**ACoN Minutes**
Nov. 28, 2017
6:30 p.m., Municipal Bldg., Room 204

Present:
Gary Yount, President Betty Myers Simmie Moore
Beth Copenhaver, Secretary Bill Busser Bill Moore
Ann Dicks, V-President Laura Bagwell Sam Erb
Diane Saunders, Treasurer Mary Yarborough Michael Jordan
Glen Gallman Betty Gyles John Klimm
Michele O’Shaughnessy John Winfield Andrea Gregory
Lyanne Haislip Tammy Robinson Ed Girardeau
Roger Brock Phil Lockard Ed Woltz
John Winfield Jesse Roach

President Gary Yount opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, room 204. He asked everyone to introduce himself/herself.

President Yount introduced three newly-elected Aiken City Council members: Ed Girardeau from Area 4, Andrea Gregory from Area 5, and Ed Woltz from Area 6. President Yount also introduced John Klimm, Aiken City Manager, and asked John to give a review/update on the two draft ordinances (rental and nuisance properties) on which the City and ACoN are collaborating. Mr. Klimm reviewed the purpose behind the ordinance revisions (i.e., negligent landlords, abandoned buildings, problem tenants). In September, the city hosted city personnel from three communities (Clemson, Greenville, and Rock Hill) that have strong ordinances regarding nuisance and rental properties. These visitors toured neighborhoods to see property issues facing the City of Aiken. In an afternoon public meeting, these same visitors talked about their ordinances (how they are dealing with abandoned buildings, absentee landlords, etc.), and Aiken citizens had an opportunity to ask questions/give statements. In addition, Mr. Klimm said that the City and ACoN had reached out in November to realtors to receive comments/suggestions regarding the draft ordinances. After further discussion, ACoN members agreed that it was now time to pursue having a website in order to promote our mission and vision. Mr. Yount then thanked the city manager and city council members for attending our November meeting.

The minutes from the September 26, 2017, meeting were distributed and approved as written. The treasurer’s report was disseminated and approved.

In old business, President Yount asked Betty Myer, event chairperson, to give a short update on the upcoming May 2018 Law Enforcement Open House. Betty Myers said that Betty Gyles is assisting and donations will be needed/solicited.

President Yount asked Michele O’Shaughnessy, fundraising chairperson, to give an update. Michele distributed a handout. ACoN members discussed our goals for fundraising, and some attendees offered to assist with grants in 2018. Michele also talked about how ACoN members and friends will be able to select ACoN to receive charitable funding through AmazonSmile and through Kroger rewards.

Due to the time, the Community Roundtable was moved to the January 2018 meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. **The first meeting of 2018 will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in room 204.**