

MINUTES of NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MAY 25, 2023 MEETING

The May 2023 meeting of the Neighborhood Council took place on May 25, 2023 and began at 7 pm. Zennie Quinn, Chairman of the Neighborhood Council, convened the meeting and introduced Niki Grimball, Town Administrator, as the guest speaker.

Ms. Grimball discussed the details concerning the new Citizens Request App. The Citizens Request App consists of several components. The first discussion was the citizen notification aspect which included information meetings, emergency alerts, social media and communication with staff.

The mobile app for citizens aspect would allow for citizen assessment of useful Town information. It would also allow citizens to make service requests through the various Town departments. Citizens could also receive notifications through this app.

Ms. Grimball also discussed the app relative to the Town code enforcement department. This aspect will be coming soon and will feature aspects including complete case management, property and owner search, inspection notes, fee and payments and annual inspection programs.

A permitting aspect of the app, also coming soon, will feature an online portal to apply for and pay issuing permits, generate documents and automate renewal campaigns.

Finally, Ms. Grimball discussed the soon to come Historic Pathway App which will feature the eleven sites in the historical booklet.

Deputy Chris King gave the Island Sheriff's report. He said that unfortunately, both property and violent crime was on the rise locally. He felt that a lot of this may be drug related and urged citizens to be on the lookout for bizarre behavior. He also urged citizens to be sure that they do not leave guns in unlocked cars, which remains a problem on the island.

James Hackett of Code Enforcement said that the biggest problem that he has encountered since the weather has grown warmer is people not cutting their grass in a timely manner. He also went into detail on how to use the new citizens request app as it relates to code enforcement.

Mark Johnson of Public Works provided updates as they relate to his department. The Oceanview-Stonepost project is still under progress as is the Camp Road sidewalk project. The Dills Bluff Stage three sidewalk project will soon begin. The basin study involving the drainage between Bradford and Yorktown Streets is still being studied. There is also a speed bump study on Seaside Lane currently being undertaken by engineers. A community meeting of the surrounding neighborhood would be undertaken upon the study's completion to gauge its support. He closed his report by urging citizens to properly prepare for the hurricane [season.by](#) checking supplies and making plans, especially the importance of establishing out of state contacts.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.