HOBCAW POINT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The annual meeting of the residents of Hobcaw Point subdivision was held in the Wando Room at the Hobcaw Yacht Club, 180 Hobcaw Drive, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

Bill Collar, President, called the meeting to order and presided. Also, in attendance were past president Linda Balzac, board members, and other Hobcaw Point residents.

Mr. Collar had emailed a tentative agenda in his 3/10/2023 email, topics on which he covered during the meeting. Notification of the meeting via the website failed as a result of Internet carrier outages. Nonetheless, word-of-mouth and personal direct emails were made allowing the attendance that evening.

Mr. Collar admirably pointed out that Fred Fabian had submitted his resignation in his service for the past few years as secretary to the HPRA due to commitments which had arisen with other charities with which he was involved. He thanked him for his service for the Association, his call to action with respect to the underground power line initiative, establishing the HPRA's website (hobcaw.org), and his generous donation of the landscape lighting at the entrance of the neighborhood. He was also proud to announce that immediately after his 3/10/2023 email announcing the above, Sarah Bacik was quick to offer her services in that role. A motion made and seconded to approve Mrs. Bacik as HPRA secretary was unanimously passed

SECRETARY TRANSITION

The Underground Power Initiative had previously been transitioned to Mr. Collar. Website (hobcaw.org) will be shifted over to Mrs. Bacik at the earliest convenient time.



Efforts are still under way to link a button on the web site to our Venmo payment method.



Records taken during Mr. Fabian's service as HPRA secretary are available on the website.

HOBCAW – I'ON PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION

Deterioration of the fencing between Hobcaw and I'on have become more prevalent. Residents voiced concerns that there is a strong possibility that I'on will not maintain the fence, at least in the foreseeable future. Further attention to this matter may be required.

The three (3) steel post (identified by the red marks in the picture to the right) are still present and structurally sound. These were spaced with distances that would allow pedestrian, bicycle, and golf cart passage.



COMMON AREA GROUND LANDSCAPING & MAINTENANCE

Landscaping areas are focused in two areas; the neighborhood front, and the Coinbow median.

Front: In the years past, and years to come, further beautification of the neighborhood front remains a priority. To that end, this may include seasonal landscape colors in the form of additional plantings and keeping the grass cut and bushes trimmed.

Coinbow: The median on Coinbow Drive has old pine trees and oak trees that require some attention. This project would require hiring a service to care/trim the trees and eliminate any potential unsafe branches. In addition, a thorough cleaning of the median grounds with landscaping options would enhance the beauty of Coinbow Drive. Although this is not needed as frequently as the neighborhood entrance area, Mr. Collar has asked residents living on Coinbow to occasionally perform some light maintenance of the median area.



Maintenance Items focus primarily on the Hobcaw Point sign. Beside a bit of power washing that is needed, the mortar around the faux marble insert is deteriorating. This may require a mason to address. Please let Lewis Lee or Bill Collar know should you have any recommendations.

The left pond on Hobcaw Drive, as you enter the neighborhood, has been in disrepair for decades. The dam was breached so water flows in and out. The wish is to repair this dam to restore the pond to its original

condition. In addition, another water feature would add to the aesthetics.

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Miscellaneous Items: Reordering bags for the pet waste stations around the neighborhood.

STREET MAINTENANCE

Hobcaw Drive and a few others are state-maintained roads. Most all others are owned by the town. This drives two issues: 1) construction of a sidewalk from the entrance sign to yacht club, and 2) the root versus asphalt was located at the Molasses Lane curve (near East Hobcaw). Addressing these two items in reverse...

https://www.tompsc.com/FAQ.aspx?QID=129

When will my street be repaved?

Prioritizing the resurfacing of existing paved roads will be done utilizing our computerized Pavement Management System, which is based on the technical evaluation of the overall condition of each road. This eliminates the need for request for resurfacing of specific roads. If you have questions regarding the Town's resurfacing program or the Pavement Management System, you may contact Town staff at (843) 856-3080. Mr. Collar suggested that success may be achieved with multiple contacts being made from our residents to the number above.

Item #1 Hobcaw Point State Maintained Roads are in blue below

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Safety Programs Project Lists			
Rural Roads Phase I Rural Roads Phase II Interstate Safety Projects	Non-motorized User (bike/pedestrian)	Road Safety Assessment Program	2016 Intersection Improvement Projects
The purpose is to review the identified locations with high crash rates involving bike/ped and to implement bike/ped related safety strategies to reduce crashes involving non-motorized users.		3	ВАСК
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No information was available regarding sidewalks.

We encourage you to contact the SC DOT at <u>gismapping@scdot.org</u>

UNDERGROUND POWER

Mr. Collar reported on the Secured Power Initiative. Although HPRA began this initiative, the feasibility study approved over one year ago has not moved forward. The Groves, who came into the process on the coattails of our initiative and were also approved for a study, are much further along in the process. Their (the Groves') feasibility study has been completed, the estimated cost to bury the powerlines - \$2 million. One half of this cost is funded by Dominion Energy. Dominion Energy would "plug" the remaining \$1 million Dominion Energy into a formula which will allow them to determine the "rate rider" which would be used to fund the project.

Sadly, Dominion Energy has stalled movement on the HPRA study citing the absence of personnel needed to complete it. Mr. Collar has reached out to several officials voicing complaints about this matter. With the strategic resources located within Hobcaw Point, resources used by governmental official in the event of an emergency, our level of importance should be elevated.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

If you haven't taken notice of the "white rectangles" painted at various places on the roads, these are the markings from a ~\$3 million federal funded project studying stormwater runoff in the 'old village' and Hobcaw Point. We are not in a basin and many of our ratings have been updated to "X zones." Reason have not been communicated to residents as to the benefits of the study which leaves many unanswered questions as to its value. This information was shared in light of the

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problems we are facing having Dominion Energy perform the services it was contracted to do by the Town.

MOUNT PLEASANT HISTORICAL MARKERS

We received notice this week that the installation will be performed by Mt. Pleasant Public Works in the next two weeks! As soon as it is installed, we will plan an "unveiling." Mrs. Staley paid the \$375 fee to the town for the relocation.

We have since learned that the Town has identified additional historical areas within Hobcaw Point. Updates to follow.

COMMUNICATION INITIATIVE

In addition to the web site (HOBCAW.ORG), there is a desire for a database of resident email addresses for more timely communications through newsletters and the like. The impetus driven by challenges just encountered in HPRA meeting notifications.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Collar called on Mrs. Staley for presentation of the Treasurer's report. Details of her report will be posted on the Financial Section of the HPRA's web site [hobcaw.org].

Mr. Collar reported that expenses were primarily centric to the neighborhood's entrance such as lawn maintenance and power for post lights on the entrance signs. It is hopeful that the HPRA will have a budget of \$1,500 for some discretionary maintenance projects in the neighborhood.



This was a huge success in facilitating resident dues this past year.

The collection of dues campaign will begin shortly after the seasonal closing of the Hobcaw Yacht Club pool. The goal is to increase the percentage of participation by the residents. This past year we had a 31% dues participation from our residents (380 households). The dues campaign signs at the entrance will come down when we hit our goal.

Mr. Collar recommended that dues remain un-changed at \$75/year on which there was consensus.

There being no further business to come before the residents, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Fabian HPRA Secretary

March 2023