

**SANGAREE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (SSTD) ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Planning & Public Meeting May 1, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Sangaree Library, 595 Sangaree Parkway, Summerville, South Carolina

**THE QUARTLEY PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Ann Birch.**

**ATTENDEES:** Chairman, Ann Birch; Vice Chairman, Rae Anne Leimbach, Secretary Jeannie Beard, Aldo Napoli, Harold Green. Also in attendance were Sangaree General Manager Brian Callahan, Administrative Assistant Laura Baker, and Parks and Recreation Chairman Lee Ann May.

Councilman Tommy Newell, and Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler, and his wife, Neva Peagler, Berkeley County Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Kale were also in attendance. .

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Aldo Napoli made a motion to approve the Agenda for the meeting, seconded by Harold Green. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 6, and APRIL 3, 2018** – A motion was made by Aldo Napoli, seconded by Rae Anne Leimbach to approve the minutes, and motion was carried.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. Report of Parks and Recreation** – Parks and Recreation presented the Commission with a list of their agenda items and priorities as follows:

1. Safety at parks
2. Checking for shaded areas
3. The Easter Egg Hunt and Sangaree Care Day were successful community events held at the field behind the Sangaree Library.
4. Events to enable Sangaree neighbors to know their neighbors, work together to do good, and create the perception and reality that Sangaree is a place that cares. They are working on the following events:

**May 12 – Sangaree Day of Giving.** Items are collected and given to those who have need for them. Any donations left over will be divided between the Kidney Foundation and Salvation Army. Help is needed to work this event.

**August 4 – Community Day.** (This is the week before the Tax Free weekend) There will be a splash party for the kids and a push for contributions of school supplies for children who cannot afford them.

These events will be held in the area behind the Sangaree Public Library. There is also a Sangaree Parks and Recreation Facebook page with the events listed.

5. A motion was made to obtain additional tables and chairs for Community Day, etc. It was also noted that 4 – 8 ft tables and 32 chairs could be obtained from Sam's Club for approximately \$1098.

**II. General Manager's Report**

A. Holiday Schedule –

1. SSTD Offices will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day. All services will be delayed one (1) day that week. This will be posted on the info boards at the entrances to the subdivision and online.
2. The May newsletter has been posted to the Berkeley County website.

B. Fire Protection –

1. Regular operations continue at the Sangaree Station
2. Statistics for the last quarter of 2017 are: October – 47 calls (43 medical, 2 fire); November – 46 calls (40 medical, 1 fire); December – 41 calls (31 medical, 5 fire).
3. The commemorative plaque has been installed at the fire station on the exterior next to the main door. Former SSTD Commission Chairman Gary Hogsten came from Berea, Kentucky to

present and install the plaque with Brian Callahan, SSTD General Manager and others in attendance.

C. Solid Waste Collection

1. The house count for the past quarter was 2604/2724 (95.6% occupancy), and recycling participation was 994 (35.7%).
2. Ground was broken on April 17, 2018 for a new recycling facility in Berkeley County. It will process single stream of garbage, culling metals, plastics, and cardboard/paper products for recycling. The facility is projected to be open late in 2019 The balance will be converted into pellets for an energy source.

\*\*\* Article about new recycling is in newsletter and on Berkeley County website.

3. SSTD Office received 74 service related calls in April. 62 were regarding recycling, 7 regarding solid waste, and 5 regarding bulk items.

D. Recreation –

1. The First Annual Sangaree Fun Run was held on March 24, 2016 with 6 participants even though 15 signed up.
2. The Community yard Sale was held on April 14, 2018. Registration was down to 55 residents this year.
3. The Easter Egg Hunt and Sangaree Care Day – covered under Parks and Recreation and was a great success. Good job, Parks and Recreation.
4. Pierre Park Fitness Project Update – Installation is underway and the anticipated completion is by the end of May. It will have 10 fitness stations plus a walking track when completed.
5. The crews are also currently working to improve the status of the other parks in Sangaree.

E. Maintenance of Common Areas (highlighting Sangaree ditch maintenance) –

1. Berkeley County Crews Are scheduled to start spraying herbicide in the drainage ditches in Sangaree May 14-24. Councilman Newell explained that the Berkeley County crews use pet friendly herbicides.
2. Mowing season has begun and green areas are scheduled for mowing and trimming based on accessibility. With the rain we have had, there are areas which cannot be accessed with the equipment. The emphasis has been at the entrances and the Parkway since they are highly visible.
3. Spring Planting was begun the week of May 6 and should be completed before June 1, weather permitting..

### III. Old Business

- A. Land acquisition status – update from Tommy Newell (if present) Councilman Newell and property owner are scheduled to meet May 4, 2018 regarding the land in question.
- B. Code Enforcement – Officer Jerry Kale reiterated several subjects of concern to the residents. He issues warning for grass more than 6” high, cars on blocks, etc. He has over 200 cases in his case load already. He also reiterated that by Ordinance (Code §56.69), houses are to display addresses with 4” contrasting numerals and have 3” numbers on their mailboxes.

### IV. New Business

- A. Facebook groups/pages/committees - Recognized FB pages: Sangaree Special Tax District (official Facebook page); Sangaree Crime Watch; Sangaree Parks & Recreation (formerly known as: Sangaree Cares); Sangaree Community; and Sangaree Shout Out. Sangaree Facebook pages are NOT monitored by the SSTD Office or Advisory Commissioners.
- B. Status of 2018-2019 Budget – the 2018-2019 Budget approved by the SSTD Advisory Commission has been posted to the Berkeley County website. The County has held the First Reading of the budget.
- C. Councilman Newell reported that they are testing a new paving technique on Ponderosa in Tall Pines and on Trenholm Drive in Sangaree.

## V. RESIDENTS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK –

- A. Darrell Moser, Chairman of Sangaree Crime Watch – Darrell reminded the residents in attendance that Hurricane Season begins in 30 days. He said that hurricane preparedness instructions are posted on several websites including the local news media, Berkeley County, etc.  
In conjunction with the start of Hurricane Season, Mr. Moser also advised there is a new CERT training course being offered by Berkeley County Emergency Response Team. Further information can be found on the Berkeley County CERT website.
- B. Crystal Bagley – reminded residents that there is a Family Community Pantry (website familycommunitypantry.com) and they give free food to families in need. Dates and times are posted on their website.
- C. Bill Heddon – thanks to Brian Callahan for his help with some problem areas in Sangaree. He commended Brian for doing a good job.
- D. Neva Peagler – Mrs. Peagler commented on several topics discussed at the meeting. She was especially happy with Sangaree Caring. She also said she has always liked the Sangaree community and how they support each other. Some of the other topics she discussed were:
- New Business - \$25B in economic development
  - 8000 new jobs became available in Berkeley County in the last year
  - The new Volvo plant is adding another line, which means more jobs
  - There has been a 29% increase in the Sheriff's Department due to the efforts of Supervisor Peagler and Councilman Newell. They have also bought 200 vehicles for the Sheriff's Department and increased the full time EMTs by 58%. There has been a 31% increase in 911 contacts.
  - The Nexton Parkway and Nexton Parkway Interchange is opening later this week.

Chairman Ann Birch commented to both Superintendent and Mrs. Peagler that we have nothing in the Sangaree area for seniors. Seniors must go to Dorchester County or to Goose Creek for a recreation center. It would be great if the Sangaree area could also have some sort of Rec Center for its senior citizens.

There will also be a meeting May 8 regarding CARTA routes which would include Cane Bay and Sangaree. The meeting will be at Cane Bay High School at 6:00 p.m.

- E. Superintendent Bill Peagler – Mr. Peagler commended Councilman Newell for the good job he is doing for Sangaree. He also reiterated comments made by Mrs. Peagler and Councilman Newell regarding the new recycling plant being built. He also explained how the single-stream trash would work for residents of Berkeley County and that the pellets produced from the trash should result in income to help defray the cost of construction/operation. Chairman Birch reiterated her comment to Mrs. Peagler about Sangaree seniors needing a local Rec Center.
- F. Several comments were addressed to Councilman Newell in discussions about other items, i.e., there aren't adequate lines on Highway 17A which makes it hard to see in rainstorms in the dark. He was also questioned about the estimated installation of a light at Hwy 17-A at the KFC and said that would be a while yet.

## VI. Announcements

The next Planning Meeting will be June 5, 2018 at 6:00pm

### ***Additional Agenda Items, if needed***

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion to adjourn was made by Aldo Napoli, seconded by Jeannie Beard, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.