

Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting

November 9, 2010

6:30 p.m., Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church

Welcome:

Ed Tilden welcomed everyone in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves and where they live in the neighborhood. There were about 14 members in attendance.

Treasurer Update:

Account Balance is \$1,100.71. No outstanding bills. Monthly CANDO maintenance of \$30/month continues and web hosting fee will be due at the first of the year around \$220.

Columbia Police Department Update:

Officer Timothy Baire gave an update on the recent issues at 400 Kalmia. If any criminal activity is observed please call 252.2911. Officer Baire's cell phone number is: 803.509.0544 and his e-mail address is: trbaire@columbiasc.net

He also said that they are trying to get more officers for the City of Columbia which is greatly needed. They are beginning to have more patrol cars ride through the neighborhoods.

Community Liaison Update:

Gerry Lynn Hall with the City of Columbia Development Department provided a general description of the position of Community Liaison. They assist the neighborhood with the next steps to move forward and guidelines. They also assist with City Service issues and infrastructure issues. She encouraged citizens to use the 311 service – call 311 or use the online form at <http://mygovhelp.org/columbiasc/> – to report service and code violation issues. She also added that the city will print 250 copies/month for no charge to the neighborhood. Her contact information is: phone: 803.545.3381, e-mail: glhall@columbiasc.net

Old Business:

CC1 Overlay Status:

Ed Tilden announced this was approved into law with a brief explanation of the overlay.

Vacant Vice President Position:

Nomination of Glen Matthews and any additional VP nominees was deferred to next meeting.

New Member Packet:

Larry Hembree provided an e-mail update on the grant money that may be available for this via e-mail. Possibly wait until February for printing when a non-matching grant will be available.

Meeting attendees discussed other options will be evaluated. Possibly utilizing

the free copy service available to the neighborhood by the city.

Lewis Kirk would like for membership drive to begin as soon as possible. Others all agreed.

Block Captain Update:

Lewis Kirk stated that block captains are still needed for Mimosa, 4200 Block of Blossom and Duncan. We also need backup block captains for multiple areas.

New Business:

Neighbor in Spotlight:

Ed Tilden shared that Jo Evans at 3911 Duncan turned 100 in April. She has lived on Duncan St. since 1961, is a member of the neighborhood association and would like to attend meetings. If anyone could provide assistance in picking her up to attend meetings, please contact the officers for her contact information.

Social Events Update:

Ashley Norton provided an update via e-mail on the Halloween Party. It was great success with many in attendance. A neighbor provided hay rides for the children. Thanks to everyone who assisted with food, setup, preparation and cleanup.

Ashley Norton also said that plans were in the works for Christmas Hayrides.

Regina Monteith volunteered to have the Adult Neighborhood Holiday party at her house on Kilbourne Road. The date that was discussed and tentatively decided upon by the meeting attendees is Friday, January 7, 2011.

Ed Tilden suggested we provide a certificate and \$100 Earth Fare gift card to the Norton's for hosting the Halloween party every year and providing many items at their expense. This was agreed upon by the members in attendance.

Ed Tilden shared that Sherwood Forest received the Celia Mann Award of Excellence. It was presented and accepted on October 18, 2010. This awarded to Sherwood Forest based on what we have done to gain neighborhood identity. Installation of signs, events, regular meetings, etc.

Ed Tilden also shared that \$100 donation was given to the Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church by Sherwood Forest in appreciation for the use of their facility for meeting purposes over the years.

Dues Schedule Update:

Various dues due date options were discussed and which options would be the easiest for members to keep up with. The motion was made by Ed Tilden and Seconded by Polly Tilden to have dues due every January for the year. For new members, dues will be prorated by quarter, so they may pay for a partial year based on when they join the first year. This motion was passed by a majority of the members present.

Arboretum Update:

Henry Nechemias reported on the open house that is coming up in November. These still continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month and open every Wednesday. Pat DeCoursey would still like to have any assist that can volunteer.

SCE&G Gills Creek Substation Update:

Ed Tilden provided an update on the substation. Flyers were mailed to all the neighbors with the plans and announcing a community meeting on November 14, 2010. Anyone with questions of would like more information is encouraged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhett Bailey, Treasurer