

James Island Neighborhood Council
Minutes
Thursday April 28, 2016

The James Island Neighborhood Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Town of James Island. The Meeting was called to order by chair Alan Laughlin. The following members were in attendance: Barbara Evans, Norty Green, James Hackett, Shawn James, Robin Hardin, Mark Johnson, Ashley Kellahan, Alan Laughlin, Troy Mullinax, Lyndy Palmer, Zennie Quinn and Richard Schramm. Also attending were Councilman Garrett Milliken and presenter Taylor Lee.

**Welcome &
Introduction
New Members**

Approve Minutes

- The March 2016 minutes were approved.

Crime Watch

- The Sheriff's Office and City Team 3 crime statistics have already been sent for review.
- The statistics show the same things we have come to expect.
- Again it was reinforced that we need to
 - Keep garage doors closed/locked
 - Keep cars locked and weapons removed while parked.
- On Stone Post Rd, several people were arrested for theft and assault
- On Hillman, there was a "burglary" that appears to be staged
- The Town and Sheriff are waiting on the LPR cameras. These will allow tracking vehicles across the island. There have been multiple delays.
- David Coe has again produced multiple complaints.
- The Sheriff's Office is at its lowest level ever. It is down 32 officers. At the present, this does not seem to be affecting the capability for the Island Patrol to adequately
- The "Chief of James Island" (Shawn James) has received the highest community service award the Sheriff's Office bestows, the Carrol Gordon Award.

Program

Tonight is a 2 part program.

- Alan passed out Neighborhood Watch program information to reinforce the neighborhood programs or to start one if there is not one at present in the community. Please review these and see if you can make suggestions at the May meeting. This will again be part of the program then. (DOCUMENTS ATTACHED)
- R. Taylor Lee, Public Health Director, DHEC Lowcountry Public Health Region is here to tell about ways to prevent insect borne disease – specifically the Zika virus.
Zika was first discovered in 1947 in Uganda and the first human case was diagnosed in 1952. It was first diagnosed in the western hemisphere in May 2015. It is active in Central and South America and has just come to North America. As of April 28, South Carolina is one of 9 states that have not seen a case in the state.

Zika itself is not a severe illness. But it is in the Dengue Fever, Yellow Fever, West Nile Virus family. If a person contracts the disease only about 20% become ill. The symptoms are usually very mild; fever, a rash, joint pain, headache, conjunctivitis, and is usually present in the blood for about a week. After recovery a person is immune to the disease. There is no medication, no treatment & no vaccine. The best course of action is rest & fluids.

What does make the news is complications. These come from problems of contracting the disease while pregnant. They include miscarriage, microcephalus, and a range of other birth defects.

It is transmitted primarily by the bite of an infected insect, but can also be transmitted by mother to fetus, sexual contact and blood transfusion.

PREVENTION is the key to not contracting the disease. Don't get bitten by a mosquito to get the disease and if you have the disease, don't get bitten by a mosquito, because you then infect the mosquito who then transmits it to others when it bites them. The easiest way to prevent is to remove standing bodies of water from the environment. Ensure that there are no birdbaths, buckets, tarps, watering cans, boat/car covers, clogged gutters, old tires, bottle caps etc. that hold standing water for more than 7 days without change out/replacement from the area.

BE SURE TO REMOVE STANDING WATER FROM YOUR VACINITY to reduce the chance of mosquito larva growth

(MULTIPLE ZIKA ARTICLES ARE BEING ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL)

Neighborhood Concerns

- **City**
- **COG**
- **County** "The Lively" is a proposed multiuse/multifunction apartment complex on the NW corner of South Grimball and Folly. If approved the County Council, it will put over 300 apartments on this corner. If you are opposed to approval, please either go to the county zoning meeting on Monday May 2 and/or let the council members know that you are opposed. NOTE: THE EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL ARE ATTACHED ON THIS SET OF MINUTES.

Also, county council currently has a request for a bar/lounge/fast food restaurant on the northeast corner of the same intersection. This IS on the agenda for the May 2 meeting at 5PM. Again, if you are opposed, you need to let them know that either in person or by email prior to the meeting.

This is at the intersection where a traffic light is supposed to be installed – when – soon, according to the county.

EDITORIAL NOTE: I find it very suspicious that this intersection (which is in county council district 8, represented by Anna Johnson), which only represents 15% of James Island, is now the center of seemingly unplanned/uncontrolled action where the new library, an already built apartment complex of over 300 apartments (the Broadstone Seaside), a possible new complex of over 300 apartments, and a bar, without a promised traffic light is situated. Is this another case of jamming stuff down our throats?

- Finally, members are cautioned to keep an eye on the news as well as letting the county council know your views on the possibility of a 1/2 cent sales tax hearings and referendum, which will allocate money for the completion of I526.
- **PSD** the PSD Wastewater Committee received an external report consisting of recommendations or rate changes for the FY2017 and FY2018 years. If you are a resident of the Town or the unincorporated areas of James Island, you currently have a base rate of \$13.90/month for wastewater. The outside recommendation is to increase it to \$15.79/month for FY 2017 and then to \$17.05 for FY 2018. That is a 13.6% increase next year and 8.0% increase the year after. This is the time to talk to the PSD Commissioners as they are just starting their budget for next year.

The sewer line being installed on Dills Bluff Road is essential to both James Island and Folly Beach. The project will run from Winborn to Waites and will take a planned 120 days. Please be careful and courteous on the road. Traffic will be open for at least 1 lane and will be controlled along the active work area.

- **Town** the town has had a first reading of instituting a hospitality tax of 2% for prepared foods and drinks. This will level the playing field on the island as the City bars/restaurants/fast food/gas station delis are already taxing at this rate. The tax money will be put into a fund where the municipality can use the money for "tourist" related programs. The mayor had a great post on his blog (the Mayor's Corner). SEE ATTACHED.

Public Works –

- The sidewalk construction for the intersection of Camp/Dills Bluff to Secessionville Rd will begin Monday.
- The geologic survey has concluded that the water table has risen for now to about 24-30 inches down and will continue through the summer as long as nothing changes such as a hurricane.
- Camp/Folly Rd makeover has begun. This will take about another 18 months to complete. It will add bike lanes, turn lanes, etc.

Internal Actions

- Richard Schramm motioned that we start the meeting with a pledge to the flag. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote. This will begin at the May meeting.

Emergency Preparedness

- June 4 will be this year's Hurricane Expo at Lowes. It will be expanded over previous years.
- There is a soccer tournament this weekend on Ft. Johnson Rd – Please be careful if you travel there.

Month Emergency Tip

Input to the Town

- The return from Town Council about the Town assuming responsibility for the DOT roads. Conversation has begun and should take some time to come to resolution.

Announcements

- 4/30 Smart 911 sign up day at the library
- 4/30 Taste of James Island

- 5/ 7 James Island Pride
- 5/10 Pinckney Park Update
- 5/17 Interfaith Disaster Council (IDC) initial meeting
- 5/26 next meeting
- 5/30 Memorial Day

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Alan Laughlin

Charleston County Sheriff Report

Crime	Block	Site	Date	Issue	Report #
Auto Break-in	900	Anchor Rd	May 2nd after 5pm	a vehicle was entered.	2016-006815
Burglary	700	Bermuda St	May 20 th after 8am	jewelry was taken after forcibly entering the residence	2016-007675
Breach of Trust	1300	Bresee St.	May 6th around 5pm	the victim stated a subject borrowed her Toyota Camry and has refused to return it.	2016-007096
Attempted Scam	1600	Camp Rd	April 29th around 12pm	a subject called the elderly victim portraying to be an SCE & G representative advising the victim he needed to pay his bill or the electricity would be turned off.	2016-006788
Larceny	1800	Camp Rd.	May 12 th after 11am	a cell phone was taken	2016-007341
Larceny from an Auto	900	Dills Bluff Rd	April 28th -May 1 st	an item was taken from a vehicle.	2016-006749
Fraud	500	Folly Rd	May 16th around 10pm	a W/M is suspected of fraudulently using a bank card.	2016-007525
Larceny	700	Folly Rd	May 7 th around 7pm	a subject stole the victim's cell phone	2016-007066
Shoplifting	800	Folly Rd.	May 9th after midnight	a subject came in and left without paying for a fountain drink.	2016-007117
Larceny	900	Folly Rd	May 9th around 11pm	a subject entered the store and stole 2 ice chests filled with merchandise.	2016-007123
Larceny	900	Folly Rd	May 21 st around 3am	a wallet was accidentally dropped in a parking lot and not recovered.	2016-007778
Shoplifting	900	Folly Rd	April 27th after 7am	2 B/M subjects took items from the property.	2016-006559
Stolen Vehicle	900	Folly Rd		a Saturn was taken from the property.	2016-006752
Trespassing	900	Folly Rd	April 27th around 1pm	a 55-60 yoa W/M was charged with Trespass after Notice.	2016-006589
Trespassing	900	Folly Rd	April 27 th around 8pm	a 19-21 yoa W/M was placed on trespass notice.	2016-006609
Vehicle Pursuit		Folly Rd. near Camp Rd	May 6th after 2am	a 35 year old White Male was charged with Reckless Driving and Failure to Stop for Blue Lights after leading deputies on a pursuit that ended at Riverland Dr	2016-006965
Larceny	1100	Fort Lamar Rd.	April 21st after 4pm	2 thermostats were taken regarding a dispute on money owed for a renovation.	2016-006312
Auto Break-in	1000	Grand Concourse	May 14th around 1am	items were taken from a vehicle.	2016-007386
Strong Armed Robbery		Greenhill Rd	May 13th around 5pm	a 20-25 yoa B/M is accused of forcefully taking items from the victim.	2016-007366
Shots Fired		Grimball Rd.	May 9th around 6pm	subjects in 2 cars were seen firing at each other while driving on Grimball Rd.	2016-00716
Auto Break-in	1300	Honeysuckle Ln	May 9th after 6pm	an unlocked vehicle was entered but nothing was reported taken.	2016-007184
Fraud	300	Howle Ave	May 2014 - May 2016	several accounts were opened using the victim's identifying information	2016-007594
Auto Break-in	1500	Inland Ave	April 27th after 6pm	two vehicles were entered.	2016-006618
Larceny	800	Jordan St	March 15th - May 2 nd	an item was taken from the property.	2016-006787
Stolen / Recovered Vehicle	1700	Lady Ashley St	May 5th after 11pm	an unlocked Subaru SUV was taken and recovered by Charleston Police on Bees Ferry Rd	2016-006968
Auto Break-in	300	Marcello Dr.	May 8th after 6pm	a window was broken to gain entry. Nothing was reported taken at the time.	2016-007127
Auto Break-in	1900	Maybank Hwy	May 16th around 5pm	items were taken from a vehicle.	2016-007506
Auto Break-in	1200	Midvale Ave	May 7th after 11pm	an unlocked car was entered and rummaged through	2016-007085
Auto Break-in	1200	Midvale Ave	May 7th after 11pm	unlocked vehicles were entered but nothing was reported taken.	2016-007100
Auto Break-in	900	Mikell Dr	May 2nd, 2016 after 10pm	an unlocked vehicle was entered and rummaged through	2016-006818
Auto Break-in	900	Mikell Dr	May 10th after 11pm	unlocked vehicles were entered and change was taken.	2016-007240
Auto Break-in	900	Mooring Dr	May 13th around 11pm	items were taken from a vehicle.	2016-007389
Larceny	1600	Patterson Ave.	May 4th after 4am	the victim stated her door was damaged and cash was taken from her room.	2016-006892
Auto Break-in	1200	Peregrine Dr	May 9th after 6pm	an unlocked vehicle was entered but nothing was reported taken.	2016-007191
Burglary/Auto Break-in	1200	Peregrine Dr	May 9th after 11pm	the victim stated his unlocked vehicle was entered but nothing was taken. The victim's garage was also entered and bikes were taken.	2016-007183
Auto Break-in	1300	Ptarmigan St.	May 9th after 9pm	cash was taken from an unlocked car.	2016-007196
Auto Break-in	900	Regatta Rd	May 2nd after 7pm	a vehicle was entered.	2016-006831
Malicious Damage to Property	900	Regatta Rd	April 21st-April 30 th	a 30-35 yoa W/M is suspected of damaging the residence.	2016-006729
Auto Break-in	900	Riddick St.	May 7th after 11pm	a folder was taken from an unlocked vehicle.	2016-007099
Larceny	300	Riverland Dr	May 1st after 10am	an item was taken from the property.	2016-006843
Trespassing	1800	S. Grimball Rd	April 30th around 12pm	a B/M juvenile was CWR for Trespassing.	2016-006706

Crime	Block	Site	Date	Issue	Report #
Attempted Burglary	1500	Scott Hill Rd	May 14th around 2pm	a 10-15 yoa B/M juvenile attempted to gain entry into the residence.	2016-007403
Fraud	1500	Scott Hill Rd.	January 28th - April 16 th	the victim stated she paid someone to file her taxes but did not receive her refund check.	2016-006093
Auto Break-in	800	Seafarer Wy	April 1st to May 3 rd	a firearm was taken from an unlocked vehicle.	2016-006900
Larceny	1000	Seaside Ln	May 15th around 6pm	an item was taken from the residence.	2016-007489
Fraud	1700	Sol Legare Rd	April 30th - May 5 th	a subject obtained the victim's credit card information and made several purchases	2016-006975
Larceny	1500	Terns Nest Rd	May 8 th - May 10 th	a 60-65 yoa W/F is suspected of taking items from the property.	2016-007216
Burglary	1700	Tower Battery Rd.	May 5th - 8 th	money was taken from the residence but no signs of forced entry were found.	2016-007140
Auto Break-in	1000	W. Oceanview Rd	May 17 th after 7pm	a firearm was taken from an unlocked vehicle	2016-007341
Auto Break-in	1100	Williams Rd	May 7th after 11pm	several unlocked vehicles were entered and rummaged through	2016-007083
Larceny	500	Yale Dr	April 26 th around 11am	an item was taken from the property.	2016-006525

City of Charleston Report

Offense	Block	Street	Date
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT / FIREARM	3570	SPENCE DR	4/29/2016
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT / OBJECT (HANDS)	440	PLANTERS TRACE DR	4/30/2016
BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	3290	BERRYHILL RD	4/28/2016
BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	700	GOODLET CIR	5/14/2016
CDV-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT / KNIFE	3570	MAYBANK HWY	5/15/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1950	CAMP RD/FERGUSON RD	4/26/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1520	CAMP RD/OYSTER POINT ROW	4/29/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1520	CAMP RD/OYSTER POINT ROW	5/15/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1460	CAMP RD/S ANDERSON AVE	5/12/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1940	CENTRAL PARK RD/RIVERLAND DR	4/28/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	0	DILLS BLUFF RD	4/26/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1170	FOLLY RD	5/11/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1290	FOLLY RD	5/6/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1670	FOLLY RD	4/27/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1300	FOLLY RD/FORT JOHNSON RD	5/2/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1490	FOLLY RD/SIGNAL POINT RD	4/29/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1490	FOLLY RD/SIGNAL POINT RD	5/1/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1990	FOLLY RD/TERNS NEST RD	5/5/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1000	FORT JOHNSON RD	5/13/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1390	FORT JOHNSON RD/SECESSIONVILLE RD	5/11/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	3290	ISLAND ESTATES DR/LANGSTON DR	5/3/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1790	MAIN RD/MAYBANK HWY	4/30/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	2870	MAYBANK HWY/TOWNE ST	4/25/2016
DRUG / NARCOTICS VIOLATION	0	SC30/HARBOR VIEW RD	5/10/2016
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	820	JORDAN ST	4/28/2016
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	0	BASS LN	4/27/2016
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	930	DILLS BLUFF RD	5/9/2016
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	340	FOLLY RD	5/14/2016
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	980	MOORING DR	5/13/2016
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	1530	BATTERY ISLAND DR	4/29/2016
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	1480	CAMP RD	4/27/2016
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	1640	WESTWAY DR	5/13/2016
BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	450	CHEVES DR	5/20/2016
BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	130	OYSTER POINT ROW	5/20/2016
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1900	CENTRAL PARK RD	5/17/2016
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2400	MAYBANK HWY	5/20/2016