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West Ashley Revitalization Commission Inaugural Meeting

Charleston, S.C.—The first meeting of the West Ashley Revitalization Commission will be held at 5 p.m., October 27, 2016, at Frothy Beard Brewery, 1401 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard.

Charleston City Council voted in May to form the West Ashley Revitalization Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to work to assure the long-term economic stability of West Ashley by revitalizing the unique character of the district and supporting values that assure West Ashley is a great place to live, work, play, invest and do business.

The strategic economic development and revitalization of West Ashley has been one of the top items on Mayor John Tecklenburg's agenda since he was sworn in earlier this year.

“We have been making progress this year on improving the quality of life in West Ashley,” Tecklenburg said. “We’ve made significant investments in park space, started the hugely successful West Ashley Farmers Market and begun the process of creating a West Ashley Master Plan. The West Ashley Revitalization Commission will look at the big picture and help guide us as we continue to make investments and improvements in West Ashley.”

The Commission is made up of 19 voting members, comprising the Mayor; three members of City Council who represent a district or portion thereof in West Ashley; one representative from the St. Andrews Public Service District; one representative of Charleston County Council; and 13 members representing various disciplines, professional, business, and community interests conducive to promoting and enabling the revitalization of West Ashley.

Councilmember Peter Shahid, Chair of the Commission, said, “It is time for the residents of West Ashley to receive the attention they deserve in revitalizing their community. As a long-time resident, I know first-hand what a great place West Ashley is and I have a vision of what our community can become. I am honored to have the opportunity to chair this important Commission.”

Charleston City Council approved Mayor Tecklenburg's appointments at the September 27 meeting of City Council:

- Councilmember Peter Shahid, Chair
- Mayor John J. Tecklenburg
- Councilmember Marvin Wagner
- Councilmember James Lewis
- St. Andrews PSD Representative: John deStephano
- Charleston County Council District 7 Representative: Colleen Condon
- Anne Frances Bleecker
- Morris Ellison
- Justin Ferira
- Joseph Grant
- Harry Gregorie
- Diane Hamilton
- Donna Jacobs
- Michael Miller
- John Osborne
- Jimmy Palassis
- Amy Riley
- Charlie Smith
- Jonathan Zucker

The agenda of the inaugural meeting will be as follows:

Call to Order	Chair, Councilmember Peter Shahid
Invocation	Councilmember James Lewis
Greetings	Mayor John Tecklenburg
Mission of the Commission	Chair, Councilmember Shahid
Introductions of the Members of the Commission	Chair, Councilmember Shahid
West Ashley Overview	Jacob Lindsey, Director of Planning, Preservation, and Sustainability
West Ashley Master Plan Overview	Josh Martin, Senior Advisor to the Mayor
Introductions of City Staff	Mayor Tecklenburg
Meeting Dates and Agendas	Chair, Councilmember Shahid
Adjournment	Chair, Councilmember Shahid

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