

Wales Garden Association Meeting  
October 15, 2014

In Attendance: President Walter Marks, Vice President Frank Adams, Secretary Judy Holliday, Past President Andy Marion, Sara Lynn Marks, Kathy Taylor (and her mom), C.P.D. Captain Alec Sharp, Pro-Active Community Enforcement Team Officer J.L. Cooper, Five Points Association Executive Director Amy Beth Franks, and Judith Roberts.

President Marks opened the meeting in the Lourie Center at 6:15 with a request for a report from Amy Beth Franks. Amy Beth told us that Five Points Association along with the Babcock Center had raised money for Disabled Persons with an October Barstool Classic event. The 5 Points vendors also sponsored an October Jerryfest to commemorate Jerry Garcia.

There will be a Chili Cookoff November 8, 2014 from noon 'til 7:00 pm with live bands and family fun. The proceeds will go to Kamp Kemo.

Amy said the 5 Points Association plans to cut away bushes from the railroad trestle and professionally remove the painted graffiti. She pointed out that Blossom Street is a DOT road, therefore it will be hard to close for repairs.

Amy told us that 5 Points will be celebrating their 100th birthday next year.

Police Captain Sharp told us that the USC Transportation Department and Carolina Cab Company have helped the policemen in 5 Points to control the student traffic at night on weekends. He reported there is a USC policeman standing with the City of Columbia policeman at the USC shuttle station every Thursday through Sunday from 10 pm through 3 am in 5 Points. Together they are making sure that students arrive home safely.

PACE Officer Cooper shared some statistics showing an improvement in crime from 1106 burglaries last year compared to 756 burglaries this year. Overall burglaries are down 17% in the South Region.

Walter asked Captain Sharp to share the new housing inspector's phone number as soon as he knows it.

Walter reminded us that volunteers are needed to help with setting up tables for the Sunday, October 26 Fall party. The party will be on the corner of Catawba and Wateree at 4:30 p.m. The Wheeler Hill Neighborhood Association has been invited to join us.

Walter announced that the new email Wales Garden Newsletter has been well received. Thank you Frank Adams for your talent and hard work.

Walter reminded that the neighborhood luncheon will be Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

It was noted that a quorum of officers was present for the meeting. The September 17, 2014 minutes were approved.

Walter adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.