Sangaree Special Tax District (SSTD) Advisory Commission Monthly Planning Meeting Minutes September 4, 2018

Berkeley County Library, 595 Sangaree Parkway, Summerville, South Carolina

THE SSTD PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Ann Birch.

ATTENDEES: Chairman, Ann Birch, Vice Chairman, Rae Anne Leimbach, Secretary Jeannie Beard, Harold Green, and Dale Chisler. In attendance were Sangaree General Manager Brian Callihan, Parks and Recreation Chairman, Lee Ann May, and our County Councilman, Tommy Newell.

ALSO, former SSTD Chairman Gary Hogsten visited us from Berea, Kentucky.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Jeannie Beard made a motion to approve the Agenda for the meeting, which was seconded by Rae Anne Leimbach. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR August 7, 2018 – A motion was made to approve the Minutes by Jeannie Beard and seconded by Rae Anne Leimbach pending any additions, deletions or corrections. Motion was carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Report of Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation presentation was given by Lee Ann May, Chairman:
 - The P&R Committee announced the annual Trunk or Treat for Halloween will be held on October 31. There were 800 who attended the Trunk or Treat event in 2017.
 P&R proposed having hot dogs, chips and drinks for the kids, as well as candy. P&R already has many donations.
 - 2. P&R will also be hosting a Fall Festival on November 3, 2018.
 - 3. Santa at the Pond has been scheduled for December 15 from 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
 - 4. P&R also suggested installing pet waste eliminator stations and offered a printout of a relatively inexpensive model for the Advisory Commission's review.

II. General Manager's Report

- A. Holiday Schedule
 - 1. There are no upcoming holidays.
- B. Fire Protection Normal operations at the Sangaree Station
- C. Solid Waste Collection
 - 1 SSTD office received 238 calls in August (96 contracted service, 64 Sangaree Staff, and 78 misc.)
 - Office still taking requests for 2nd cart. Current count is 55
- D. Recreation
 - 1. Working on quotes for PARD Grant, Cambridge Park improvements
 - 2. Sept 8 Community Day preparations underway
- E. Maintenance of Common Areas
 - 1. Tree Requests/Price on trimming
 - 2. Stratford Downs street lighting petition
 - 3. Spring Lake Fence Repairs
 - 4. Cobblestone Ridge Townhomes sign work has been completed

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III. Old Business

A. Land acquisition status – Councilman Tommy Newell reported that the transaction for the land behind the Sangaree Public Library has been completed. We are just waiting the completion of the filing of documents with the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Berkeley County.

IV. New Business

A. The Commissioners discussed and approved the introduction of an award for residents performing outstanding work in the Community as requested by Michael Bagley. It was unanimously approved and agreed that the name of the award would be the Gary Hogsten Community Service Award. Annually members of the community would be tasked with nominating individuals deserving this award along with a document noting the special achievements of the individual. Once approved, the individual's name would be added to the plaque which be hanging in the SSTD Admin Office. The first two recipients were nominated and agreed to by the group (Michael Bagley – originator representing Sangaree Shout Out – a Facebook Page group), Parks and Recreation, and the Commissioners. Details on voting for future nominees have yet to be determined. Funding for the plaque was donated by Lee Ann May, Parks & Recreation Chair. Future funding will be handled by SSTD.

B. Community Service Award – The First Annual Gary Hogsten Community Service Award

The First Annual Gary Hogsten Community Service Award went to Anthony Sappe. (Attached are the complete comments made regarding some of his contributions to our Sangaree Community). Among other contributions, he gave away free meals in October 2016 (Hurricane Matthew) as well as free bread to residents who had lost power. On multiple occasions he has offered his food at significant discount to Sangaree residents. He has been very active in volunteer activities in Sangaree. Also, this summer, knowing his neighbor had undergone surgery and was unable to do so, he mowed that neighbor's yard. These are just a few of the many contributions Mr. Sappe has made to the community, and why he is the recipient of the First Annual Gary Hogsten Community Service Award.

The second recipient of the First Annual Gary Hogsten Community Service Award has also been extremely active in the Sangaree community. The second recipient, Darrell Moser, started organizing and leading the Sangaree Crime Watch meetings in 2015. He is a member of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and encourages residents to join CERT and help their community. He posts helpful tips on the Facebook community pages including severe weather information. He leads by doing, also.

VI. Residents Wanting to Speak and Comments -

A. Renee Hunicutt (Carriage Crossing) – Interested in obtaining a second trash bin and wanted to know which day yard debris pickup was. She asked the status of the construction of the fitness area at Pierre Park (opened July 3, 2018).

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Commendations were also given to Deborah Bagley and Lee Ann May for their help in obtaining the Gary Hogsten Service Award. We appreciate all the effort you put forth on this project.

VII. Announcements

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

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by Jeannie Beard, seconded by Harold Green and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

