

SANS SOUCI COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING

MEETING MINUTES | APRIL 24, 2018

Present: Rachel Rossman, Sarah Franco, Tommy Campbell, Darlene Campbell, Kenneth Smith, Tracy Gilreath, Cathy Gilreath, Ellison Manley, Maria Hooper, Esteysi Verduzco, Neil Collins, Kathleen Powell, Don Baird, Hao Wu, Dave Ashburn, Connie Ashburn, William Powell, Tee Thompson, Hannah Thompson, JoAnn Christians, Channing Banks

Tina Belge, Jonathan Hanna, Ben Forrester (Deputy), Joe Whitmire (Deputy), Brandon Hunter (Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission)

I. Sans Souci Neighborhood Alliance Announcements

A. Rachel Rossman:

1. Welcome/introductions

B. Sarah Franco:

1. Verner Springs Park Clean-up Recap (4/21)
 - Bridge scrapes & primed
 - Holly bush removal
 - Preliminary creek clean-up
 - Repairs to fence, benches, and tables
2. Hands On Greenville (HOG) Day projects (5/5)
 - Bridge painting
 - Creek clean-up
 - Holly stump removal
 - Leaf bag-up
 - Various community garden projects
 - Swamp Rabbit Trail connector development
3. Smoke Alarm Blitz (4/28)
 - Piggy-backing survey distribution with the Parker Fire District smoke alarm project

C. Rachel Rossman:

1. New Survey
 - Collecting community feedback
2. Community Garden Concert (4/29)
3. May Meeting (5/19)
 - Resource fair
 - local organizations, community resources, political candidates, etc.

II. Environmental Enforcement, Ben Forrester (Greenville County Sheriff's Office)

A. Background

1. Began 35 years ago
2. Master Deputy Forrester supervises Environment Enforcement

B. Method

1. Predominantly report-based (respond to citizen complaints), in combination with personal observation
2. Conduct investigations in some situations
3. Rely upon community service for labor
4. Work intimately alongside Greenville County Code Enforcement (Env Enf. addresses litter in the public right-of-way; Code Enf. addresses property maintenance on private property)
5. Environmental Enforcement Officers still respond to standard law enforcement calls; however, for general Community Crime Prevention issues, contact Sergeant Natalie Hill (864-419-3622)

C. Q & A

- Consistent dumping sites can be helped by citizens providing evidence by perpetrators through vehicle tag number, vehicle description, or even photos
- Comprehensive remediation requires citizens being consistently involved and reporting
- Issues with cars on streets should be directed to the Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit
- Keep in mind: 3 Environmental Enforcement Officers cover 760 square miles
- Local crime statistics can be found online at the following link:
<https://communitycrimemap.com/>
- Code Enforcement: 864-467-7090

III. Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission (GGSC), Brandon Hunter

A. Overview

1. Not enforcement → collection
2. Call anytime to ask what can be collected
3. GGSC collects only what property owner/renter produces
4. Can assist with clean-up events (call to schedule/coordinate future events)
5. GGSC has hired a new customer service representative with bilingual support
6. Standard policy is to leave a note if items of a certain type cannot be collected
7. If a citizens feels like they are getting the runaround, he/she is welcome to email Brandon directly (bhunter@ggsc.gov)
8. GGSC is not a part of Greenville County, it is a Special Purpose Tax District

B. Q & A

- In the event of scooped topsoil, GGSC will repair it
- Mid-October to mid-March is leaf season
 - Reminder: GGSC will not pick up debris from external producers
- Tree debris must follow particular guidelines for pick-up (> 6' in length, > 6" diameter)
- GGSC provides education programs for local schools

IV. CPTED: An Overview of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Tina Belge

A. Response to Urban Crime and Disorder Problems

1. Old Approach
 - Police only → Repressive Police Action → Isolated Approach
2. New Approach
 - Integrated Action → Preventive & Repressive → Partnership Approach

B. Approaches to Crime Prevention

1. Target Hardening
 - Includes locks, reinforced walls, fortified doors, bars, laminated glass, etc.
 - Related to urban fortress model (makes no attempt to deal with street crime)
2. CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
 - The goal of CPTED is to reduce opportunities for crime that may be inherent in the design of structures or in the design of neighborhoods
 - Can be accomplished through the involvement of CPTED practitioners in the planning, development, and design review of community projects
 - CPTED Team: Police, Planning, Land Development, Transportation, Parks & Recreation, Economic Development, Neighborhood Associations, Political Leaders
 - Three general categories:
 - Natural surveillance
 - Natural access control
 - Territorial reinforcement

C. CPTED Strategies

1. Take advantage of design to provide opportunities to see and be seen
2. Provide clear border definition of controlled space
3. Provide clearly marked transitional zones that indicate movement from public to semipublic to private space
4. Re-designate the use of space to provide natural barriers to conflicting activities
5. Improve the use of space to allow for intensive use
6. Place unsafe activities in safe locations to overcome the vulnerability of these activities with the natural surveillance and access control of the safe area
7. Place safe activities in unsafe locations to promote the natural surveillance of these locations in order to increase the perception of safety for normal users and risk for offenders
8. Redesign or revamp space to increase the perception or reality of natural surveillance

D. Planning & CPTED

- The way we build, rebuild, and maintain our communities affects the behavior of people
- That behavior influences public safety
- The degree to which public safety exists affects the livability of our communities

E. Proposed Benefits of CPTED

- Reduction in crime
- Reduction in potential for crime
- Perceived greater safety and security
- Improvement and beautification of the physical environment
- Revitalization and preservation of neighborhoods
- Improved quality of life
- Increased business activity
- Encouragement of the residents to remain in urban areas

- An improved business environment
- More efficient use of County personnel and equipment in crime prevention
- County departments working toward a common goal
- Increased communication and interaction between the County government and the public

V. Wrap-up & Dismissal

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