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Thank you for joining us at our last quarterly Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meeting on May 20.

Our meeting started with introductions from our President, Nick Kalkas.

Our DINA Treasurer, Chase Sturgill, provided a treasure update. We were joined by guest speakers:

- Jarrod Brooks, Berkeley County Council District 2
- Boyd Gregg, Charleston City Council District 1
- Mike Seekings, Charleston City Council District 8
- Lt. Joseph Harvill, Charleston Police Team 5

- Rotary Club Leadership Team: President Angela Drake, Evan Murray and Frank Conway
- Mark Smith, SC House of Representatives District 99

Below is a quick recap of topics shared during the meeting:

**Speaker: Jarrod Brooks, Berkeley City Council, District 2,**

shared updates on the EMS station, the planned roundabout at River Landing and Seven Farms Drive, and spoke to Clements Ferry safety concerns including planned new traffic light installation.

- EMS Station Update: The EMS station is temporarily housed at Port House. The new site location is targeted behind Refuel on Island Park Drive.

- Roundabout at River Landing and Seven Farms - Project is going out to bid. Additionally, improvements are planned to upgrade the pedestrian crossing at the roundabout at DI Drive and Seven Farms to be motion activated.

- Clements Ferry Road safety - new traffic light planned past 526, at Enterprise Drive and Beresford Run.

**Speaker: Boyd Gregg, City Council Member, District 1** provided updates on the new e-Bike ordinance, as well as public safety and public works improvements planned on Clements Ferry

- E-bike ordinance in-process: In addition to requiring helmets, key attributes of the ordinance include: e-bikes are not permitted on sidewalks and multi-use paths; definition of what is/is not an e-bike; increasing fines up to \$500; it is now illegal to modify an e-bike; the ordinance also defines reckless driving and prohibits it.

- Public safety and public works improvements on Clements Ferry include a fire department at the new traffic light, and the acquisition of a 34 acre parcel for public works and policy.

**Speaker: Mike Seekings, City Council Member, District 8,** spoke of plans to extend the "low battery" sea wall to provide perimeter protection for the Charleston peninsula against surge, and city efforts to ensure a good design that matches Charleston. The Charleston County 0.5 cent sales tax is currently planned to sunset in 2027, and an extension is on the ballot. A portion of the

**Speaker: Lt. Joseph Harvill, Charleston Police Team 5**, shared e-Bike education efforts across the community and provided additional details around the definitions of e-bikes versus e-motos, mopeds and others. Additionally, Lt. Harvill addressed Clements Ferry safety, and the collaboration across agencies to slow traffic.

**Speaker: Harriette Calder, Senior Vice President of Development, East West Partners** shared a history of the development of the waterfront, including Phase 4 currently under construction and Phase 5 which is currently the temporary parking lot. The Phase 5 space was initially slated to be 27 condos, but plans have pivoted to provide more public space. Planning is still in-progress, but current consideration is a boutique inn, with 2 levels of residences and potential additional restaurants. Phase 6 development (across from Phase 4, currently used by construction) was initially planned as condos, but is currently being reconsidered as marsh-front homes.

**Speakers: President Angela Drake, Evan Murray and Frank Conway, with the Rotary Club** shared the history of the Duck Race Event and Rotary Club local charity support. The Duck Race Event on May 30th, 10am-2pm, with the duck-drop planned at 12:30. Join the games, music and food at Waterfront Park.

**Speaker: Mark Smith, SC House of Representatives, District 99** - Highlighted the collaboration between the levels of government at the City, County and State level, particularly with the leaders present tonight. He highlighted the public and private partnerships in land purchase and park development, as well as the various levels of collaboration in moving forward plans for the EMS station planned location next to the helipad. Mr. Smith also spoke to the state-wide topics including: the formation and funding of the Office of Resiliency; the DOT Reform Bill to expedite permitting process; the sunseting of the Healthcare Certificate of Need; increases in law enforcement and teach pay funding (to include a school resource officer in every school); and, eliminating income tax for retired military and lowering for others.

**meeting!** We enjoyed meeting neighbors and appreciate the engagement as we work together to improve our community!

Please be on the look-out for a save the date for our next quarterly meeting!

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