

Snee Farm Community Foundation  
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 5, 2009 – Snee Farm Country Club – 5:30 PM

## **Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Jackie Walker, Paul Meierer, Margaret Passailaigue, Dottie Teetor, Jerry Barnett, Michael Barrett, Bob St. Onge, Dan Childress, Buddy Goodson.

**Others Present:**

Committee Members: None

Other Foundation Members: 5 Properties Represented

Non-Foundation Members: None

Restrictions Compliance Administrator: Michael Hart

**INVITED GUESTS:** MPPD Detective Blair Martin & Officer M. Stafford

-Due to the undue anxiety caused by the quick/broad spread of misinformation, including as far as Georgia, about a supposed attempted child abduction in the Plantation Ln. area, Detective Martin reported the facts of the subject incident. The MPPD investigation concluded that a group of four young men were being obnoxious, including cussing, in a white Astro van across the street from a child who was playing near his yard. The parent of the child (who was monitoring his whereabouts), and the child, did not feel that there was an attempt to lure him into the vehicle – a neighbor walking nearby, who was asked for directions by the young men in the van, also described their behavior as obnoxious, but not sinister. Following the incident, the parent of the child mentioned the situation to a friend as a security reminder to be aware of strangers/suspicious activity. Unfortunately, the friend did not accurately share the message with others causing undue anxiety and numerous contacts to the MPPD and the Board.

-He reviewed the four distinctive home break-ins that occurred since the beginning of this year in a clustered area at Chersonese Round, Austin Square & Casseque Province (also DeLeisseline) – the m.o. is exactly the same. The owners are not at home...overnight, for a week-end or longer; only one was out for an evening and arrived home very late – the homes were very dark with discreet access areas. The same is happening to high-end homes in other Mt. Pleasant Communities and on James Island; MPPD is working with the Charleston Dept. on these, and old cases, that have the same characteristics. The burglars are pre-empting alarm systems and leaving no finger prints throughout the homes as they ransack them, being very selective about the items they are stealing such as jewelry, silver, etc. There have been no arrests at this time.

-Other issues such as speeding and vandalism were discussed – the Board continues to request as much police presence/surveillance as possible. Officer Stafford reiterated that Snee Farm continues to be a safe community in comparison to others – primarily due to the Board working with the Dept., and involvement of residents in Community watch/reporting.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** - *J. Barnett motioned to approve the April 7, 2009 Reg. Mo. Min; seconded, carried 8-0.*

**PRESIDENT'S TIME:** President Walker acknowledged and welcomed Debbie Rogers of A-Plus Property Management who will attend the meetings and participate in them. She noted the extensive work to secure the best for Snee Farm that resulted in selecting A-Plus, and the Boards enthusiasm in having accomplished this goal of cost effective professional property management tailored to provide specific administrative services.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance**

Treasurer Passailaigue advised that she could not provide the financial statements or the proposed Budget tonight as planned due to a computer problem. She noted some particular aspects of the Budget planning to include the projection of having approx. the same amount of reserves at the end of the year to continue building emergency and capital improvement funds. She stated that we continue to have one of the lowest assessments in the East Cooper Community. **Report accepted.**

**Restrictions**

M. Hart, Compliance Administrator, advised that approx. 67 letters were sent - business as usual. We are receiving good response to notices regarding mailbox issues – approx. 90% taking corrective action with two weeks. Approx. 75 hours were logged during the month. **Report accepted.**

(Standing Committee Reports Continued)

### **Maintenance**

Chair Barnett reported: 1. Replaced light bulb at the Governors Rd. New Charlestowne entrance. 2. He inspected the lakes with Rob Carmichael in preparation for contracting routine maintenance. The sterile Carp order has been placed and Rob will deliver/launch them this month - they do an amazing job in controlling the algae. 3. He oversaw completion of the remaining Gazebo work that was detailed in last month's report. It looks great - he hopes that children will not be a problem in keeping it in good condition. He asked for assistance in halting inappropriate activity, getting names/addresses and report to the Board so that we may contact parents who will be held responsible for any damage caused by them and/or their guests. Six hours were logged for March saving the Foundation approx. \$1,200.

**Report accepted.**

### **Landscape**

Chair Teetor reported: 1. Both front entrance areas were replanted early May - the remaining shrubbery around the lamp post in the island was removed, and the new plantings in that area include dwarf Hibiscus, Knock-Out Roses and a vine that will grow up the lamp post. 2. Mulch is being delivered. 3. The Whipple entrance bed has been replanted including removal of old past-lifetime shrubbery; more work will be done at that entrance subject to Budget approval. 4. The Longpoint entrance beds have been planted, and more plant material added to the long island inside Garden Way. 5. The new Red Oak was planted at the Parkway to replace the one that had to be removed. 6. A few irrigation issues have been settled. 7. Encore Azaleas will be planted under the Oak Trees in the Sea Oats & Snapdragon cul-de-sac islands in the Gardens – Jan spoke with a resident at one of the sites who volunteered to water the Azaleas until established. Plant watering has been done where needed. **Report accepted.** President Walker asked if we had received the Town's mitigation plan relative to the necessary Red Oak removal. Dottie confirmed having it.

### **Security**

Co-Chair M. Barrett reported (in addition to Detective Martin's information): 1. Theft of a sign at the Hwy. 17 entrance. 2. Suspicious activity on Law Lane was reported to the MPPD – nothing further. 3. A door was left open at a Chersonese Round residence where work was being done – nothing further. He reminded that our Web Site has a link (go to Governance-Committees-Security) to the Town's Site to view the criminal activity log updated daily; reports may not contain all detail if under investigation, but will identify the street. The Community Alert calls continue when needed to help us be promptly aware of suspicious or unlawful activity. If you are not receiving calls of this nature, contact the MPPD to be put on the list. He reminded to lock all doors (including cars), close/lock windows, and stage homes with timed lighting, sound, etc., when away. Also, neighbors keep any eye out, and immediately report any suspicious activity. Advise the Dept. when you will be away – they provide the service of checking your home daily during the period you are gone. **Report accepted.**

### **Architectural Control**

Chair St. Onge reported 13 submissions including a couple of major room additions. **Report accepted.**

### **OTHER REPORTS OR INFORMATION:**

Hwy. 17 Widening Project - Pres. Walker advised that, despite Mr. Ballester's preliminary efforts communicating with residents in that area, and our notification to the entire Community via the entrance sign boards and Web Site, the attendance at the Town's April 15 Public Hearing regarding the Project was very poor. In speaking with Council members, it is clear that a good showing/participation of the residents in that area during this process is necessary to ensure those evaluating the studies and making recommendations and/or decisions understand the critical need of an effective noise barrier based on the present negative impact to quality of life and property value in that area which will significantly worsen without it.

**DT**

**(Other Reports/Information Continued)**

She will ask for help with individual contact efforts to the adjacent and near-by residents to advise them of the need for their involvement and potential consequence without it.

Whipple Rd. Common Property – SCE&G Easement – Problems continue in that area – most recently due to no prior communication with the adjacent residents or Board about planned/recent spraying beneath the distribution power lines that has severely impacted the buffer in varying degrees along the fence line behind the residences. It is obvious that a clear understanding as to when and what must be done is needed, and consistent quality control to ensure that it not remove any more of the buffer than necessary, and not leave a poor aesthetic appearance from the residents' and Whipple Road views. For some time, the appearance of the entire area is not what it should be due to the excessive access and work in that area by various utility entities. She and Jerry will be working on this matter and continue to report to the Board. \_\_\_

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

***J. Barnett moved to approve contracting the Carmichael Company for lakes management according to the terms stipulated in the Agreement as presented; seconded, carried 8-0.***

J. Barnett advised that he will do some work at the front entrance island on the exposed ground light poles, and the lamp post base relative to the electrical wiring to provide a better appearance of that area since removal of the old shrubbery exposed more of it.

**NEW BUSINESS (Board):** None

**NEW BUSINESS (Foundation Members Comments):**

-D. Shuler inquired about the status of unpaid Assessments; also, expressed his displeasure about fireworks and what might be done to stop the nuisance; and revisited issues of a stand-alone retention pond on Golf Course property behind his home.

-G. Vizbulis asked if the MPPD could assist with juvenile problems at the Gazebo.

***B. St. Onge motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded, carried – Adjourned at 7:10 PM***

Prepared by Dottie Teetor.

**Approved on June 2, 2009 at the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting.**

**Attested To By: Dottie Teetor  
Secretary**