next half hour.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. **The next ACoN meeting will be Sept. 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 214 Park Avenue SW (first floor conference room).**