

ACoN Minutes

Jan. 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Bldg., Room 204

Attendees:

Gary Yount, President	John Winfield	Marian Tyler	Det Haislip
Beth Copenhaver, Secretary	Rocky Napier	Hattie Lloyd	Wiley Haislip
Diane Saunders, Treasurer	Jesse Roach	Bill Busser	Russell Pruitt
Ann Dicks, Vice-President	Michele O'Shaughnessy	Alex Chew	Laura Wright
Officer Marquis Davis	Karl Odenthal	Lyanne Haislip	Betty Gyles
Mary Yarborough	Glen Gallman	James Matthews	

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

Lt. Karl Odenthal, now with the City of Aiken's Building Inspection Division, updated ACoN members regarding the department's progress on demolition of buildings and nuisance properties. The core of the code enforcement is based around safety. Section 10-4 notices were distributed in October 2018 and the 6-month deadline is the end of March 2019. Demo200 was discussed. There are 20 houses that need to be tested and abated prior to demolition. Anyone needing to talk with Karl is urged to call him at 803-643-2166 or 803-295-9011.

The treasurer's report and September 2018 minutes were approved as written.

The first item under Old Business, Proposed Bylaws Changes, was tabled due to the new officers being elected at this meeting. The updated bylaws will need to be presented to the ACoN members 30 days prior to voting. ACoN members were requested to review the draft bylaws and provide feedback to Gary Yount.

Ann Dicks (Vice President) and Diane Saunders (Treasurer) presented plaques to Gary Yount for his service as President for four terms (2010-2018) and to Beth Copenhaver for her service as Secretary for two terms (2015-2018).

Regarding the election of President and Secretary, President Yount made a motion that Sam Erb, being the only candidate for President, be unanimously approved as President. The motion was seconded, and Sam Erb was elected unanimously as President. (Sam was not present due to his mother passing away.)

Ballots were given to one representative from each neighborhood. Marian Tyler and Michele O'Shaughnessy had been nominated for the position of Secretary. Receiving the majority of the votes, Michele O'Shaughnessy was elected as Secretary. Laura Wright and Rusty Pruitt counted the ballots.

Under New Business, Mr. Yount asked for ideas for proposed goals for 2019-2020. Ideas were the following:

- 1) Actively develop a plan to engage all Aiken neighborhoods and get them involved in ACoN i.e. increase the number of ACoN members/neighborhoods represented by a percentage (potentially 25%).
- 2) Revise/update the bylaws.
- 3) Develop a strategic plan and tactical goals/objectives based on the strategic plan.
- 4) Monitor enforcement of ordinances: Section 10-4, in particular, that ACoN worked on with the City of Aiken.
- 5) Update the other ordinances including the landlord ordinance.
- 6) Work with the Homeless Coalition.
- 7) Create an event that brings attention to ACoN, conduct a seminar (The Blind Spot-Kevin McCarthy) and open it to the public/community and see if a grant or sponsorship could be obtained.

- 8) Establish committees.
- 9) Continue helping with Law Enforcement Recognition, such as the Open House in May
- 10) Continue fundraising; consider adding a donation capability to the ACON website. Consider a tactical goal of holding at least 2 fundraising events.
- 11) Consider neighborhood dues.

Grants/Fundraising Update

ACoN submitted a State Farm Grant in conjunction with the Lower Savannah, and the school system to aid seniors with yard maintenance i.e. cutting grass.

Ms. O'Shaughnessy indicated that there are fundraising opportunities that can occur at Fatz and Marcos pizza and further discussion will need to occur amongst the new officers.

Further discussion was brought up regarding if community outreach will be conducted such as sponsoring a family at the holidays.

Mr. Yount asked that attendees share concerns/short comments during the Community Roundtable.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in room 204 of the Municipal Bldg., 214 Park Ave.



Aiken Council of Neighborhoods
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
6:30 PM

Agenda

Call to Order

Introductions

Presentations

1. Karl Odenthal – Property Maintenance Issues/Updates

Administration

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Approval of 9/25/18 Minutes

Old Business:

1. Proposed Bylaw Changes
2. Election of Officers

New Business:

1. Goals for 2019 & beyond
2. Update on Fundraising/Grants
3. Community Roundtable

Adjournment

Next ACoN Meeting

Tuesday, March 26 – 6:30 pm
Room 204 – Municipal Building – 214 Park Avenue SW

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P.O. Box 2003
Aiken, SC 29802

FINANCIAL REPORT
January 22, 2019

Operating Funds Available as of December 1, 2018		\$ 1033.48
OPERATING FUNDS:		
Deposit	\$ 150.00	
Funds		
Total Operating Income		\$ 1183.48
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Donation to family for holidays		\$ 200.00
Operating Funds Available as of January 22, 2019		<u>\$ 983.48</u>

Submitted by:

Diane Saunders