Neighborhood Council Committee Minutes September 28, 2023

Zennie Quinn, Chairman of the Neighborhood Council called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called on Councilman Troy Mullinax to make any statements that he may have had. Councilman Mullinax introduced two new members of the Neighborhood Council. Linda Womack, representing Stonepost and Leigh Hinson, representing Harbor Woods.

Due to the incident on Johns Island earlier, Deputy King was unavailable for the police report. Mark Johnson, however, cautioned citizens against leaving their guns in an unlocked car.

Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, provided the month's main program, an update on the Town's drainage projects. Regarding the Oceanview-Stonepost drainage project, Mr. Johnson said that this project had been continuing for several months. Crews had trouble with unmarked utility lines, among other time consuming obstacles. He did mention that the ditches in this project were lined in concrete in order to prevent equipment from bogging down. This did assist in moving the project along.

Regarding the Greenhill-Honeyhill project, Mr. Johnson said that this project took in large portions of the Greenhill and Honeyhill communities and greatly improved the drainage of the area. 34 easements had to be acquired for this project.

Mr. Johnson said that the Quail Run project involved the replacement of damaged corrugated pipes with reinforced concrete piping. The previous saltwater damaged pipes had caused numerous sinkholes in the area.

The Highland Circle Drainage project involved replacing two old pipes with pipes made of reinforced concrete. The previous piping had caused a 20 foot deep sinkhole.

Mr. Johnson provided an update regarding the Camp Road and Centerville Drainage Study. Thomas and Hutton is doing the study and WK Dickson is the engineer on the project. The South Carolina Office of Resiliency is funding the project. The James Island Creek Watershed is a key point of the study. The first public meeting is scheduled for next August.

Mark Johnson then continued on with a report regarding the Town's sidewalk projects. He first spoke on the Dills Bluff Sidewalk Phase III. This project will include Seaside to Condon Drive. Portions will include a marsh view.

Regarding the Regatta Road sidewalk project, Mr. Johnson said that this project would stretch from Grand Concourse to Nabors. A subsequent phase would go from Nabors to Quail. The project would be funded by the CTC. It is waiting on bids for a beginning date to be the beginning of next year.

James Hackett, the Director of Code Enforcement, said with the onset of cooler weather, grass cutting violations should be reduced substantially. This will allow him to concentrate on long term projects involving more substantial code violations.

Chairman Quinn then allowed candidates in the upcoming elections to speak on their platforms. Brook Lyon, candidate for Mayor, Troy Mullinax, candidate for reelection to Council and Chairman Quinn, a candidate for Council, all spoke.

The meeting concluded at 8:01 pm.