

Minutes of the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association Meeting Tuesday, February 10, 2015 6:30 PM; Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church

President Mark Hering called the meeting to order at 6:30PM following a brief social period for neighbors and participants. A motion to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2014 meeting was approved unanimously.

Our scheduled speaker no longer works at the Columbia State Museum so Mark arranged for Carey Shealy of Statewide Security Systems to talk to the group. Statewide provides all the security cameras for the Five Points area. The cameras are placed on poles and record in four directions. They have proved very helpful in the Five Points area. The Columbia Police Department decides where they will be placed so if we are interested in them, we need to contact Moe Baddourah, our City Councilman, to request them. Mark volunteered to contact Moe about the possibility of placing cameras in our neighborhood.

Our CPD PACE officer, Kevin Schmidt, talked about crime in the area. Eight vehicles were broken into in the Hollywood Rose Hill neighborhood. Many were not locked. Officer Schmidt reminded everyone to lock their cars, and more importantly, to never leave anything of value in a car. Officer Schmidt's cell is 803-315-9143. The non-emergency number is: 252-2911. The duplex on the corner of Azalea and Beltline was discussed. There has been no crime there. The issues concern trash and a dog tied in the backyard. Mike Brickle is the owner of the duplex.

Henry Nechemias, our treasurer, gave his report. We only have 14 people who have paid dues, which is \$20, for 2015. There is \$822.72 in our bank account. The web bill of \$150 is due soon. Henry is working diligently to save our 501 (c) (3) status. We could be charged \$400 by the IRS because we failed to file yearly forms correctly. We spoke again about the need to also get more people to join the neighborhood association and attend the meetings.

We plan to reschedule a time to have volunteers help mark the storm drains in the neighborhood to help prevent people from disposing of waste in the drains. The city has been coming through the neighborhood and cleaning all the drains. The city also replaced one street sign that was knocked over and one that was stolen.

The Arboretum is planning some improvements. They hope to have a small Visitors' Center at the Bloomwood entrance with a restroom. The University continues to plan and maintain the grounds of the Arboretum.

Mark Hering suggested a new meeting time for our quarterly meetings. The time suggested was 6:30 – 8:00 pm, and this motion was approved by all in attendance.

Our next meeting is May 12, 2015 at 6:30 at the Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church.

