

ACoN Minutes

May 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Bldg., Room 204

Attendees:

Sam Erb, President

Diane Saunders, Treasurer

Michele O'Shaughnessy, Secretary

Bill Busser

Roger Brock

Beth Copenhaver

Alex Chew

James Matthews

Jesse Roach

Gary Younts

Karl Odenthal

Sgt. Porter Smith

President Sam Erb opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. in the Municipal Building, room 204. Sam asked everyone to introduce himself/herself. Attachment A contains the 5/28/19 meeting agenda.

Motion to approve the 3/26/19 meeting minutes: 1st Bill Busser, 2nd Beth Copenhaver, no comments or discussion, all in favor.

Karl Odenthal, City of Aiken's Building Inspection Division, updated ACoN members regarding the department's progress on code enforcement and nuisance properties. Mr. Odenthal highlighted some challenge areas/locations within the City. The division has received responses from 35%-40% of contacts from the initial letters distributed. Code enforcement does not have the authority if the owner is out of state. In addition, Aiken Courts do not have the authority to enforce having someone to appear in Court in Aiken since code enforcement is not a crime. For the month of April, there were around 80 active cases. Beth Copenhaver took an action to research Rock Hill and other communities to see how they are handling the code enforcement issue.

Bylaws

Quorum was not met; therefore, the bylaws could not be voted on.

Presidents report

Board of Realtors/Home Ownership Expo

The Board of Relators has provided ACoN with a table at the Home Ownership Expo scheduled for 6/22/19 at Odell Weeks. Sam would like volunteers to work in shifts and those volunteers to wear their ACoN shirts. Sam will be providing a presentation during the Home Ownership Expo. The ACoN table will have the ACoN brochure which was brought to Fast Print for coping, etc. Sam will collect a list of volunteers and times. Beth Copenhaver and Jesse Roach have volunteers to be at the table. Michele O'Shaughnessy will distribute a request for volunteers.

Permits

As of 5/6/19, the permit applications will have a check mark indicating that the permit is in compliance with the covenants. This will not be an enforceable item, but it is courtesy and makes permit appliers consider if the development's guidelines are being followed. Currently there is a software issue that is being investigated.

Litter campaign

Sam would like ACoN to support a Citywide cleanup and maybe do a litter campaign. The City has said that they can supply the vests, grabbers, etc. Sam has spoken with Palmetto Pride and there will be a meeting scheduled to discuss.

Holley Heating and Air

Ann Dicks has been requested to speak to them and take the ACoN brochure regarding a 501 c 3 donation.

Goals and Issues

Goals

- 1) Develop a plan to engage all Aiken neighborhoods and increase membership.
- 2) Strategic Plan
- 3) Fundraising
- 4) Establish Committees

Issues

- 1) Crime Prevention
- 2) Litter

A sign up sheet was distributed for the ACoN members to be a part of the committees and become more involved in ACoN.

Lisa Tindal, Grant writer, charges \$30/hour. Sam will be speaking to Lisa regarding a potential grant for improving the community and the litter campaign.

Treasurer Report

Diane Sauders provided the treasurer report update. Funds were received during this timeframe from AmazonSmile. There was a motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report: no discussion or questions, all in favor.

Fundraising

There was a fundraising event at Marcos Pizza, Aiken on 4/24/19 which raised \$180.85. In addition, there was a Spirit Night at Fatz Café on 5/24/19.

Sam spoke with the owner of Cedar Creek regarding the potential golf tournament fundraising event in 2020.

Further discussions are needed regarding location, etc.

Other discussions

Website

Additions are being made to the website such as pictures scrolling at the top of the ACoN website, etc. Sam requested Jesse to add photos from the Home Ownership Expo to the ACoN website.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in room 204 of the Municipal Bldg., 214 Park Ave.

Attachment A
5/28/19 ACoN Meeting Agenda



Aiken Council of Neighborhoods
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
6:30 PM

Agenda

Call to Order

Introductions

Approval of the minutes: 3/26/19 Meeting

Presentation

1. Code Enforcement Presentation

Bylaws

President's Report

1. Board of Realtors/Homeownership Expo
2. Permits
3. Tag Line
4. Goals & Issues

Treasurer's Report

Fundraising

1. Events
 - a. Marcos Pizza
 - b. Fatz
 - c. Potential Future Golf Tournament (2020)

Other Discussions

"Community Roundtable" - 1 to 2 minutes in length

Adjourn

Next Scheduled ACoN meeting – July 23, 2019 @ 6:30 pm