

:Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting

Minutes
11/17/2022

Opening

The Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm on 11/17/2022 at North Charleston Fire Department Station 8 by **Krista McCracken**.

Present

From the sign-in sheets-**14 people**

Bob Ticknor, Donald Emerson, Marty Besancon, Charles Besancon, Chris Kindt, Joe Friend, Joseph Head, Dale Linker, Dianne Linker, Lee Johnson, Ted Hucks, Rhonda Sweatman, Cindy Varnado, Krista McCracken, Archdale Radio

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 8/18/2022 General Meeting will be presented for approval. (Available online www.OurArchdale.com/aca) Krista requested motion to approve, Dianne Linker first, Bob Tickner, 2nd, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed

Treasurer's Report

1. The Treasurer's year-to-date report will be presented. (Available as a handout at the registration table and online following the meeting)
2. Membership Update – We have \$21,550 in from 431 members (54% participation)
3. Sign Donations Update - \$3,110

* **Profit & Loss budget** Overview-

- need to increase membership to cover deficit
- the budget is based on the exact same income of about 55% joining
- the budget does not include donations
- Lawn maintenance went up \$130 a month for inflation
- postage stamps same
- liability insurance added
- special project is the street signs shown as donations for income and expenses for materials
 - Street sign installation costs, the cost was approved from last general meeting and Request for Proposal will go out

* **Balance Sheet** – self-explanatory- any questions- none

Old Business

1. Administrative Update – John Trinkl- **message given by Krista McCracken**
 - a. All is going along well
2. Communications Update – Krista McCracken
 - a. Business as usual- see **Website**

3. Volunteer and Events Announcements—Krista McCracken

a. 12/8: Festive Food Truck Thursday

Need a Santa at photo and give candy canes

b. 12/17: 2nd Annual Christmas Bike & Cart Parade

- i. Post-parade celebration idea—Volunteers Needed!
- ii. **Encouraged sign up to volunteer see website**
- iii. **Will post information on reader board**
- iv. **Request in for motorcycle assistance for parade- safety first**
- v. **Coordinate end to parade- type of gathering to talk and visit- coffee or hot chocolate?**
- vi. **Fire dept – a Santa to throw candy**
- vii. **Lt. Martin is secured for parade**

4. Sign Committee Update – Marty Bescancon

a. Update

-Brackets will not be painted to avoid flaking and upkeep

- discussion – none

-motion to accept-

First Bob Ticknor

Second Krista McCracken

-all caps and posts are painted with 3 coats of paint

-Liquid nails will be an expense

-Request for Proposal to install the post in ground and will call 811 before digging and will brace posts until cement is dry

- depending on who the RFP is awarded, the project may be done in phases or small sections, or a big operation may take many volunteers to step up

-ACA inc. will attach the signs

-ACA, Inc. will mark where the 72 posts will be placed-

-most everything in same place but some will be on opposite side of where the signs are currently

-Volunteers can fill in dirt

-Funding in place

-Thank you for donations and donations will be accepted on website until all signs are up

-Look on reader board when project date range is determined to start and stop and where the installation area is taking place

-Thank you to volunteers- Bob Ticknor

Chris Kindt

Ted and Eleanor Hucks

Bich and Suzan Familia

John Trinkl

Charles and Marty Besancon

5. Neighborhood Update – Krista McCracken

- a. Lawncare company same for 2023- **Renewed**
- b. 73 homes in Archdale have sold or are for sale – Almost 10%!
- c. 115 homes (or 15%) appear to be rentals – this number will probably increase based on e. below
- d. Dorchester County did a tax audit and ACA found approx. 115 properties whose tax rate changed. ACA notified those properties either by email or mail.
 - John Trinkl did a rental verses owner because this topic was of interest and discussed at the very first general meeting since renters are not part of ACA inc. and the owners get the ACA inc. letter to join**
 - results showed some homeowners residents are taxed at the higher rate of 6% instead of the 4%**
 - sent a cost saving letter about the situation to notify these owners as a service from ACA inc.**

6. Neighborhood Watch – Deneen Sorenson

- a. Update – **given by Krista McCracken**
 - meeting was shortly after last general meeting**
 - note available on website**
 - see reader board for next meeting date**

New Business

1. Amended Bylaws presented for approval-

-back in February, the bylaws were brought up to revise the rules and processes which ACA Inc. works- the who, why, and what ACA inc. does for its members and community

-mailed to ACA members from 2020

-posted on website as draft

-reviewed comments and concerns

***Section 4.06 is ten members of a properly announced meeting will be a Quorum**

*** Section 5.01 the number of Board members have a range of 3 to 9**

***Section 7.01 new- members vote for the board candidates then officers are voted in by the approved board candidates**

***Roberts Rules of Order was removed**

-motion to approve by Krista McCracken- First Dian Linker, second Joe Friend discussion none- all in favor and none opposed

2. FY2023 ACA annual budget presented for approval

Motion to approve budget for 2023- first- Bob Ticknor second Joe Friend discussion- none all approved none opposed.

3. 2023 ACA General Meeting dates will be Thursday 2/16, 5/18, 8/17 and 11/16 at the fire station. **announced**

Elections: 2023 ACA Board & Officers

1. ACA Board has three open Board member positions for 2023, with one nominee below.
-meet by zoom
-limited to one hour
Every other week and may go to monthly
Worthwhile to support community
One nomination-
 - a. Joseph Head- **moved to Charleston March 2022 and is a construction project manager. Would like to join board to get involved in community work**
2. Any further nominations from the floor?
-Joe Friend- lives at 221 Old Dominion drive and interested in helping community
3. 2023 ACA slate of candidates:
 - a. John Trinkl – Current Board Member
 - b. Krista McCracken – Current Board Member
 - c. Cindy Varnado – Current Board Member
 - d. Rhonda Sweatman – Current Board Member
 - e. Marty Besancon – Current Board Member
 - f. Ted Hucks – Current Board Member
 - g. Joseph Head – New Board Member
 - h. Joe Friend -New Board member

Krista McCracken presented the ACA inc. slate of candidates for 2023 for motion for approval

First by Donald Emerson

Second by Bob Ticknor

Discussion- none

All approved

None opposed

Public Comments-

1. **Speed bumps and how to get one -discussed**
 - a. **Josh Spires, chairman of Dorchester County, said speed bumps makes people go faster**
 - b. **Dorchester county said speed bumps are paid for by residents but Dorchester County will not approve the speed bumps**
2. **Cars on property -discussed**
3. **New sidewalk going in front of neighborhood along Dorchester Road for wheelchair and safety issue**
-side walk not done by DOT or Dorchester County
-Side walk is done by North Charleston
-side walk will be painted per code

-repaving areas on Dorchester rd sides but will not repave turn lane into Archdale

The turn lane into Archdale is Dorchester county's responsibility

4. New bus stop discussed

5. New storm drains discussed for Saw Pitt Creek

6. Bosch paid for land for fire station and Archdale special taxes funded the fire station

7. Discussion about Archdale is only area not in North Charleston

-Keith Sumney –

If annexed, Mr. Sumney can address

-speeders in neighborhood

-street sweeper paid for by north Charleston taxes

-storm drain cleaning

-Free trash pickup- right now you pay for this as extra bill

-storm debris pick up- right now you hull off yourself

-need to get real cost of being double taxed city and county

-need 100% of residents to agree to be a part of North Charleston

-discussed that Dorchester County is not self-insured

Need to discuss further the pros and cons of annexation

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **7:53 pm by Krista McCracken**. The next general meeting will be at 7PM on 2/16/23, in the meeting room at NCFD Station 8.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Sweatman

Approved by: Membership at 02/16/23 General Meeting