

RIVERS POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION – Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2010 – 6:30 pm –Percy Hall –Epworth Methodist Church
(approx 20 households attended)

David Cassidy called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He requested assistance to get the neighborhood directory completed. Kathy Wren and Mary P. will help. The 1st annual neighborhood garage sale was successful in May and if enough neighbors are interested we may do this again next year.

David reported three recent break-ins around the neighborhood. The items stolen were TV's, computers and cash. Neighbors need to be aware of this, investigate, ask questions of strangers or take down license plate numbers if possible. Please report any suspicious activity to the police. Jim Rock will look into the Neighborhood Watch program.

David has set up the website and suggestions are welcome (riverspoint.net). Website links include how to report potholes (call potholes), crimeweb.net, and livability office information.

David introduced Lisa, Kathy and Mary who will organize the 3rd Annual Conch Corner Calypso on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 5-8 pm in the Conch cul-de-sac. A vote was taken and approved for a \$300 budget for this event to include a DJ, paper products, etc. Other activities will be a Cake Walk (donations of cakes, cupcakes, brownies are needed), a Pig Roast (donated) the fire truck for the children and other fun activities. Neighbors will be asked to bring a covered dish.

A clean up day is scheduled at the front entrance on November 13, 2010 at 9:30 am. Neighbors are asked to help clean and put out pine straw. Also, new officers are needed to serve the Association, if anyone is interested please contact David Cassidy (elections will be held at the Spring 2011 meeting).

Georgie Rock gave the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) report. Georgie reported that the architectural committee, prior to the beginning of work, should review any home improvements. Thank you to all of the neighbors who have submitted plans for new additions and home improvements on their property. These are generally approved with 7 days or less. Inside home improvements do not need ARC approval.

Next, Peter Kfoury presented proposed changes to the current neighborhood covenants. Each section of proposed change was discussed with neighborhood input. Several sections remained the same (these are sections 1,3,4,6,9,10,11,12a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,13,14,15,16).

Suggested areas for revision/additions were section 2, to add -proceedings of law are at the owner's expense for violation of the covenants, section 5 – to add-boats may be parked in paved driveways or sided paved area or in the backyard (much discussion occurred on this section), utility trailers or non running cars should not be parked in the driveway, section 7 will be deleted since no longer applicable, section 9-revise fencing from 4 and a half to six foot fencing material (no wire fencing) and 12D-to add no dangerous dog will be allowed as per the City of Charleston ordinance and homes and yards must be minimally maintained per the City of Charleston ordinance.

Both Georgie Rock (chamy43@aol.com) and Peter Kfoury (pwkfoury@aol.com) have copies of the current neighborhood covenants for those who need a copy. Consensus or 2/3 positive neighborhood approval to pass new covenants will have to be obtained after these are discussed again in the spring for any additional changes or comments. If neighbors have any concerns or suggestions, please email or contact Peter, James or Georgie.

Lisa Cassidy gave the Treasurer's beginning balance - \$3,270.97, Income: Dues received \$1,000. Expenses: \$47.52 stamps, \$22.45 mail out supplies, \$14.67 Hyam's (flowers), \$58.83 pine straw, \$193.05 neighborhood Oyster Roast, \$ 24.95 newspaper ad for garage sale, \$64.50 two no soliciting signs, landscaping (Apr-Sept) \$585.00 with an ending balance 9/9/10, \$3,260.00. Dues remain \$50 per year and should be paid to Rivers Point Civic Association c/o Lisa Cassidy, Treasurer.

Other business included discussion of two homes in the neighborhood, one reported to livability court and the other with multiple family renters by the week. These continue to be discussed for further action to improve the neighborhood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Light refreshments were served.

Respectfully Submitted: Christine Lewis, Secretary