

**I'On Assembly  
Preliminary  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2015**

**Board of Trustees Members Present:** Bob Davis, Tom O'Brien, Anne Register, Bruce McKinney, Adam Robinovitz, Chad Besenfelder, Tony Woody, Lori Feehan

**Meeting called to order: 7:06pm**

**Confirmation of Quorum**

Bob Davis certified that the notice of the annual meeting was timely given in accordance with the bylaws and that quorum was present in person and/or by proxy.

**Approval of the Minutes**

*Motion was made to approve the December 10, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.*

**Civitas Award**

Bob introduces the Civitas Award and its purpose. He calls on Barbara Fry and Amy Sage to presents the Civitas Award to the 2015 winners.

**Recipient – Linda Hanson**

Barbara Fry presented the Civitas Award to Linda Hanson. Linda created and mothered the Lunch Bunch and Women's Coffee Club as well as I'On Yard Sale. She volunteers for almost everything the I'On Trust does including the "Halloween in the Hood" planning committee and Home & Garden Tours. Linda served as the art teacher at East Cooper Montessori Charter School and is a fellow at the Gibbes Museum.

**Recipient- Steve Degnen**

Amy Sage presented the Civitas Award to Steve Degnen. After moving to I'On in 2007, Steve quickly became involved with the Conservation Corps. He created the Community Garden and helped develop the Butterfly Garden. He has been involved in many I'On Trust activities including "Halloween in the Hood", developing graphics for the Directory & website, and the Holiday Festival. Steve also serves on the IDC committee.

### **Recognition of Outgoing Board Members**

Tony Woody thanked Anne Register and Bob Davis for their service on the board. Tony recognized their hard work and dedication to making I'On even better.

### **Board Candidate Presentations**

Bob Davis introduced the six candidates running for the Board. Homeowners could ask questions to each candidate after they presented. Each of the six candidates gave a brief presentation. Karen Dillard and David Thompson gave their presentations via video. Homeowners were not able to ask them questions for this reason.

### **Proposed By-Law Amendments**

Bob Davis introduced the two proposed By-Law Amendments. Amendment #1 allows for electronic voting. Amendment #2 requires a Titleholder to be in good standing to run for a seat on the Board of Trustees. Homeowners could ask questions after Bob explained each amendment. After questions, Bob explained the voting process and the ballots that homeowners received when they arrived. The meeting was paused briefly for voting to take place. Mike Parades and Jessica Gosnell collected ballots for tallying.

### **I'On Trust Report**

Amy Sage, the Trust president, thanked the community for its support of the Trust and the Trust's mission to bring neighbors together. Amy reported that this year's recipient of the Giving Lights fundraiser, Charleston HALOS, received over \$15,000 from the Giving Lights fundraiser. Over 430 families participated in the fundraiser, purchasing more than 600 luminary kits, raising over \$15,000. Amy thanked the neighborhood for their contribution. Amy recognized the Trust Board members as well as Activities Coordinators including Brenda Uttaro, Nancy Nixon, Vikki Davis, and Michele Wilson. Mary Kaplan will be taking over the Ambassador Program, and Eileen Moore will be coordinating Women's Coffee Club with Nancy Nixon in 2016. Amy announced that she, Vikki Davis, and Gail Hardie were retiring from the Trust Board.

### **Community Manager Presentation**

Mike Parades, the community manager, reported on projects that he has been working on over the past year. The Real Estate Transfer fee has provided a large amount of funding in 2015; however, the assessment fee will be raised \$50 in 2016 due to staffing and vendor changes. Mike asked that individuals who had not received their assessment bill contact the SCS office to rectify the issue. The crosswalk projects will start before the end of 2015 as permits have been issued from the Town of Mount Pleasant. Mike has also been developing several other infrastructure projects including cutting back vegetation on the marsh side of the marsh trail and refurbishing several paths throughout the community. His office is working very hard to

make sure all calls and emails are answered within 24 hours. Mike will also have a full time assistant, Lesley Ramey, in 2016.

### **Board Highlights**

Bob Davis thanked the Board and community members for supporting him during his time on the Board and as President as his term expires in 2015. Bob chose to highlight three issues that warrant extra attention. This included increased communications efforts through Facebook, Next Door l'on, and email blasts, the continuing Creek Club litigation, and the transition from Lawn-O-Green to The Greenery for landscaping services beginning January 1, 2016. He strongly encourages community members to review the reports available in the Annual Meeting packet.

Bob recognized Anne Register, Tom O'Brien, and Adam Robinovitz for their service on the Board of Trustees. Bob thanked all of the many dedicated volunteers who have put in many hours volunteering their time to the neighborhood and put together fantastic community activities.

### **Voting Results**

Bob Davis announced the new members of the l'On Board of Trustees and the new By-Laws. The new Board members are Paul Gillis with 121 votes, Tom O'Brien with 118 votes, Karen Dillard with 113 votes, and David Thompson with 95 votes. Officer placement will be announced via email blast before January 1, 2016. Amendment #1, regarding electronic voting, passed with a vote of 156-9. Amendment #2, regarding good standing requirements for Board candidates, passed with a vote of 153-7.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm**