



James Island Pride

James Island Pride Minutes
March 21, 2024
1122 Dills Bluff Rd., James Island, SC, 29412

Attending: Stan Kozikowsk, Garrett Milliken, Amy Ball, Virginia Smith, DeAnn Grayson, Mary Mauldin, Ken Godwin, Henrietta Martin

Virginia Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

I. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from February 15, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. **Committee Reports**

A. Helping Hands

1. New work dates set for 2024: April 20, May 25, June 29, July 20, August 24, September 28, October 19. Meet at Pinckney Park @ 9:00 am.
2. Equipment for the new year was looked over on March 16, \$200 was spent on tune-up equipment. Possible additional money needed for new lawnmower blades (approved). Stan has purchased numbers for mailboxes to aid in identification.
3. Electronic version of the application is available from Stan.
4. Helping Hands dates will be available on TofJI site (Stan).

B. Adopt-A-Highway

1. Upcoming dates: March 23 - canceled due to rain predictions, May 18, Sept 7 / 14 or October 5.
2. We would like to do a drive on Riverland on April 13, committee only with the possibility of another group (Jamie & Garrett will coordinate with law enforcement and additional people).
3. *Garrett will provide a combination lock for the storage box since all the gear and swag is now outside in the boxes.*

III. **Budget Update** (from Council liaison)

Subcommittee	Starting 7/1/23	Recent expenditures	total
Helping Hands	\$500	186.20	\$265
Litter pickup	\$3500		\$3453
Total	\$4000		\$3904

IV. Old business

- A. Swag purchases: pens (Henrietta) and hats (up to \$10, about 50, Mary Mauldin) are in progress. Dark / olive / forest green with name and tree. Mary & Henrietta will get samples. Hats are estimated at ~\$8 each and pens up to \$1 each.
- B. Town representative is Cynthia Mignano and the committee will change meeting times to accommodate her business schedule.
- C. Reminder: March 23 is native plant sale at SCDNR.
- D. Bike lanes near the causeway on Harborview are a mess. After the meeting, DeAnn followed up with DOT and they have put in a work order to have them cleaned up. As of March meeting, no action, so DeAnn will followup (again).

V. New business

- A. Updated email lists: Amy will update the JI Pride email list and share with Town & committee. Please use these in the future.
- B. Next meeting April 17 @ 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Further meetings will be the Wednesday before the Town Council meeting on the 3rd Thursday. Stan will confirm with the Town that a meeting space is available.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ball

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Email re butterfly garden 11.30.18:

Hello DeAnn and Gary,

Looks like we all share a common interest in bringing our retention pond/park area up to it's full potential. I'm taking the lead for the group (took a hit in order to avoid officially becoming a HOA Board Member again... haha). We are currently using a landscaping service to just do the very basics. The landscaper is much more capable than we're currently paying for. We have his creativity and labor to leverage, along with the hands of the 17 homeowners within our HOA. If we plan this right, we can turn a great plan into one big day of transitioning to achieve a neighborhood corner park that we can all be proud of.

There are a few major factors we should consider sooner than later, so I'll throw these out there now for pondering.

1. The apartment complex on Julian Clark/Dills Bluff (and perhaps some other folks not related to this property) regularly gut kitchens, bathrooms, etc. and use this stretch between the stop sign and Mcelveen Street as a dumping ground. How can we reduce this activity in a natural way vs. putting huge, unsightly signs up?
2. How can we make the park LOOK inviting without being TOO INVITING? We, of course, pay for insurance. We want this area to be appealing to everyone, but we don't want it to become a space for loitering or entertainment for non-residents. From a town council perspective, I'm sure you have some creative ideas and lessons learned from other areas on the island.
3. I would like to create 2-3 development options, with cost and labor requirements included, in order to get a vote from our residents before the end of the year. This would also allow us some time in selecting additional outside resources needed and confirmation of our budgeting.

I'm really happy to be working with JI Pride! What a cool way to serve our community. Thank you in advance and all the best to you and yours this Thanksgiving.

Regards,
Jim

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