



SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting February 21, 2012 6:30 p.m., Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church

Welcome:

The association president, Ed Tilden, welcomed everyone in attendance. All attendees introduced themselves and where they live in the neighborhood. There were 10 members and 4 guests in attendance (sign-in list information available on request).

Treasurer Update:

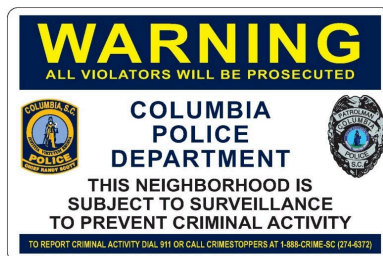
Rhett Bailey, Treasurer, was unable to attend and his report was presented by Ed Tilden. The account balance is \$954.29. CANDO maintenance of \$30/per month has been paid through 2012. Web hosting has been paid through 2012. Member dues of \$20.00 are due for 2012 as of January. Payment can be made by check to our treasurer Rhett Bailey, or via PayPal at this link:

<http://www.sherwoodforestneighbors.org/index.php?module=NukeWrapper&file=paypal.html>. Dues payment via PayPal will cost \$20.76 including the PayPal processing fee.

Columbia Police Department Update:

Master Police Officer Nicholas Scott reported on crime in our neighborhood.

- No crime reports recently in the neighborhood.
- Report emergencies to **911**. Call the non-emergency number of **252-2911** to report other incidents, and also call Officer Scott's cell phone at **803-394-0960** to ensure he can follow-up as rapidly as possible.
- The new neighborhood Crime Watch signs are now available for \$26.75 each, and the city will install them for free. See the CPD Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.289103704460541.59584.182562865114626&type=3>.





- Attendees agreed that the signs should be posted at all entrances to the neighborhood – at 11 locations. Because of the cost of that many signs to the association’s limited funds, Donna Richter’s suggested that neighbors donate money for the signs, and many attendees agreed to pay for signs themselves. A signup sheet went around, 9 signs were sponsored, and several checks were provided at the meeting.
- Officer Scott said he would provide Ed Tilden with the form to request the crime watch signs.
- Ed Tilden mentioned that incidents of fireworks along Wilmot across from the Arboretum had been reported to him by a neighbor, that he contacted Officer Scott who then initiated a “knock and talk” in the block to isolate and warn the perpetrators. Such incidents can be reported via the non-emergency number or by calling Officer Scott on his cell phone directly. Neighbors can also report code violations by calling the city’s 311 line or by submitting a 311 complaint online at http://mygovhelp.org/columbiasc/_cs/SupportHome.aspx?sSessionID=AA528D77CF574C1C8004CAED37921546DXHQHLA
- South Region Captain Sharp said that the region’s crime rate was 8% lower than the rest of the city. The key to this success was citizens calling in suspicious activity in their neighborhood.
- Captain Sharp mentioned that the abandoned house at 3904 Bloomwood Road (across from Allen’s Way) had seen some vandalism that indicated possible teen drinking in and behind the house. Please call Office Scott if you see children around this house.

Guest Speakers

The main event of the meeting was the opportunity to meet and hear from the candidates for the City of Columbia District 3 Council seat. All candidates were present including Jenny Isgett, Moe Baddourah, Michael Miller, and Daniel Coble (arrived after candidate introductions).

The candidates each had five minutes to make an uninterrupted statement. Next, a moderated Q&A session was held during which time attendees asked one candidate a question, and then the other candidates were allowed to respond in kind. Questions that were addressed included the following:

- Flooding problems in 5 Points despite major redesign and construction in recent years.
- Bus system – how to fund the system.

Joseph Azar, candidate for an at-large seat on city council was present at the meeting, but had to depart before the candidates were introduced.

Ed Tilden mentioned that the Columbia Marathon and Half-Marathon will be run through the neighborhood the morning of Saturday, March 10th. The race route will be entering at Kilbourne &



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Vale, left on Kalmia, left on Blossom to Bloomwood, and then exiting right on Kilbourne Road. Neighbors should expect traffic restrictions from about 8:00 AM until about 10:00 AM that morning. A map of the race route is available on the Columbiascmarathon.com website at <http://columbiascmarathon.com/Columbia%20SC%20Marathon%20Course.pdf>.

Mark Herring, pastor of Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church, invited neighbors to participate in the “Touch a Truck Carnival” at the church on April 21st. This is a great opportunity for kids to get up close to fire trucks, police cars and other emergency vehicles, and for all neighbors to socialize.

The next meeting will be May 8th from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church, with a neighborhood social from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. Submit agenda items to Ed Tilden at president@sherwoodforestneighbors.org by May 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.