

WGNA Business Meeting  
September 17, 2014

In Attendance: President Walter Marks, Vice President Frank Adams, Secretary Judy Holliday, Past President Andy Marion, Judith Roberts, Melinda Allen, Suzanne Thorpe, Pro-active Community Enforcement Team Officer J.L. Cooper, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission representative Andy Whitfield, Kathy Taylor, Interim Outreach Coordinator for USC Off-Campus Student Services Brittany White.

President Walter Marks opened the meeting in the Lourie Center at 6:15 with discussion of the responsibilities of the PACE officer in the neighborhood. Officer Cooper told us that on the weekends the officers will be primarily working in Five Points. Neighbors who have complaints need to call the regular police numbers during Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to get the speediest response. On weekdays neighbors should direct their calls to Officer Cooper's cell number 803-206-3317 and follow up with an email to [jlcooper@columiasc.net](mailto:jlcooper@columiasc.net).

Brittany White, Interim USC Coordinator taking the place of Jamie Campbell told us that if we want to report a loud party of students on the street, we should get the students' names if possible. The documentation of photos, pictures of cars, students walking in and out of the house would be important in her department's ability to bring the students to the office for questioning. Brittany shared a trial application form for us to fill out online when there is a complaint. She told us that USC is interested in partnering with the police and the neighborhood associations to put an end to noise violations by students.

Andy Whitfield from, an appointed member of the City of Columbia's Tree and Appearance Commission told us about their proposal to bury electrical lines underground. He asked our association to consider support for their petition to City Council.

Walter announced the Fall Party will be Sunday, October 26. He also reminded that the October 15 business meeting will be the last one until January 2015.

Melinda Allen thanked neighbor Lori Kirkham for trimming the shrubs on Saluda Median. Melinda said that she and Suzanne Thorpe are working on a yearly plan for future trimming, fertilizing and cleaning out the azaleas and other shrubs.

President Marks reported the bank account had \$6629, of which \$1473 is Saluda Median donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.