

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

WGNA Meeting

The meeting began at 6:15 pm at the Columbia Senior Center when Andy recognized our guests, City Council representative Moe Baddourah, County Council representative Seth Rose, Robert Anderson, Director of Columbia Public Works Division, and Brian Cook, City of Columbia Zoning Director.

Moe told us he felt our Saluda Median project was important and he introduced Robert Anderson to offer participation from the city.

Mr. Anderson recommended having a master plan from the city design technicians. He said that first an evaluation would be done of the present irrigation system, then a plan for the water system and a separate plan for plantings would be drawn by the technicians. Moe stressed that he felt that a community/city collaboration would be optimum for the best result. Moe said we should not worry about the funds for the project. Then Seth Rose offered to help with funding from the county also.

The policemen reported that our PACE officer, Nick Scott, had been promoted and Wales Garden will have a new representative soon. Sgt. Reese reported that the problem rental on Santee had been vacated and that the city charges \$30 for parking on yellow line. Corporal Fisher reported that there is a Crime Prevention Security Check available for any citizen needing help in securing their home. The number to call is 240-8009.

Jami, our USC representative reported that she would soon be hand carrying welcome letters from USC to student residents of Wales Garden. She asked for the addresses of the houses to visit.

Brian Cook reported that more than three unrelated tenants may not occupy a residence within the city; he continues to monitor the infractions for us.

Gene, our treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,544.92 in our bank account. He will talk to the bank administrator to see about the option of keeping the \$500. donations for the median improvements in a separate account.

Doug Schueler reported that plans for neighborhood security are going forward for St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2013.

Andy told us that the membership drive with improved forms will be coming soon. Frank Adams, Walter Marks and Judy Holliday will work on a welcome letter to give to the residents of Wales Garden.

Andy, Walter and Judy will work on the WGNA website together in February 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.