

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

April 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm

Attending: Al Koon, Rev. Kevin Sheppard, Jim Palassis, Lill Mood, Jim Pepper, Jeff McCormack, Carol Brooks, Mary Higginbotham, Jesse Milliff, Ellen Hayhurst, Leisha Huffstetler, Dan Wells, Chuck Mayes, and Karen Owens

Copies of the Feb 4 minutes were sent in advance of the meeting and a recap of the committee signups and related updates were shared in an email dated March 28, 2016.

Jesse Milliff, a student at Chapin High, shared a PowerPoint presentation on her project to determine the accessibility of Columbia Avenue for pedestrians. She developed a survey that she then took to local businesses on Columbia Ave. to see perceptions about accessibility, willingness to walk to locations, perceived safety of the corridor, etc. She also identified potential crosswalk locations. Karen said she would send this information to Zack Haney, the engineer the Town and Lexington County have been working on for the S-48 project.

Next there was discussion about the upcoming Community Service Day and need for volunteers to help walk along the sidewalks and check off the inventory that Gregg Sprouse had provided at the Feb. meeting.

Next Lill Mood said she was working to identify people interested in serving on the Chapin Arbor Day Committee and projects they were interest in pursuing were coming up with ways to protect more trees and ensure the tree ordinance was enforced; developing a tree planting plan with species that would do well in climate; and seeing through the final stages of the Chapin Sequoias Standing Tall project to get the geomapping of the planted trees established, transfer of the website from the school to the town, and the final planting at the Tech Park as part of the Arbor Day celebration in December. Clemson Extension and the SC Forestry Commission were mentioned as potential resources to explore.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Footnote: On the Community Service Day Sidewalk Inventory, Lill was the only person who signed up to travel on Amicks Ferry Road from Chapin Road to the town limits and back. She provided her notes and photos that we can share. The members of the Eat Smart, Move More Coalition in Lexington County have offered to come help us with this assessment if we so choose.