Minutes for Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association

February 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. MPO Kevin Schmidt was not available tonight to give a report.

The following topics were briefly discussed:
There were reports of large booms in the neighborhood. Setting off any kind of device besides approved fire works is illegal and the police should be called.
The City is working in the neighborhood on re-cementing the manholes.
There is a Gills Creek Greenway Public Meeting on February 22, 2017. It will be held at Dreher High School from 5-7.

Our speaker was Ryan Coleman who is Director of Economic Development for the City of Columbia. Ryan lives in Sherwood Forest. His contact information is 803-743-2732 or rcoleman@columbiasc.net. The mission of the Office of Economic Development is to work with businesses and help them overcome the challenges to locating a new business operation in the City, growing an existing company locally, or starting a new business enterprise in Columbia. Some recent successes have been:
In 2016, the University of SC and IBM celebrated the opening of the 25 million dollar Center for Applied Innovation, a fiberglass company from China opened in Pineview Industrial Park, and a local IT company, T Cube Solutions, moved to Bull Street.
There is much more interest in the downtown area and the City is working to make Columbia a "livable community" where you can live, work and play. The Bull Street development should expand this idea and a "loft hotel" also opened on the corner of Lincoln and Lady.

Gail Wojtowicz announced that they are opening the Arboretum on the third Sundays of the month again from 1-4 pm. Upcoming dates are: March 19, and Easter Sunday, April 16. They need extra tools for the workers in the Arboretum so if you have any, contact Gail, kernalwojo@aol.com. Gail is also at the Arboretum on Wednesdays.

Henry Nechemias, our treasurer, announced that we have $1124 in our bank account.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting is May 9, 2017.