**ACoN Minutes**
Sept. 22, 2015
6:30 p.m., Municipal Bldg., First floor conference room

Present:
Gary Yount, President Roger Brock Paul Musick
Ann Dicks, Vice President Donna Fanning John Lindsay
Diane Saunders, Treasurer James Matthews
Beth Copenhaver, Secretary Laura Bagwell
Sgt. Mary Frantz, Aiken County Sheriff’s Office

The meeting was opened by President Yount at 6:30 p.m. He distributed the agenda and minutes. Everyone was asked to introduce himself/herself and tell what neighborhood he/she was representing.

President Yount made two announcements: 1) Town hall meeting with mayoral candidates at Crosland Park on Oct. 29th at 6:30 p.m., and 2) the Police and Community Engagement (PACE) Conference on Nov. 5 & 6 at the Municipal Building. President Yount then asked everyone to read the minutes. The minutes were approved. Mrs. Saunders distributed the treasurer’s report.

President Yount asked the law enforcement officer present to give her update. Sgt. Mary Frantz distributed copies of information on “Identity Theft & Financial Crimes.” She discussed a rash of stolen vehicle incidents and home invasions in the last few weeks. She then reviewed upcoming events that affect the Aiken County Sheriff’s Department: Ironman Run on Whiskey Road (Sept. 27), child car seat check at Mi Rancho on Richland Avenue (Sept. 26), Sassafras Festival (Oct. 3), Western Carolina State Fair (end of October). Lastly, Sgt. Frantz talked about scams: 1) individuals going door to door and saying they were from security companies and then asking to walk through residents’ homes to make assessments (in order to burglarize later), and 2) callers saying they were from the IRS and telling citizens that the citizens owed money to the IRS (in order to gain access to the citizens’ debit or credit card numbers).

Beth Copenhaver gave an update on plans for vendors and speakers for the November 7th Safety Awareness Day event scheduled 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the Municipal Conference Center. Sgt. Frantz, Diane Saunders, and Ann Dicks gave additional planning updates. Attendees gave further suggestions for speakers and vendors. President Yount will handle PR for the event (Channel 4, Aiken Standard, radio, etc.).

During the Community Roundtable, each attendee spoke briefly regarding his/her neighborhood issues or concerns, as well as gave ideas for other neighborhoods to consider. Several attendees remarked that the new city manager, John Klimm, had been helpful and had followed up on conversations regarding community needs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. **The next ACoN meeting will be Nov. 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 214 Park Avenue SW (first floor conference room).**