

SANGAREE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (SSTD) ADVISORY COMMISSION

Planning Meeting August 4, 2020 - 6:00p.m. (Virtual)

Public Meeting August 4, 2020 – 7:00 (Virtual)

Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5000 Access code: 175638# Online meeting ID: mbagleysangaree

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Acting Chairman Ann Birch called the Planning Meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and the Public Meeting at 7:06 p.m. The virtual meeting was attended by Secretary Jeannie Beard, Commissioners Ann Birch, Michael Bagley, Drew Hauelsen, Harold Green and Pat Temple, new Commissioners Elle Meise and Todd Ellis. Also present were SSTD Administrative Assistant Laura Baker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Jeannie Beard made a motion that the Agenda for the meeting be approved. This was seconded by Michael Bagley and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR July 7, 2020 Meeting – Drew Hauelsen made a motion that the Minutes for July 7, 2020 be accepted as published, which was seconded by Ann Birch. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. **Commission Elections** – The results of the elections as determined by County Councilman Tommy Newell were announced: Chairman, Drew Hauelsen; Vice Chairman, Michael Bagley; and Secretary, Jeannie Beard. At this point, Commissioner Birch turned the meeting over to incoming Chairman Drew Hauelsen.
- II. **General Manager's Report** – In the absence of General Manager Brian Callihan, Laura Baker, SSTD Administrative Assistant reported the following:
 - A. **Holiday Schedule** – Sangaree office will be closed for Labor Day, September 7, 2020, as will all of Berkeley County Offices. Since this is a Monday, this should cause no delays in services.
 - B. **Fire Protection** – B&C Fire Station reported normal operations for the month of July.
 - C. **Solid Waste** – No delays are anticipated for Labor Day since MSD pick up schedule has been changed.

SSTD received 400 calls in 2 weeks, resulting in a meeting Wednesday, July 29, between Berkeley County Procurement and Republic regarding several issues in Sangaree. Their response is due Friday a.m., August 7. One of the residents submitted pictures showing garbage can upended with trash littering the street and Republic employee refusing to touch the garbage he spilled. This was one of many issues discussed regarding Republic's failure to fulfill contract terms and conditions. We are also waiting for a response from Republic re individual resident cost for second bin, which has not yet been received.

Code Enforcement reports they are checking grass height still. Call Jerry Kale with you questions. Also noted by Commissioner Bagley, we need to find some way to untie the hands of Code Enforcement to make failure to comply with code a more costly offense, by somehow getting some teeth in our ordinances to make them more compulsory with stiffer fines for residents here in Sangaree basically thumbing their nose at Berkeley County Code ordinances.
 - D. **Parks and Recreation** – Laura and Brian are attempting to obtain more PARD Grant money for use in the Sangaree parks, i.e., grants for handicapped equipment. Berkeley County Grants Office is helping to make sure the wording is correct, etc., and we are now waiting for approval.

Cambridge Park renovation progress – Two swing sets have been ordered. Additional equipment for Cambridge Park will include a balance beam, teeter-totters, climbing equipment, and two "Hurricane Spinners", one for ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-12 when revised PARD Grant is approved.. At Ann's suggestion, Brian will also investigate the possibility of a specialized grant covering a handicapped swing and other equipment for the handicapped.

Sail Shades for Tomaka Park – The Commission requested that Brian order and install the sail shades for over the equipment for older kids' slides, swings, etc. Now that the Cambridge

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equipment is installed and additional equipment as listed above has been ordered, the Commission requested that Brian and the SSTD crew install the sail shades at Tomaka Park before some child gets burned on the slides.

Skate Park – Fencing has been installed around the Skate Park pad, and equipment should be ordered and stored until installation. There was a question concerning a dirt “buffer” between the skate pad and the fence. It was explained that this is accepted configuration.

E. Maintenance of Common Areas –

Improvements will continue at Sangaree Park, i.e., clean up in field, maintenance, etc. A question was raised as to how often Sangaree Park (field) is mowed. It appears that once a month or so will not be enough and the Commission encouraged the SSTD crew to ensure it gets mowed at least every two weeks, and more if it's needed.

III. Old Business

- A. Trenholm Road repair -- Ann has contacted Rep. Joe Danning again to see if he can do anything at all to speed the repaving process for Trenholm Road. Since we have had no further response from Rep. Danning, Ann is going to forward all the information she has to Commissioner Todd Ellis for follow-up and further action.
- B. New solid waste pick-up contract – any new issues for contract or new companies to solicit bids from? Nothing was added by Commissioners.
- C. Discussion of letter to Residents re: second bin – A motion was made by Michael Bagley and seconded by Drew that Laura and Brian prepare a draft letter for approval by the commissioners to the residents of Sangaree explaining the cessation of SSTD payment for second bins and giving them Republic's cost for their second bin. This cost will be handled by the resident who will set up an account directly with Republic for their second bin. This letter is to be completed and approved by the Commissioners by Friday, August 14, 2020, for mailing to each residence on Monday, August 17, 2020.
- D. Elle Meise – planting flowers in some greenspaces
Because of Berkeley County weed spraying schedules, Commissioner/Resident Elle Meise is to discuss her plans for planting flowers along the Paddock Way green space with Brian to avoid planting in areas scheduled for herbicide/pesticide spraying.
- E. Insurance coverage for Dog Park – Tommy to check with Nexton re carrier/cost and leashing requirement. We have no further information from Tommy at this point.
- F. Basketball Goal – There is been a lot of adult interest shown in having a basketball goal at Sangaree Park. Right now the goal is in the Library Parking lot, and this has been acceptable since it causes no traffic interference. It was also suggested that perhaps one could be placed in Pierre Park also.
- G. Street Humps and petitions – Apparently while there is a desire for street humps, residents are not interested in volunteering to collect the signatures needed for requesting them. If/as volunteers respond, this item will be updated.
- H. Home businesses – There are several businesses being operated out of residents' homes in Sangaree. While basically prohibited, Code Enforcement has not been stringently following up on those because of lack of enforceability of these ordinances. Those who are blatantly creating a nuisance or health hazard will be cited by Code Enforcement. As an update to this situation, the business in Traders Station is moving, and the auto repair by the Library is grandfathered in since it was operating prior to 2017. The newest offender is located on Bedford Court in Spring Lake and claims the vehicles (more than 5) are titled in his name. The report of encroachment and also fouled waste water in Sangaree green space must be handled by different departments. It was suggested that DHEC be contacted regarding the contaminated water runoff, and the Sheriff's Department called in for violations of the noise ordinance after 10:00 p.m.

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- I. Parkway Beautification – this item was postponed until the September 1, 2020 meeting when Brian is back.

IV. New Business

- A. Pickleball Court utilizing concrete slab at Pierre Park – Since the resident requesting this is willing to foot the bill for renovations needed for this court, it was suggested that Brian and he get together to discuss this issue.

V. Residents wishing to speak -

- A. Kristen was concerned about on-street parking which would block emergency vehicles from aiding residents on that street. She would like to see an answer posted immediately on Facebook advising residents on her street about the restrictions imposed by the ordinance. The response is that there is a 5-vehicle limit per resident, provided they do NOT block entrance by emergency vehicles. If there is an impediment to emergency vehicles, Jerry Hale, or his supervisor, Allison Simmons in Code Enforcement should be contacted.
- B. Vincent Lubrano was also concerned about the number of vehicles parked on the street.
- C. Brandon McElvoy was interested in the petition for speed humps along the Parkway. It was suggested that he pick up a copy of the petition at the SSTD office so he could obtain the necessary signatures.

VI. Announcements

- A. The next Planning Meeting will be September 7, 2020 at 6:00pm. - location to be announced later.

Additional Agenda Items, if needed - None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Michael Bagley, seconded by Harold Green, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.