

2017 Monthly Departmental Report: Navigator



South Hartsville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy

January 2017: A community meeting was held at the Butler Auditorium on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00PM. Lieutenant Tenyonde Richardson presented information regarding Crime Watch. He encouraged residents to become involved and to become block captains. Brenda Kelley provided details about the Palmetto Pride Community Pride Grant and the Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant. Ms. Kelley also introduced Jessica Lynch, Codes and Licensing Officer. Mrs. Lynch told the audience a little about herself. She let them know that she wanted to work with the community to make the Historic Butler District safer and a cleaner neighborhood.

February 2017: A community meeting was held at the Butler Auditorium on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00PM. Cherish Thomas of Coker spoke to the group about a project that she is working on regarding the history of the movie theater and how it affected the African American population. She stated that upgrades are being done to the theater and she was afraid that the history would be lost if the balcony was removed. The balcony once was used to keep African Americans separate from Whites. The young woman wants to provide the history but also figure out a way to preserve the history. She asked the historians in the group to participate in interviews about their experiences at the theater.

March 2017: A community meeting was held at the Butler Auditorium on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:00PM. The attendees spoke very openly about concerns within the neighborhoods and ways to get others engaged. Everyone shared stories about the past and the impact the past could have on the present and on the future. Brenda Kelley compiled a list of the comments. She will share the list with the attendees at the March meeting.

April 2017: Dr. Heatley cancelled the meeting because of conflicting schedules.

May 2017: A community meeting was held at the Butler Auditorium on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:00p.m. The main topic of discussion was an aggressive approach to getting block captains. Dr. Heatley suggested that the core committee go door to door to let residents know what we are doing and how they can become involved.

Palmetto Pride Grant

January 2017: The City of Hartsville was awarded a \$10,000 Palmetto Pride Community Pride Grant in December 2016. The grant funds will be used to purchase trash can/recycling bins for the Historic Butler District. The receptacles will be placed in strategic locations with the highest amount of foot traffic and trash on the street. City staff will be responsible for creating and hosting a workshop that will provide the educational component of the grant.

February 2017: Jessica Lynch and Brenda Kelley attended the SC Annual Litter Conference in Myrtle Beach on Thursday, February 23, 2017. The conference offered two tracts. One tract was more specific to law enforcement and the other to practitioners involved with keeping South Carolina Beautiful. Both Mrs. Lynch and Ms. Kelley learned valuable information to use to help clean the streets of Hartsville.

March 2017: Brenda Kelley worked with Rebecca Ward, Jessica Lynch, and Jordan Braddock to prepare flyers and a press release for the Great American Clean scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017.

April 2017: The City of Hartsville participated in the Great American Clean Up on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Fifty-seven volunteers cleaned the full length of nine (9) streets within the Butler Historic District and one group did a cleanup on Davis Street.

May 2017: No update.

Food Truck Ordinance

January 2017: The ordinance is being drafted and could be presented to city staff as early as February 2017.

February 2017: No update.

March 2017: We have received the draft for the Food Truck Ordinance and have submitted it to the Planning Commission for review.

April 2017: The Planning Commission discussed the Food Truck Ordinance at its April 25, 2017 meeting.

May 2017: The Planning Commission and City Council had a joint meeting on May 30, 2017 to start discussions about the proposed food truck ordinance. No action was taken.

Business Builder Program

January 2017: The City of Hartsville will host a ceremony and reception celebrating the commencement of the Class of 2017 Business Builder Certification Program on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10:00am at the Butler Auditorium. Six students successfully completed the class.

February 2017: The commencement for the 2017 Business Builder Certification Program was held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Butler Auditorium. Six students graduated. Approximately 75 people attended the ceremony. A light reception was held afterwards.

March 2017: Three (3) of the six (6) graduating students applied for funding.

April 2017: Community Works reviewed the applications for the six students. Dave Mueller of CW provided a credit memo, financial spreadsheets, and credit reports for each of them. I contacted the loan review committee to determine if each of them is still interested in serving. Once I get all the responses, I will schedule a review meeting in early May 2017.

May 2017: The Loan Review Committee met on May 30, 2017 to review the loan applications. Two (2) of the three (3) applications were approved and the applicants have been notified.

Comprehensive Plan

February 2017: The Planning Commission reviewed the Hartsville 20/20 Comprehensive Plan during the February meeting. State law requires that we do a new plan every ten (10) years. The City of Hartsville Comprehensive Plan should be adopted no later than December 2018. Chairman Curtis Lee will work with Brenda Kelley to develop a time line as the Planning Commission moves forward with creating a new plan.

March 2017: No update.

April 2017: During the April 25, 2017 Planning Commission meeting, Curtis Lee presented a high-level project plan by phases, milestones, and due dates on a Quarter-by-Quarter basis for the Comprehensive Plan.

May 2017: During a joint Planning Commission/City Council Meeting on May 30, 2017, Chairman Curtis Lee presented a Power Point presentation about the Hartsville Vision 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Ordinance Revision

March 2017: Brenda Kelley received the ordinance revisions in a Word document from Mr. Tee Coker of Alta Planning on March 30, 2017. The Planning Commission has a copy of the revisions and Chairman Curtis Lee is working with staff to the most appropriate way to work through the revisions and new ordinances that were included.

April 2017: During the April 25, 2017 Planning Commission meeting, Brenda Kelley presented the recommendations that Alta Planning made regarding the zoning ordinance. Ms. Kelley elaborated on the key recommendations and revisions that were addressed.

May 2017: City Council was provided a copy of the revisions. Staff will work with Tee Coker to present the revisions to City Council and the Planning Commission.