

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 WGNA Meeting

The meeting opened at 6:20 pm at the Lourie Center with Sergeant Reese's report of an increase in car vandalism in our area. In almost every case, it was an unlocked vehicle that was robbed. In Five Points the rate of crime has dropped since the university is in summer school mode. PACE Officer Brown offered his cell phone number: 767-7929.

USC Representative Jamie Campbell reported that she will be working on a protocol system for neighbors to report USC student infractions to the university office this summer. She will keep us informed when this tool is developed and ready for use.

Walter Marks distributed a proposed neighborhood calendar for 2013-2014. (see attached) There was a suggestion from the floor to combine the business and social meeting in the fall. Walter will get back to us on the final plan.

Melinda reported that the city workers are putting rebar on the timed risers to complete the irrigation system in the Saluda median. Blue Moon will fertilize the azaleas, mulch and trim specified shrubs. The services will be paid from the Saluda median fund. There is no charge for the city work.

Andy reported that the membership forms will be distributed soon. A space will be added for members to give money to the Saluda Median project. There will also be a place for members to sign up for volunteering in the organization. Walter added that landlords (homeowners) will be sent a letter inviting them to join the neighborhood association.

There is a Fall 2013 plan that Jamie Campbell will go door-to-door to welcome USC student renters, leaving a letter about following the rules and fitting smoothly into the neighborhood.

Walter reported that there is no charge for using Google as a website for Wales Garden, as other neighborhood associations have done. The four Wales Garden Neighborhood Association officers, Andy, Walter, Gene and Judy, voted unanimously to allocate up to \$400 to pay for the one-time set-up of templates by Walter's internet expert. Mary Ann Belser agreed to be our future interactive WGNA webmaster.

Caroline Watson reported that Mr. Spade has given her an update that work on the Santee/Congaree median at Blossom Street is going forward. The construction should begin soon.

Gene Zeigler, treasurer, reported that we have \$5107.92 in the bank. \$2,163 of that has been donated for the Saluda median.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.