

Minutes

Schofield Community Association (SCA)

April 20, 2023

Attendees: Bill McGhee, Beatrice McGhee, Frances Finrock, Lula Blocker, Linda Moore Nancy Upson, Lisa Smith, Linda Johnson, Larry James, Rachel Rain, Eva and Josiah Finnie, Lucy Knowles, LaVerne Justice-Lyles, Angela McGhee, Amy Breland, David Bruzina, Valerie Wrobel, John Howard, LJ McGhee, Doris Ritter, Victoria Burke, Shonn Horton, and unidentified others.

April 20th Meeting Agenda Items and comments

- Approval of March 2023 Meeting Minutes – Approved.
- Recognition and Thanks - A special thanks to Laura Lance for developing the SCA website, designing, printing, and distributing monthly meeting announcement flyers throughout the SCA neighborhood.
- Treasurer's Report - SCA bank account balance is \$885.26 for the month after expenses of \$316.85 for website and flyer printing services.
- Membership Report - 21 members to date. Meeting announcement flyers were distributed to businesses, churches, and organizations in the SCA area. All members and attendees were encouraged to spread the word about the SCA to neighbors friends and family.
- Security Federal Presentation -
Josh Booth, VP Mortgage Loan Originator introduced Security Federal's **Equip Mortgage Program** - a fixed interest rate loan for purchase or refinance, no application, origination, or underwriting fees, and no Private Mortgage Insurance required. For primary residence only. Very few, if any programs like it. Equip flyer is attached
- Discussion Items -
 - Vacant Officer Position (VP) - Vicki Burke will chair a search committee for nominees. The current list of officers is attached.
 - March Member Survey Results - Results attached.
 - Historic District Designation/Preservation - Bill McGhee has an application in process for the City to create a Schofield Community Overlay District to better protect the character and aesthetics as one of the City's primary and historic neighborhoods.

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- Volunteers to attend City Council, Boards, and Commissions Meetings - Members and attendees are encouraged to attend various City Committee and Board Meetings and make their presence known and gather information and feedback to SCA.
- Website and Media Communications Laura Lance has developed a website for the SCA, <https://schofieldcommunityassociation.com/>
- Street Adoption - Clean-up, Date - A special thanks to Tasha Howell for organizing the Kershaw Steet Cleanup, and a big thank you to all who took part.
- Union and Fairfield St Bridge closings - PU Funds - The City approved funds to repair and restore the Fairfield Street bridge for vehicle traffic. The Union Street bridge will be repaired for foot traffic only.
- Aiken Chronicles - The Aiken Chronicles is an online publication offering citizen-based local news, investigative reporting, opinion, essays, history, photography, and more: www.aikenchronicles.com/

- Non-agenda concerns from the floor

There is some concern about the number of trees that will be removed as part of the Smith Hazel RC exterior renovation.

There is also some concern that the Smith Hazel RC gym floor is unfit and unsafe for use.

The number of vacant houses and lots in the SCA area.

NOTE: A technical issue with recording the meeting occurred. Some comments/questions may have been omitted from the minutes. We have taken steps to make sure that does not happen in the future.

LJ McGhee