

James Island Neighborhood Council
Minutes
Thursday August 24, 2017

The James Island Neighborhood Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2017 in the Council Chambers of the Town of James Island. The Meeting was called to order by chair Zennie Quinn.

**Welcome &
Introduction**

New Members

Approve Minutes

June minutes were approved as submitted. There was no meeting in July.

Crime Watch

Sgt. James reported that the auto break-ins were solved and the suspect arrested. He was out on the street the next day.

A question and answer period followed with many topics covered. Again for those who do not know, his cell phone is 843-343-7777.

- National night out was on August 1. About 250-300 residents attended. The program was intended to provide the community with interaction with law enforcement. Everyone appeared to have a good time. The 2018 NNO will be on the 1st Tuesday in August in 2018. Plan for it now.
- The month program is by Ron Morales from the National Weather Service. The NWS is part of the NOAA program. The mission is to protect life and property. There are 122 field offices. Charleston has 8 counties in SC and 12 in Georgia. It represents about 2,000,000 people and is a 24/7 service. Most of the service is information to the media as well as to the public.
 - Seabreeze is a boundary where land weather and sea weather interact and this causes the wind we feel, either outgoing or incoming on the shore and as the wind direction changes so does the weather on the land. The pressure differentials when this happens are where tornados and thunderstorms are created.
 - Stormsurge is a discussion of storm surge which is a value of water above the normal tide level and above ground. (Surge is described as 3' above the ground). Storm surge is a killer. This is how people are washed away. Surge is the reason for evacuations. Surge is the extra water above the tide caused by wind.as the water depth decreases, the surge increases. Tide + rain + wind driven water = surge.
 - Tsunami is where an undersea occurrence (landslide or earthquake or other reason) cause wind-driven water forced onto a shore. A large part of the depth of the wave is the depth of the ocean floor. It is a product of normal tide + storm surge. That is why Charleston did not receive a huge storm surge in Hugo but Awendaw (60 miles north) did. The Awendaw are received the north/northeast storm surge. **The Storm Surge warning is new this year and needs to be responded to. This could go 30 – 50 miles inland.**

Program

**Neighborhood
Concerns**

- The "Helping Hands" program was discussed by Mark Johnson.
- The city is working with TOJI on a uniform planning/zoning program
- COG is working with TOJI to find funding for the Folly Rd greenscape
- TOJI has a new hazard mitigation plan and is awaiting Columbia approval

- JIPSD is continuing its smoke testing program
- TOJI is getting ready to start Dills Bluff Sidewalk phase III (the boardwalk will come later)

Internal Actions

Emergency Preparedness

Wild animal safety/recovery after an event – be careful. After an event, snakes, red ants, and other critters have been dislodged from their normal habitat and they are uncomfortable in their new, unaccustomed area and WILL be more aggressive until calmed down.

Month Emergency Tip Are your vaccines up to date? Most need to be updated periodically.

Input to the Town

Announcements

- TOJI will be closed during Labor Day
- Plant edible event at Lowes on September 17
- CERT training – Disaster training phase 1 first aid.
- Yard of the Month programs are working – the town is looking better
- August 29 @ 1pm there will be a webinar on mental health and spiritual care on emergency responses. The town is requested to set up a room to listen in.

Submitted by Alan Laughlin