

Seminary Ridge Neighborhood Association  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
827 Wildwood Avenue  
Columbia SC 29203  
March 13, 2018

Present at Meeting: Lorraine Kimble, Mike Kimble, Becky Hildebrand, Greg Hildebrand, Tina Colarossi, Nino Colarossi, Mary Harrigan, Caitlin Harrigan, Jannie Nelson, Nancy Thomas, Jackie Utle, Jacqueline Hendricks, Robert Hendricks, Dennis Bell, Jessie Griffin, Jan Folsom, Lance Folsom, Barbara Hoffman, Richard Willis, Bryan Burgin, Michael Watson, Barbara Lengel, Deb McQuilken, Latoya Grate, Renee Grate, Kathy Morris, Camellia Anderson, Jackie Bryant  
Guests: CPD Sgt. Moody

The regular meeting of the SRNA of Seminary Ridge Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:00 PM on March 13, 2018 at Ascension Lutheran Church by Mike Kimble.

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and approved with the addition of a few minutes set aside for Laura Kissel to distribute some flyers for the Eau Claire Story Museum.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Financial Report:** Dean Slade - Treasurer (absent but emailed to the president)

The January statement bank balance was \$861.40 minus a \$25 check written to Perrin Hall for website updates, leaving a balance of \$836.40. (Copy of bank statement and invoice attached)

**Committee Reports**

Safety Committee Chairperson, Jannie Nelson, invited Sergeant Moody to give an update on neighborhood crime. Sergeant Moody reported capture of 2 burglary suspects (car theft). He cautioned residents to not leave cars running with keys in the ignition. He also cautioned against leaving packaging for new items such as TVs, stereos, etc. on the street for potential burglars. Mrs. McQuilken asked for an update on a previously reported incident. Tina Colarossi asked for assistance for 4th property violation at 4019 Ensor Ave.

Beautification Committee - Lance Folsom, Lorraine Kimble

Lance described the guidelines for receiving Yard of the Month, as well as items that would disqualify winning. He and Lorraine had several good ideas for specialty (holiday/seasonal) awards in addition to the regular award. Renters as well as home owners may participate.

**Old Business**

Historic Designation - Mike Kimble

Mike briefly reviewed items decided for review/ non-review by the DDRC at the March 1st, and March 6th meetings with Amy Moore and staff. The motion was made and seconded to affirm our November 2017 decision to remove the Architectural Conservation District designation from the Seminary Ridge Neighborhood and, having completed a study of a Protection Area historic plan with owners and residents of the Seminary Ridge neighborhood and Columbia City Planners, to approve and adopt these guidelines as revised by city planners and presented today as a replacement, with the allowance of proper formatting and inserted graphics and pictures, much like what is included in our former guidelines. (Final draft of guidelines is attached.) A vote was taken by a show of hands, 23 owners and residents in favor, 3 opposed.

Richland County Neighborhood Grant - Mike Kimble

Mike Kimble gave a report of the Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program grant request. See enclosed report.

## **New Business**

### Officer Vacancies - Mike Kimble

Deb McQuilken requested to step down as Vice President of the SRNA. Mike suggested Barbara Lengel for the position, and she accepted. Jannie Nelson was asked by Mike to serve as head of our neighborhood safety committee, and she accepted. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the appointments.

Members were reminded that according to the bylaws, committee chairpersons are also members of the executive committee. The three standing committees are Safety, Beautification, and Membership. That means that Lance Folsom and Jannie Nelson are also members of the Executive Committee along with the president, vice president, secretary and the treasurer. There is an opening for chairperson for the Membership Committee. Mike asked for anyone that is interested in serving in the position to contact him.

### Member At Large Election - Mike Kimble

Mike suggested Mary Harrigan as our new Member at Large, and she accepted. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve her election to the vacant position.

### By Laws and Rules - Mike Kimble

Mike proposed that since the by-laws state that the president and vice president are co-chairpersons for the bylaws and Rules committee, they should undertake updating and do some re-writing of bylaws. Such as, the bylaws state that checks are to be signed by two officers and since we pay bills electronically the rule is outdated. Job descriptions need to be updated and written for the committees, among other changes.

### Record Keeping - Mike Kimble

In order for all SR residents to have access to meeting minutes, the Secretary will have a binder containing all meeting minutes at each meeting. The minutes will also be posted on the SRNA Facebook page, as well as on the SRNA website. Copies may be had upon request.

### Eau Claire Story Museum

Laura Kissel and Betsy Newman presented Eau Claire Story Museum, and the new location of the Indi Grits Lab (associated with Indi Grits Film Festival), located at 4021 Monticello Rd. Laura invited people to bring an area related item that has value to them, and do a short show and tell video. She invited everyone to come and watch videos of other area residents as well. The hope is that residents will enjoy this information gathering process, and that it will grow into something larger...maybe even a radio show. See enclosed flyer.

A Word From City Council Councilman Sam Davis Councilman Davis said he was happy to see "Democracy at work" in our neighborhood association. He invited everyone to come downtown and see how they vote to "spend our money." He also invited us to comment if they weren't "following the script."

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on May 8, 2018 at: Ascension Lutheran Church, 827 Wildwood Ave Columbia, South Carolina 29203 The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

A motion was made, seconded and passed for the meeting to adjourn at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Colarossi, Secretary SRNA

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_