

The June meeting of the Neighborhood Council was June 22. The meeting was convened by Zennie Quinn, Chairman of the Neighborhood Council, at 7.

The guest speaker for this meeting was Cheryl Carmack of Charleston Waterkeepers. She spoke about the Adopt the Stream program for saltmarshes. To volunteer for this program, candidates must be certified annually and pass a test with 80%.

These volunteers gather data that is used for educational purposes, not regulatory. These studies are conducted throughout the 344,500 acres of marshland in the state. This monitoring is specific. It is at the same location; same time of day and sampling is monthly. The tests are conducted from an easily accessible point such as a deck or a boat.

Ms. Carmack stressed again that this data is only gathered and put into the database by certified volunteers. Data sheets from a handbook each volunteer obtains upon certification is used to gather this information.

Deputy Chris King of the Island Sherriff Patrol provided the crime report. He stressed that it is important that parents monitor the cell phone use of their children. There are scammers out there who are tricking young people in providing them information that can be used to defraud them and their parents.

Deputy King said that crime is on the rise on the island. He reminded everyone to keep their car doors locked and do not leave a gun in an unattended car.

James Hackett, the Director of Code Enforcement, said that solid waste complaints are on the rise. Some citizens are leaving too much solid waste on the curb and the PSD is having a difficult time gathering it in one trip.

Mr. Hackett provided the Public Works report for Mark Johnson, Director of Public Works. He spoke on the ongoing work regarding the 3 million dollar Stone Post drainage project. He also spoke on the progress of drainage projects at Honey Hill and Quail Run. He mentioned that the sidewalk project at Regatta is out for bid and will be managed by Charleston County.

He ended his presentation by mentioning that regular scheduled police reports received by the Town will be posted on the website.

At the end of the meeting, Representatives from both Whitehouse Plantation and Farmington spoke of issues of concern to their community. Citizens from Whitehouse Plantation are concerned about the possible development of two parcels of land near their neighborhood. Farmington residents are concerned about a possible halfway house which may come to their community. Farmington residents were assured that this would violate Town codes and would not be allowed.

There will be no meeting in either July or August. This will be in lieu of the National Night Out Event which will take place Tuesday, August 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.