

Seminary Ridge Neighborhood Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Ascension Lutheran Church
827 Wildwood Avenue
Columbia SC 29203
July 9, 2018

Present at Meeting: Mike Kimble, Lorraine Kimble, Tina Colarossi, Camellia Anderson, Jackie Bryant, Bryan Burgin, Janet Folsom, Lane Folsom, Jesse Griffin, Robert Hendricks, Jackie Hendricks, Barbara Lengel, Cleo Morris, Joan Pearson, Rev Jackie Utley, Michael Watson, and Rowena Rice

Guests: CPD Sgt. Davidson & Code Enforcement Inspector Roderick White

The regular meeting of the SRNA of Seminary Ridge Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:00 PM on July 9th, 2018 at Ascension Lutheran Church by Mike Kimble.

Mike opened with a magic trick called Peas or Pears, which everyone enjoyed!

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and approved with the addition of an updated phone for code inspector Roderick White.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Report: Dean Slade - Treasurer. The current bank balance is \$836.40.

Committee Reports

Safety Committee - Jannie Nelson

CPD Crime Report - Officer Jason Davidson (803) 622-7328

Officer Davidson reported that there has been no new crime reported in our area. He told us that a boy who has been setting fires in the neighborhood has been caught, and has confessed to the arson. Since most arson occurs between the hours of 10 PM and 4 AM, officers have adjusted shift hours accordingly.

Officers have also been targeting known gang members and vehicle break-ins have dropped. Most thefts happen when vehicles are left unlocked or when valuables are left inside the vehicle in plain sight. Most gun thefts are due to gun owners leaving their weapons in their vehicle.

CPD Code Enforcement Report - Inspector Roderick White (803) 735-8878

Inspector White has addressed several complaints by neighborhood residents regarding unkempt properties.

Corner of Arlington and Wildwood. Residents asked if the property owner would be held accountable for maintaining the property if the residents did the initial clean-up.

4610 Arlington and Timrod, new owners are using it for storage, and are not maintaining the property. Inspector White reported that other neighbors are throwing their trash on the pile, and there is now an abandoned car on the property. He has spoken to the property owner, and told her that it is her responsibility to maintain the lot.

A vacant lot across from the EC Baptist Church on Hyatt Avenue needs to be cleared again. 1100 block of Timrod and Kinderway, lots have been cleaned up.

Inspector White encouraged us to take a picture or video, get a tag number, etc. when we see something wrong in our area. Physical proof gives him an advantage when he has to appear before a judge to represent actions on our behalf. We can also call Solid Waste/Forestry at (803) 545-3800.

Lance suggested using Hunting cameras as they are quiet and inexpensive. Mike suggested dash cams. Mike also suggested that maybe we should post signage where areas have been cleaned up.

Beautification Committee - Lance Folsom, Lorraine Kimble

It seems many of our residents have gotten excited about the prospect of being awarded Yard of the Month, and are making it difficult for our judges to choose! However, they were able to narrow it down, and the July Yard of the Month award goes to: Sam Gallishaw of 1107 Timrod Street. The June YOTM was awarded to Cleo and Kathy Morris of 1009 Muller Avenue.

Membership Committee - No Chairperson, no report

Old Business

Historic Designation - Zoning - Mike Kimble -

SRNA was happy to welcome newcomer Rowena Rice, who recently purchased LaToya Grate's house. We briefly covered the fact that our historic designation change means for all of us, and we had a short discussion on replacing windows and getting permits to do so.

Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Grant

National Night Out - August 7, 5:30 PM

This evening is designed to support our police officers. Roll call will be done on the front lawn, and we've been promised a K-9 unit to be present. Ice cream and water will be served from our budget of \$280. Lance and Mike will pick up the ice cream, and Tina will pick up the water. Michael and Cleo will set up/tear down, and Mike will perform magic tricks, (for the kids of course). Mike has also volunteered to make flyers for the event. Bryan volunteered to take pictures and post them on Facebook as well as email them to the secretary.

National Good Neighbor Day - September 28, 6:00 PM

The Print Building at 3907 Ensor Avenue has been reserved for the event, and Mike has a quote for BBQ for 50 guests (\$514 from a budget of \$600).

Lance and Janet, Cleo and Michael will set up/tear down, and clean up.

Miss Jackie Bryant and Rowena volunteered to hand out flyers that Mike will create.

Bryan will be taking pictures and there will be a brief presentation before eating begins.

There will be a donation jar available if anyone would like to donate to the Association.

(Robert Hendricks asked if the Print Building is available for fund raisers, giving us the potential to eliminate grants)

Yard Sale

A yard sale has been approved with a budget of \$180, and can be held anytime between now and July 2019. We have LOTS of signs but the dates need to be changed on them.

Christmas Tree

No news on the Christmas tree at this time. The part of the SRNA will be the decorations.

Bylaws

Mike quickly read through some of the changes in the bylaws as the last item on the agenda, stating that any changes to the bylaws require announcement or email notification prior to change.

Website

Partially updated at this time, 20 hours=\$200

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

Mike asked if anyone would be interested in having monthly meetings instead of bi-monthly meetings. This would give residents more opportunity to be able to attend. Robert proposed videoing the meetings for residents to watch online at Youtube.

Other Concerns

The historic Keenan Mansion has fallen into disrepair, and residents would like to have it upgraded. Tina said that Christy Savage, President of the Eau Claire Community Council, said the upkeep on the mansion has been stopped due to the limitations of the previous historic regulations.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on September 11, 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 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Colarossi, Secretary SRNA

Approved on _____