**ACoN Minutes**
March 22, 2016
6:30 p.m., Municipal Bldg., First floor conference room

Present:
Gary Yount, President Roger Brock Hattie Lloyd Gale O’Neal
Ann Dicks, Vice President Mary Yarborough Donna Fanning Elizabeth Harm
Diane Saunders, Treasurer Bill Busser Laura Bagwell Mayor Rick Osbon
Beth Copenhaver, Secretary James Matthews Carla Olorunniwo

The meeting was opened by President Yount at 6:30 p.m. He distributed the agenda and minutes from the January 2016 meeting. Everyone was asked to introduce himself/herself.

President Yount introduced our special guest, Mayor Rick Osbon, and asked the mayor if he’d like to address the Council. The mayor greeted the Council and then asked for questions/concerns that he could address. Several members brought neighborhood issues to his attention (e.g., trash in neighborhoods, bike lanes, etc.), and the mayor took phone numbers to follow up with those persons.

President Yount said that Elizabeth Harm, Senior Public Relations Specialist at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, had asked to be at our meeting to extend an invitation for a tour of SRS. Mrs. Harm distributed brochures regarding tours of SRS, as well as her contact information. Mrs. Harm also told the group what kinds of identification would be required to be admitted to SRS and how long most tours lasted.

Mr. Yount asked Mrs. Copenhaver to update the group regarding an upcoming meeting. Mrs. Copenhaver first asked the group to update their contact information on a membership spreadsheet which was distributed. She also asked attendees to place Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 6 p.m. on their calendars. On that date, ADPS will meet with ACoN representatives at the Public Safety Headquarters on Laurens Street in order to share crime statistics by neighborhoods, as well as share ideas/suggestions how law enforcement and ACoN can continue to work together to deter crime.

As an informational item, Mr. Yount stated that the current ACoN officers have agreed to serve through December 2016, with newly elected officers beginning in January 2017. Current representatives were asked to consider who would like to serve as an officer.

During the Community Roundtable, each attendee spoke regarding his/her neighborhood issues or concerns, as well as gave ideas for other neighborhoods to consider. Topics included:

* People loitering on neighborhood streets and not moving for cars to travel
* Break-ins, especially in unlocked cars
* Neighborhoods working together several times a year to pick up trash
* What “Hope for the Community” is doing to help their neighborhoods
* The continued need for a stronger ordinance for absentee landlords on their rental properties
* Using “Next Door” online to share information with neighbors

Mr. Yount said that members talked about 2016 goals at the January ACoN meeting. He read the stated goals from the Nov. 16, 2013, ACoN minutes. It was stated that we have partially met some of these goals. Mr. Yount asked Mrs. Copenhaver, as secretary, to simplify the wording of these goals and to send them to the membership to prioritize, as well as to add any other major goal they wish to suggest for group consideration.

Since several members were interested, Mrs. Laura Bagwell offered to show the ACoN members more about “Next Door” at the May ACoN meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. **The next ACoN meeting will be May 24, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 214 Park Avenue SW (first floor conference room).**