

Wednesday, April 24, 2013      WGNA Meeting

The meeting began at 6:15 pm at the Lourie Center with an introduction to our new Pace officer. Officer Brown gave us his cell number at 767-7929.

Officer Alec Sharp gave us a security/safety report on our neighborhood and surrounds. He told us of a special operation in the South Region. Running background checks on perpetrators of petty larceny can reveal a history of other criminal activity, requiring longer jail time. Larcenies are down 26% this year and violent crimes are down 35%. Officer Sharp has started a site that posts when police are seeking help from the public in finding a car or person of interest. The site is on groups@yahoo.com and the posting site is cpdsr.

USC representative, Jamie Campbell reported that she will have another person working with her next year. She said that the school term is almost over for the summer, so students will be departing from the neighborhood next month.

Walter Marks reported that he meets monthly with Jamie and USC at the Carolina Community Coalition to focus on student behavior. There is a special emphasis on alcohol prevention.

Michael O'Neill would like to have one combined, organized report each Monday from Wales Garden N. A. instead of hearing from different individuals. Sara Lynn Marks volunteered to work on the committee.

Walter suggested WGNA have its yearly calendar planned for next year, including monthly scheduled meetings, the annual meeting, with rain-dates to be held at the American Legion.

Andy Marion reported on the progress of the Saluda Median.

Caroline Watson reported on the progress being made at Blossom Street and Santee Avenue. John Spade has given the go-ahead for the city to begin construction of the median at the intersection. TD Bank has agreed to irrigate the plants that are installed at the site.

Douglas Schueler reported that the Edisto Avenue speed hump project is ready to be presented to the city. After the survey was done, most neighbors favored having two speed humps on the street.

Walter mentioned that there will be a WGNA webpage committee meeting in early May.

Gene Zeigler reported that we have \$4,387.92 in the bank. \$1,763 of that amount is bookmarked for the Saluda Median.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.