

Minutes of Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting
November 13, 2018

President Mark Hering called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Ed Tilden reviewed the rules and regulations in the present "Community Character Neighborhood Overlay" (CC1) and discussed the proposed changes and how they might affect our neighborhood. Andy Cameron updated everyone about the recent discussions held between a few neighbors, his wife Ann, and Robin Waites, the Executive Director of Historic Columbia. The main concern was the proposed removal of "demolition delay" from the present regulations. This would allow developers much more freedom to buy a property and tear down the existing building without a delay or a public hearing.

Moe Baddourah was present at the meeting and he implied that City Council was considering the retention of the demolition delay, as currently in existence, and he was reassuring that something would be done. However, he suggested we send a letter to Mayor Benjamin. He said that Hollywood-Rose Hill has already done that.

Moe also said there was also recent Council discussion changing the regulations regarding condos. New construction would be offered an 18 year 50% tax break in return for 25% of the units be dedicated for "affordable housing". He was not happy with the proposal as presented and said he was trying to add clarification to the proposal.

Ed Tilden and Mark Hering agreed to put together a letter to the City protesting the elimination of the CC1 demolition regulations that apply to our neighborhood.

Belser Arboretum update: Gail reports that they have received \$1,000 from Columbia Green. Also, there are signs of an armadillo in the Arboretum; some yellow jacket nests have been dug up. Stories have circulated that with climate change, armadillos are moving north. But no firm confirmation as yet. Please let her know if you see one. "If you see something, say something..."

The second dog poop bag station has been installed near the Bloomwood entrance to the Arboretum. A suggestion was made to try to add small trash cans and see if the City would help on that. Gail offered to be responsible for emptying them, but Valerie will check into this and report back. If the City would agree to empty them, that would clearly be preferable.

Our annual 12th Night Party was confirmed for Friday, January 04, 2019 at 6 PM.

A motion was offered to accept the current officers for another one year term, and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Nechemias