

Seminary Ridge Neighborhood Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Ascension Lutheran Church
827 Wildwood Avenue
Columbia, SC 29203
September 11, 2018

Present at Meeting: Mike Kimble, Lorrain Kimble, Lance Folsom, Barbara Lengel, Rev. Jackie Utley, Catilyn Harrigan, Mary Harrigan,

Guests: CPD Sgt. Davidson, Councilman Sam Davis

The regular meeting of the SRNA of Seminary Ridge Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018 at Ascension Lutheran Church by Mike Kimble.

Mike opened the meeting by asking for a prayer from Rev. Jackie Utley in remembrance of September 11, 2001 and all those who lost their lives, and for protection from hurricane Florence.

The Agenda for the meeting was distributed and approved with the addition of a copy of the proposed revisions to the SRNA's By-Laws and a list of Columbia's Frequently Dialed Numbers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

CPD Crime Report- Officer Jason Davidson

Officer Davidson reported that there were no issues to report of in our neighborhood. He did inform us that there was a search warrant served on a home by CVS and Columbia College Drive as a possible drug home. It was search and the matter has been resolved. He also mentioned that the CPD has a new reporting system. He also mentioned that all CPD officers are on-call for the pending storms and gave out the non-emergency CPD number of 803-252-2911.

Financial Report: Dean Slade-Treasurer. The current bank balance is \$1,789.80 after depositing the Richland County Grant check for \$1,338.00 and writing checks for \$300.00 for 1 year of website service and \$84.60 for National Night Out.

Neighborhood Issues:

Mike Kimble mentioned that the city crew had cleaned up the debris located at the corner of Arlington and Timrod but had not cleaned up other spots. Mike stated that he had been in contact with the City of Columbia regarding these issues.

Councilman Sam Davis was asked about the Main Street project. He confirmed that it is still progressing forward and the masonic lodge located on the corner of Hyatt and Main Street is slated to be torn down but was unaware of a date in which it will take place. As for the Hyatt street potholes and the completion of the Main Street project, they are being done in phases and it will take some time. They are anticipating that Hyatt Street will be completed by 2020.

Beautification Committee – Lance Folsom, Lorraine Kimble

The Yard of the Month for August was Ms. Jackie Taylor. Lance also mentioned that someone had cleaned up the trash that had been located at the corner of Arlington and Sycamore. He also mentioned that the property at Muller and Arlington had not been trashed by kids, which is good. Lorraine Kimble asked for other's input in regards to placing benches around the neighborhood so that those who walk the neighborhood such as herself have a place to sit. Several people agreed that it was a good idea. The benches would need to be secured so that they are not stolen and weeds trimmed as necessary.

Councilman Davis mentioned the fact that we could possibly include the benches in the Community Development Grant or that SRNA could add it to the 2019 Grant. He requested that SRNA provide him with a map of the neighborhood that indicated the location of the benches along with a description of what is needed such as the benches and the security of same.

Rev. Jackie Utley mentioned that the plexiglass from the book box had been taken. It had been broken before and it was replaced with the plexiglass. It was mentioned that maybe the free library box could be part of the 2019 Grant to provide a more secure box.

Richland County Improvement Grant

National Night Out – Everyone agreed that it was a good night. Rev. Jackie Utley suggested that maybe it would be better to have outside than inside as that way people who see it will stop. It was suggested that a possible location for next year could be the Keenan Mansion.

National Good Neighbor Day – September 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Print Bldg. Those who volunteered need to be there at 6:00 p.m. to set up the tables. Guest speakers will speak and dinner will be delivered at 6:30 p.m. Jannie will be sending invitations to the CPD, Co-Councilpersons and the Mayor.

New Business

Revised By-Laws were handed out and Mike asked that everyone look them over and discuss on Facebook with any questions or concerns. New By-laws were not voted on at this meeting but will be discussed at the October meeting. Mike mentioned that the Member-at-Large position had not been previously described in the By-Laws and now has been described in the revised By-Laws.

Mike brought the idea of having a monthly meeting of the SRNA. Rev. Jackie Utley stated that the church is free on Tuesday evening so that we will be able to have a monthly meeting there. This will allow members to attend the meeting and be able to discuss matters or issues that affect the neighborhood. It was agreed that a meeting of the SRNA will be held on October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ascension Lutheran Church.

Lance made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Ascension Lutheran Church for their barbecue grill fund. Barbara Lengel seconded the motion and the members voted and approved the donation.

Other Concerns

The Keenan mansion was mentioned in regards to the lights and other issues. It was mentioned that the external lights are on a timer so that they turn on at 6:00 a.m. and go off at 4:00 p.m. It was mentioned that a call was made to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding same but nothing has been done on that matter as well as the lawn upkeep.

Councilman Davis said that he would look into the lights as it was a matter of the timer being changed and that the Parks and Recreation Department was to mow the lawn. They have the money for the external projects at the Keenan Mansion and are currently working on getting them started. He mentioned that the two broken windows are being repaired by a gentleman from Charleston who works weekends on the windows. As to the inside of the mansion, the repair jobs are currently up for bid and he will let us know of the status once he knows. He requested that we send e-mails to him regarding the lights and grass cutting.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 9, 2018 at the Ascension Lutheran Church, 827 Wildwood Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. The agenda for the next meeting will be as follows: By-Laws and an after-action report for NGND.

A Motion was made by Lance Folsom, seconded by Barbara Lengel and passed by attendees for the meeting to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M Harrigan, Member-at-Large SRNA

Approved on _____