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*Daniel Island Neighborhood Association "DINA" is a volunteer organization formed by residents and sanctioned by the City of Charleston in 1998. DINA's mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of life on Daniel Island. DINA is the recognized voice of all residents of Daniel Island in advocating for and resolving issues needing the attention of the City of Charleston, Berkeley County and the State of South Carolina.*

Thank you for joining us at our last quarterly Daniel Island Neighborhood Association (DINA) meeting on September 9, 2026. Our meeting started with introductions from our President, Nick Kalkas, and overview of our DINA purpose.

We were joined by guest speakers:

- City of Charleston Mayor William S. Cogswell, Jr.
- Mike Seekings, Charleston City Council District 8
- Boyd Gregg, Charleston City Council District 1
- Jarrod Brooks, Berkeley County Council District 2
- Danielle Stix, Daniel Island Community Fund
- Colby Hollifield, Daniel Island Town Association
- Lt. Joseph Harvill, Charleston Police Team 5

Below is a recap of topics shared during the meeting:

- **Speaker: City of Charleston Mayor William S. Cogswell, Jr.,** shared a State of the City Address which focused on safe communities, sound governance, and smart growth. Safety updates included the positive impacts of increased police force and citywide DUI focus. Daniel Island specifically has seen a 75% reduction in burglaries, a 57% reduction in vehicle theft, and 0 robberies. Governance efforts have focused on increased transparency and responsible budgeting. Updates included an overhauled website and increased communication across social media, newsletters and new State of Our City Events across Charleston. ***October 20th is the Daniel Island State of our City Event.*** Smart growth efforts include collaboration with County and State on infrastructure and technology. Upcoming projects around Daniel Island include: Fire Station 20 on Clements Ferry, renovation of Fire Station 18 on Daniel Island, and plans for a new multi-purpose trail planned along St. Thomas Island Drive and Daniel Island Drive. Mayor Cogswell also shared traffic and transportations updates including the upcoming rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) for all four corners of Island Park Drive and Central Island Street in coming months. The full slide deck of Mayor Cogswell's speech is included here: 09/09/2026 DINA Presentation
- **Speaker: Boyd Gregg, Charleston City Council District,** provided updates on the Pier View crosswalk redesign which includes new budget targets. He provided an update on the Daniel Island unit count which will be at 7,046 with the current

development and is capped at 7,500 units. Our local leaders are committed to maintaining the unit cap. Mr. Gregg also shared details about State Bill 831which may affect state highways and routes like 526 with high occupancy toll lanes. Additional details on State Bill 831 can be found online at: 2025-2026 Bill 831: SCDOT Modernization.

- **Speaker: Mike Seekings, Charleston City Council District 8,** shared updates on DI occupancy advancements and challenges with accessibility to public transportation across Berkeley County, as well as options being considered for ferry transportation.
- **Speaker: Jarrod Brooks, Berkeley County Council District 2,** shared updates on the recently passed County budget which prioritizes health, public safety, and facility improvements. He also provided an update on the new round-about construction, with mobilization efforts beginning on Monday 9/13/26 and anticipated project completion in mid-January.
- **Speaker: Nicholas G. Kalkas, DINA President,** presented the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association Waterfront Parking data analysis conducted 5/22/26 – 7/9/26. Key take-aways from the analysis show that following the development of the gravel lot parcel is developed, there is enough publicly available parking spots to fulfill current levels of demand during weekdays and weekends, but not enough current public parking to fulfill current demand for routine events at Waterfront Park. As demand continues to grow, weekend evening parking will likely become problematic as well. DINA is continuing to work with local leadership on possible solutions. The full analysis is available at the following link: DINA Waterfront Parking Data Report
- **Speaker: Chase Sturgill, DINA Treasurer** provided a Treasurer Update. If you'd like to become a Dues Paying Member, please see the following link: https://dineighborhood.org/membership
- **Speaker: Danielle Stix, Daniel Island Community Fund,** provided an overview of Daniel Island Community Fund philanthropy and the DI Community foundation support for natural disaster relief, special non-profit needs, and avenue for potential nonprofit donation matching. For more information, please reach out to info@dicommunity.org.
- **Speaker: Colby Hollifield, Daniel Island Town Association,** shared that the DI Town Association will be replacing and re-paving public trails on Daniel Island over the next 6-9 months. He also provided updates on DI disaster preparedness and response.
- **Speaker: Lt. Joseph Harvill, Charleston Police Team 5,** shared updates on Clements Ferry traffic enforcement which include an increase in safety officers during commute times, and eBike ordinance and enforcement efforts. Please report safety concerns to the non-emergency dispatch line at 843-743-7200.

**A huge thank you to Buck's Deli for sponsoring food at the meeting!** We enjoyed meeting neighbors, and we 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.