

**SANGAREE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (SSTD) ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Quarterly Public Meeting November 7, 2017- 7:00pm**  
**MINUTES - CORRECTED**

Sangaree Library, 595 Sangaree Parkway, Summerville, South Carolina

The Quarterly Public Meeting of the November 7, 2017 of the Sangaree Special Tax District Advisory Commission was called to order at 6:58 pm.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Chairman Ann Birch introduced the following Commissioners in attendance:

Ann Birch, Chairperson, Rae Anne Leimbach, Vice Chair, Jeannie Beard, Secretary, Harold Green, and Aldo Napoli. Also in attendance were Tommy Newell, Berkeley County Councilman; Brian Callihan, Sangaree General Manager; and Laura Baker, SSTD Administrative Assistant. In addition, Michael Bagley live-streamed our meetings to our Facebook page.

Guests in attendance were Maj. Baker, Maj. Brabham, CAT member Cpl. Steve Zubkoff; C&B Fire Chief Josh Woodall; Jerry Kale, Code Enforcement; Willis Sanders, BEC Board Member and Liaison with Sheriff's Department.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2017 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 3, 2017 MEETING**

A motion to approve the Agenda for the November 7, 2017 meeting of the SSTD Quarterly Public Meeting and the Minutes for the October 3, 2017 Planning Meeting was entertained and was seconded by Commissioner Aldo Napoli.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. General Manager's Report**

- A. Holiday Schedule – No change in trash pick-up schedule
- B. Fire Protection – Regular operations
- C. Solid Waste Collection – Recycling participation is up to 964 residents (35.4%); house count was 2,634; improvement in Waste Pro Management since meeting on October 5. Republic has missed some yard debris pick-ups.
- D. Recreation – Community day was a great success. There were 801 residents registered, and 16 organizations participated.
- E. Pierre Park Fitness Project – Equipment is being ordered and installation will begin once delivery has been made as long as the weather permits.
- E. Maintenance of Common Areas (highlighting Sangaree ditch maintenance) –
  1. Eadie's construction completed their work and cleaned up the area on Hedgeway in Lyons Cove.
  2. SSTD continuing with repair and painting of entrance signs; 6 are complete and 1 is in progress. Crew is also beginning to replace old, rotted street signs and yard sale boards.
  3. Since mowing season is almost over, crews are now trimming and spraying green areas. County crews are helping in cleaning some of the larger ditches, addressing larger sink holes, and spraying vegetation. They are proactively replacing some of the pipes which are old and crumbling.
  4. Berkeley County Animal Center – SSTD staff is collecting items to help pet shelter at SSTD Office during November and December.

**II. Old Business**

- A. Report on Community Day– Harold Green and Aldo Napoli – As noted, Community Day was a great success and SSTD appreciates all the volunteers and participants who made the day a success.
- B. Status of security cameras for around the pond and/or a couple of other places and maintenance. – Brian is still working on quotes, etc. for this plan.
- C. Plaque for Firehouse (re: responsible Committee) – this is still in progress.
- D. Covenants – need volunteers

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- E. Land acquisition status – update from Tommy Newell – Councilman Newell is in negotiations with owner of the land adjacent to the Library.
- F. Pierre Park
  - 1. Design – several plans have been submitted and the Commissioners advised on what was desired for the fitness area.
  - 2. Estimated exercise equipment installation dates
  - 3. Progress on Dirt mound removal – Did we meet end of August goal?

**III. New Business**

- A. Administration Office communication – Mr. Callihan gave us a report showing the calls received by month since November 2016. The office has handled 2,445 calls.
- B. Drugs and Crime in Sangaree – Major Baker, and Major Brabham and Corporal Zubkoff fielded questions from the residents about the recent murder and drug traffic in Sangaree, particularly on Beauregard and in Hampton Trace and Victoria Place. Specific issues addressed by Major Baker, Major Brabham, and Corporal Zubkoff were:
  - 1. After repeated calls to the Sheriff's Department and Code Enforcement, why was the drug house on Beauregard still operating and not shut down. Then, after the murder, why was it still in operation?
  - 2. The drug houses in Hampton Trace and Victoria Place have had repeated calls to the Sheriff's Department and Code Enforcement, also. They are still operating. Why?
  - 3. Why isn't Code Enforcement cleaning up some of the "trashy" areas in Sangaree? Have citations been issued? What's being done about it?
  - 4. What can we as Sangaree residents do to help these issues?

The upshot is that these areas are on the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department radar and they are constantly patrolling in those neighborhoods, as well as all areas within Sangaree, as a deterrent to crime and drugs. They passed out their business cards and phone numbers so that the residents could call as needed. They recommended calling 911 and requesting to SEE a deputy for suspected criminal activity and requesting an incident report number. They also emphasized the necessity of locking doors on vehicles and advised keeping porch and yard lights on at night. If the homeowner could afford it, use of security systems and definitely cameras was recommended.

- C. Code Enforcement –Jerry Kale, from Code Enforcement, answered questions regarding debris, homes with trash, and drug homes. He gave us some disheartening news about the legislature rescinding the ability of magistrates to issue bench warrants for certain violations, including suspected drug trafficking.

**IV. Residents Signed Up to Speak**

There were four residents signed up to speak:

- 1. Barbara Kenny – concerns addressed by Sheriff and Code Enforcement presentation
- 2. Chris Cantrell - concerns addressed by Sheriff and Code Enforcement presentation
- 3. Babs Herrin – commented briefly about drugs in her specific area and thanked Community Day volunteers and vendors for their participation
- 4. Sandy and Dan DeWald - concerns addressed by Sheriff and Code Enforcement presentation

**V. Announcements**

The next Planning Meeting will be January 2, 2018 at 6:00pm.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m