

Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association (SFNA)

Minutes for Quarterly meeting held via Zoom, May 11, 2022 v1

Hosted by Ed Tilden, Chaired by Gail Wojtowicz

Members attending the meeting:

Ed Tilden, Gail Wojtowicz, Henry Nechemias, Connie Hudson, Ron Hagell, Kate Barton, Marvin Lare, Lewis Kirk, Pat Mason, Regina Monteith, Charmaine Clark, Valerie Marcil

Reports

- Police Update: Officer David Gibb (803-737-5895) said that overall crime rates are down the last three months. He reminded us to continue to lock our cars and houses and install and use security cameras. They are very effective at catching and charging thieves.
- Minutes for February 9 were approved.
- Treasurer's Report by Henry Nechemias. We have about \$2000 in the account and approximately 40 active members.
- The Clean Up committee will conduct a litter pickup Saturday May 21 starting from the Piggly parking lot at 9:30. Contact Valerie with questions.

New Business:

- **SFNA Officer changes and Election.** Last month, Mark Hering tendered his resignation as President of the Association. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service and support to our neighbors. Our By laws state that an election is required for an interim officer to serve until the annual elections, the last quarter of the year. Gail proposed Pat Mason as Vice President. Ed seconded the motion. Discussion did not reveal another candidate. Pat Mason was elected unanimously to serve as interim VP.
- **Bylaw Review Committee.** Our current by laws are dated 2005. We would like a small group to review them and suggest amendments if required. If you are interested in helping, contact Gail. By laws are found at our website.
- **Branding Task Force** Pat Mason presented a plan to establish a long-term committee to look at establishing our neighborhood identity and supporting that identity by promoting our community through subdivision signage, increased relations with city community support and spreading the word internally to our residents. Pat is looking for folks who are interested in helping in whole or part. Current members are: Lauren Bradley, Rachel Hammond, Ron Hagell, David Johnson, Gail Wojtowicz and Ed Schuler
- **Homeowner Insurance for Water and Sewer lines:** Pat Mason discussed the offer by HomeServe to provide insurance coverage that might be outside current homeowner coverage. The purpose of the discussion was to elicit conversation on whether this insurance was necessary in general or if folks had previous experience with HomeServe. After a long discussion, Pat agreed to look into it further and post the info in the Crier. Marvin Lare also

suggested people figure out where their gas and water turnoffs are located, in prep for emergency scenarios.

Updates on Old Business

- **Speed Limits:** Ed Tilden contacted city public works and the traffic engineer to see if it was possible to get the speed limit in SF reduced from 30 to 25 mph. The part time engineer says our request will be looked at with multiple other requests. Ed promises to be a squeaky wheel. Ed successfully got a speed warning sign installed for 30 days on Kilbourne (until the solar charge drained). Officer Gibb stated he would assist us with enforcing the speed limit on Kilbourne.
- **Road Repairs:** No update. Seek City/SCDOT assistance. Map. Gail Wojtowicz
- **Road Signage:** In progress. Request permanent directional signage for the Arboretum and replacement street signs at two locations. Gail Wojtowicz
- **Growth and Enrollment:**
 - **Block Captains:** Pat Mason is recruiting block captains for our 25 zones. Contact him if you are interested. Block Captains will be able to access who on the blocks are paying members. Pat has a job description and door hangers to leave with residents telling them about our association.
 - **Welcome Packet:** 17-page document packed with info about us, city contacts and ordinances. The link will be shared in the crier and at our website. Consolidated by Ed Tilden
 - **Social Events:** See Calendar on webpage. Next event is Aug 2: National Night Out at the church. Gail Wojtowicz is lead.
 - **Art Crawl:** No update provided. Larry Hembree and Elizabeth Nkuo
 - **Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale:** The idea has been dropped
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 - **Forest Friends:** Valerie presented the idea of forming a group called Forest Friends. The purpose is to educate, advise and assist SF homeowners on managing their trees and gardens. To support our developing identity as a forest environment, Valerie suggested the Association provide a sapling to families interested in nurturing nature. The discussion was supportive but uncertain on necessary funding amounts or procedures. A vote was taken that supported the establishment of the group under Valerie's direction. Valerie was asked to come back with more specifics on funding.

Next General meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 6:30 – 8 pm. Host is Ed Tilden. Come at 6 for social hour.

Next Executive committee meeting: Thursday, June 9 at 5pm via zoom.

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