

The meeting was opened with a welcome from Deloris Barksdale, President/CEO of Upstate Circle of Friends.

Points shared by Mrs. Barksdale:

1. Another gate will be installed as one of the efforts to improve the esthetics of the facility and to provide additional security
2. Sidewalks are coming along. They have been parking the trucks at the UCF site, but it is ok as long as it about improving the community
3. We celebrated Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving themed luncheon
4. The community garden can be both a learning and social experience in addition to a means of getting healthy chemical free produce.
5. Update on new exterior doors

Ms. Aisha Mayes shared Community Service Project: People/Pet Food Drive

1. Explained purpose of Food Drive and asked BMNA members for donations
2. Shared information regarding Greenville Tech. Cosmetology students visiting Upstate Circle of Friends for Community Service Project whereas the female students enjoyed mini manicures.

Guest speaker for the day was Mr. Jerome Geter who is a Financial Needs Analysis. He shared his expertise in finances.

Additional Notes:

Mrs. Betty Brown will head The Community Garden committee. Several residents in attendance signed up to be a part of the committee. We have chosen a “raised bed” garden because of the many variations in the soil. Mrs. Brown along with Mr. George Singleton had spoken with resources/sponsors available to provide soil, mulch and compost at no charge and will update the BMNA during the next scheduled meeting.

Thanksgiving meal was served and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

