



West End RSC Members

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West End Newsletter

July 18, 2017

Dear Community Members,

The West End Redevelopment Sub-Committee (West End RSC) was formed in 2016 to review and recommend changes to the West End Comprehensive Redevelopment Plan which was adopted by the City in 2003. Copies of the plan can be obtained at City Hall or downloaded from the City's website.

West End RSC held its first organizational meeting on February 11, 2017 and has held 7 meetings/workshops since that time.

Below, you will find the recommendations we have made to date. However, we value the community's feedback and would like to hear from you. Please share your concerns with Gloria Bromell Tinubu, Economic Development Director, at gtinubu@cogsc.com or at 843-545-4075.

In Your Service,

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West End RSC Recommendations (to date):

- Expand study area to include all of West End
- Rehab existing housing stock and develop new housing
- Funding sources (e.g. Georgetown County/Bailey Bill)
- Historic sites, markers, and cultural designations
- Business and entrepreneurship development
- Workforce development and training
- Internships and apprenticeships for students
- Public transportation to areas of high wage jobs
- More parking spaces for Michael Johnson and Howard Center
- Additional sidewalks, lighting, and cameras needed for safety
- Reduce and monitor speed limits
- Eliminate gang graffiti on buildings
- Engage the faith-based community in redevelopment efforts

Up-coming Meetings

August 28

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18

Meetings are usually held at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Court located at 2222 Highmarket Street.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Streets:** Landscaped median was added to Front Street (Fraser to Merriman in 2009) and (Merriman to Alex Alford in 2011); Bourne paved (2011); Streets paved beginning Spring 2016 (with cost): Front St from West to Seaboard (\$75,544); Kaminski St from end to Bourne (\$335,218); West St from West Front St to Ridge St (\$23,068); Legion St from Merriman Rd to end of State Maintenance (\$47,288); B St from Winyah to Front (\$33,966); Streets A, D, and H were resurfaced in 2017.
- **Drainage:** Installed drainage from Merriman to end (2011); Congdon and Highmarket (2017).
- **Water and Sewer:** System maintained, replaced, and repaired on Congdon Street (2007-2008) and Merriman Road (2016).

RECREATION

- Major renovations at **Ben Cooper Park:** Phase I: Splash Pad (2014); Phase II: Parking lot (2016); Picnic Shelter; and currently Phase III: Bathhouse; adding sidewalks, landscaping, and gazebo.
- Major renovation of **Howard Recreation Center** by the County and opening of the **Mitney Center** by The Mitney Project.
- Renovations planned for **Kaminiski Street Park/Tennis Courts** in 2017-2018: Replacement of nets, new benches, and gazebo or shelter.

STREETSCAPE

- Community garden on Winyah in 2011; planted 22 crepe myrtle trees on Emanuel December 2016; trees obtained through Palmetto and planted by SAVE; planted roughly 6 crepe myrtle trees on Kaminski Street.
- Lighting on Front Street from Fraser to Alex Alford has been replaced in several phases. This involved 48 decorative poles and globe fixtures at a cost of roughly \$96,000.

ZONING

- R5 Zoning District was created (2/19/2004) to allow for the development of small lots and mix of housing types.

Summer Fun-tensive: Mitney Center hosts Tech Camp to teach skills for future

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Students, from left, Ty'Ren Kinloch (13), Josiah Tucker (11), Javin Grimmage (10), Alex McCants (13), and Amari Britton (10), set up one of the robots to show what it can do.

The Mitney Project partnered with the Grand Strand Technology Council to offer its students, ages 9 to 18, a two-week Tech Camp (June 19 – 30) introducing them to skills in robotics, computer programming and virtual/augmented reality.

City Engages Engineering Firm for West End Sewer System

On **July 13, 2017**, the City engaged AECOM as the engineer of record at a cost not to exceed **\$210,500** to identify deficiencies and prepare recommendations for the rehabilitation of the **West End Sewer System**. The System consists of approximately 40,000 feet of sewer mains.

The City has already allocated \$3.5 million for construction of sewer lines and manholes for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.