



SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2013: 6:30 PM; Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church

Ed Tilden called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. All present introduced themselves.

The minutes from our last meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: As of April 16th the balance in our account was \$1,109, and we have no outstanding payments due in 2013.

Pamela Adams was present and introduced herself as a candidate running for the Richland One school board.

Officer Garo Brown, our new PACE officer was present and explained his role in the neighborhood. His phone number is 767-7929. PACE stands for "Proactive Community Engagement." Lt. Glenn Gates was also present. Lt. Gates is the executive officer of the uniformed patrol in the South Region. Ed presented a view of the RAIDS (RAIDSONLINE.com) website which identifies crimes in the area. He demonstrated how to use it. Officer Brown described how RAIDS is updated via the police department's own database – about one day after the incident.

Dr. Pat DeCoursey described improvements to the William Gordon Belser Arboretum. She also discussed concerns with vandals in the arboretum. She has found cigarette butts and hypodermic needles in the waste cans.

Ed then introduced our program speaker, Erich Miarka, Program Coordinator for the Gills Creek Watershed Association, GCWA (www.gilscreekwatershed.org). Erich explained that a watershed is the extent of land in which all the water in a defined area drains. He gave a presentation describing the Gills Creek Watershed. The mission of the association is to restore the watershed by providing litter-free waterways and improved water quality. He described ways in which to realize this vision. He also discussed ways to prevent pollution from entering the drains that flow to the watershed.

After Erich's presentation, Valerie Marcil discussed cycling in this area. She is on the City of Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), which is working to make the city of Columbia more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. May is bike month. There are bike-friendly projects being evaluated by the city that could be paid for with the transportation penny tax.

Bob Admundson with Affordable Housing Resources (AHR) introduced the Salters family, tenants of AHR in our neighborhood. Anthony and Tina Salters and their children live at 4317 Azalea Dr. Their number is 803-724-2016. Donations are welcome to aid with the financial support of the families supported by AHR.

Ed suggested we donate \$200.00 to Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church in thanks and gratitude for hosting our meetings. Special thanks goes to Mark Hering, the pastor of the church and vice president of the neighborhood association.

Tina Salters, Pat DeCoursey, and Polly Tilden signed up to bring refreshments for the next meeting.

There were no committee reports or new business.



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Our next general meeting is Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – always the second Tuesday of the second month of the calendar quarter (unless otherwise announced). We will socialize at 6 PM, and the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.