

SANGAREE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (SSTD) ADVISORY COMMISSION
Quarterly Public Meeting May 5, 2020 - 7:00pm
MINUTES

Sangaree Library, 595 Sangaree Parkway, Summerville, South Carolina

Chairman Ann Birch called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. The virtual meeting was attended by Commissioners Michael Bagley, Drew Hauelsen, and Pat Temple. Secretary Jeannie Beard and Commissioner Harold Green were absent. Also present were General Manager Brian Callihan and Administrative Assistant Laura Baker.

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

Chairman Birch announced for the record that, due to COVID-19 and restrictions placed on meetings of 3 or more people as well as the interest of personal health and safety, the SSTD Quarterly Public Meeting has been postponed until such time restrictions are lifted permitting SSTD Advisory Commission to again hold a Public meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR April & March 2020 Meetings – Secretary Jeannie Beard has been unable to complete the March Minutes because of lack of information. The April Minutes have also not been completed to date, but will be before the June meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. General Manager's Report

- A. Holiday Schedule – General Manager Brian Callihan advised that all Berkeley County Offices including the Sangaree Special Tax District Office will be closed on Memorial Day. As of the time of the meeting, it was uncertain if the Landfill would be open or not. This also would cause a delay in solid waste collection since Republic would have no place to dispose of any trash collected on Monday. Since they would have to start their normal collection for other Berkeley County areas on Tuesday, trash collection service to Sangaree would be delayed by one day.

The May newsletter has been posted to the Berkeley County website for review by the residents.

Also, the traffic signal at Hwy 17-A and Longstreet has been installed and is functioning as of the end of April

- B. Fire Protection – B&C Fire Station reported normal operations for the month of April.
C. Solid Waste – SSTD received 211 calls in April. Of those, 42 were regarding contracted service 65 were about Sangaree services, 38 were miscellaneous calls, and there were 66 hang-ups – more than usual. A comment was made again that when residents say they called the office, if they hang up and/or do not leave a message, we have no way of knowing or returning their calls.

Renewal Option 2, a one year extension of contract, has been approved with Republic Services effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. At that point, the current contract with Republic expires and will have to be rebid. If we would like any changes to the contract to be bid, we should submit our suggestions to Brian for inclusion in the Request for Bid by Berkeley County.

Just a reminder that collection time runs from 7am until 7pm, and service is not considered missed until after 7pm. The contractor has 24 hours to make up missed service once they are notified. Any resident whose trash was missed needs to call the office by 11am the next day to be included on the list for missed pick ups. Many say they were missed for the last three weeks, but if we have no record of their phone calls, we have no way to track Republic's performance.

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D. Parks and Recreation

Cambridge Park renovation progress – The play equipment is almost completely installed and should be open for the kids by the end of the week. Brian was going to complete the installation of the swings on May 6.

Sail Shades for Tomaka Park – waiting for completion of Cambridge and will purchase and install the shades over the large slide.

Skate Park – We are still waiting on quotes by concrete contractors for the skate park slab as required by Berkeley County. We have two right now but a minimum of three are required. Once the slab has been poured, the fencing can be installed, perhaps in June, and the equipment can be ordered and then installed. Ann asked if we have signs ready for the skateboard park, to warn the participants that they bear the responsibility for risk of their own injuries, not Sangaree nor Berkeley County, and announcing the skateboard park hours. Also stating in large letters, “no alcohol, drugs, cigarettes or loitering” admonition.

Sangaree Park – Brian advised that they have been filing in the holes in Sangaree Park field to level out the ruts and depressions in the field.

E. Maintenance of Common Areas –

Spring planting has been completed at the main entrances and it looks very good.

Posts are ready for the street signs in Traders Station for which the panels have been ordered, and when they are received, the new signs can be installed.

We are again reminding residents to advise the SSTD Office of potholes, sinkholes, and damaged sidewalks. The office will submit this list to the appropriate department each month.

II. Old Business

- A. Trenholm and Hampton Road repair request to SC – we have done all we can do and are waiting for Councilman Newell to go to bat for us.

III. New Business

- A. Publish info for a new waste pickup contract or wait until the beginning of the year – Since the solid waste contract will have to be rebid for 2021-2022 fiscal year, Mike suggested we begin to consider what we want included in the new contract and advise the residents of upcoming changes to be made, such as charging for a second waste bin. The charge will be minimal to the residents, but will afford a savings of approximately \$25,000 that it currently costs Sangaree to pay for residents who have two bins. Brian and Laura already have a rough draft of the information to be sent to the residents.

It will be important to get this information to the residents fairly soon because bids for solid waste collection go out after the first of the year and the expense is incorporated in the 2021-2022 budget. This will allow the residents advance warning of what to expect with a potentially new solid waste collection company.

IV. Announcements

- A. The next Planning Meeting will be June 3, 2020 at 6:00pm. - Location to be announced later.

Additional Agenda Items, if needed - None

ADJOURNMENT On motion by Michael Bagley, seconded by Pat Temple, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30.