

ACoN Minutes

Sept. 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Bldg., Room 204

Present:

Gary Yount, President	John Winfield	Marian Tyler	Michael Jordan
Beth Copenhaver, Secretary	Rocky Napier	Hattie Lloyd	Betty Myers
Diane Saunders, Treasurer	Sam Erb	Roger Brock	Mattie Bush
Ann Dicks, Vice-President	Michele O'Shaughnessy	Alex Chew	Jesse Roach
Sgt. Cody Ellison	Lt. Jennifer Hayes	Tim Coakley	

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. Jennifer Hayes demonstrated the Aiken Dept. of Public Safety Crime Data app. Neighborhood representatives were shown how they could access the app for incident reports. Jesse Roach will place a link on the Aiken Neighborhoods' website.

Tim Coakley then discussed the city requiring that trash carts be placed off the streets within 24 hours of pickup, separating leaves from other yard waste, etc.

During Community Roundtable, Betty Myers said that the Salvation Army's city-wide yard sale will be Oct. 6 (in the lot behind the Boys' and Girls' Club). She said that spots for tables are \$20 (if the Salvation Army provides the table, the total is \$25).

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

In regard to Section 10-4, group discussion followed an update on the August and September City Council meetings. ACoN representatives read the suggested rewording by ACoN of (aa) of the ordinance. There was a unanimous vote to stay with the 12-inch height on weeds/grass, as well as to approve ACoN's rewording

President Yount said that election of ACoN officers (president and secretary) is scheduled for November 2018 and that Shelby Saunders is chairing the nominating committee. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for these positions should contact Shelby (shelbysaunders51@gmail.com). A motion was made and seconded to suspend the bylaws (which call for an October meeting for nominations and election in November). The motion passed. The nominations will be announced the day of the ACoN tour, with the election in January 2019.

President Yount said that a tour of Aiken neighborhoods is being arranged. Buses are scheduled; the meeting place will be announced soon. The times are as follows:

10:00 - Meet

10:30 - Depart for tour

12:30 - Back to venue for working lunch

2:30 - Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to charge each person \$7 for the lunch. The motion passed. Some city and county officials will be invited to join us on the tour.

Michele O'Shaughnessy announced that the next fundraising event would be October 23, 2018, from 4-8 at Marco's Pizza. 15% of the sales during that time will go to ACoN.

Gary Yount announced that ACoN officers had met in early September with Lessie Price, Dr. Sean Alford, and Sally Sharpe from the Lower Savannah Council of Governments. The purpose was for students, the city, and the LSCOG to work together to assist the elderly and disabled with yard upkeep. ACoN is investigating grants that would buy equipment for the students to use.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

In lieu of the regular November ACoN meeting, the ACoN tour of neighborhoods is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2018. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in room 204.