

ACoN Minutes

July 24, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Bldg., Room 204

Present:

Gary Yount, President	Bill Busser
Beth Copenhaver, Secretary	Rocky Napier
Diane Saunders, Treasurer	Sam Erb
Michele O'Shaughnessy	Alex Chew
John Winfield	Marian Tyler
Sgt. Cody Ellison	Shelby Saunders

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

Tim Coakley was ill and not present to address the membership as planned. However, Sgt. Cody Ellison (ADPS) gave an update on National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. 1) He said that Chief Barranco asked that ACoN supply 2-3 volunteers that evening at Perry Park to serve snow cones for the movie night event (6-9 p.m.). ACoN will recruit volunteers; ADPS will supply the snow cones. 2) Sgt. Ellison explained about Protech DNA, a property theft method that is being offered free to the City of Aiken. 3) The Citizens Academy still has available slots for training beginning Sept. 6, 2018. If interested, call ADPS.

Members shared concerns/information during the Community Roundtable.

March minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

In old business, President Yount asked Beth Copenhaver to update the membership on Section 10-4 of the City Code. She said that ACoN officers met with the city manager, mayor, and two City Council members on July 9, 2018, to express concerns about the lack of communication to the public about the revised ordinance, lack of enforcement, etc. She said that, since the *wrong* version of the updated ordinance was accidentally submitted by the city manager to the City Council on March 26, 2018, the correct version would be resubmitted for reading on August 13, 2018.

Gary reviewed the great job Jesse Roach had done on the ACoN website. Michele O'Shaughnessy told the membership a method that donations could be made to ACoN through "Stripes" (instead of using the costly PayPal). Michele will explore this idea and share more details at the September ACoN meeting.

In new business, Gary stated that he had named a nominating committee to propose candidates for the January 2019 ACoN election of officers. Shelby Saunders is committee chairperson.

Beth Copenhaver distributed copies of the new ACoN brochure. Membership made suggestions of getting these brochures placed at the Chamber of Commerce and other locations. One suggestion was to promote ACoN by asking the Board of Realtors to name a representative to ACoN.

Gary stated that he is arranging a tour of city neighborhoods in September or October by ACoN membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. **The next meeting of 2018 will be Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in room 204.**