

DRUID HILLS



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Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2012

- Call to order by Terri Price, VP.
- New members and guests were recognized-- Natalie Weston on Craig, Moryah Jackson running for school board.
- There was a reminder to sign the Sign-in Sheet and to renew memberships and donation.
- The August 16, 2012 meeting minutes were provided for review. Andrew Epting made a motion to approve the minutes. George Grogan seconded the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Committee Updates:

- The treasure's report was submitted for review.
- The Social Committee stated the fall picnic will be Saturday, October 20th at 4 pm on Oakview between Mills and Craig. Bring a dish to share. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided.
- The PR Committee stated the website is up and running.

No old business to discuss.

New Business:

- John Cromer, associate pastor at Grace Church of Columbia and lives on Mills, updated everyone on some charity/volunteer opportunities. October 26th, Trunk or Treat; November 11th, teaming up with Oliver Gospel Mission to deliver meals. There is a food co-op. Work in the co-op to earn a week's worth of groceries. A lot of kids come on Wednesday night. A lot of them don't have clothing, especially jackets, so they are holding a clothing drive. They need clothes for middle school and younger, mostly elementary school aged children.

Discussion:

- Officer Champion and Sergeant Allmann from the Columbia Police Department spoke about Shaquille Hammond, 5'9", locked up several times for burglaries, 22 years old, 280 lbs, black hair, medium complexion. He has been walking around the neighborhood.
- There is a black Chevy sedan 2010 with paper tags driving around. Please call if you see it.
- Natalie Weston asked about kids honking today, is it a signal? Officer Champion said these people aren't that sophisticated. They will be casing a house and calling each other on cell phones.
- CPD reiterated for us to call in anything suspicious. 331-9147, Sergeant Allmann.
- There were 2 burglaries in last month. One at 2 pm; one at 3 pm.

Presentation:

- Roxanne Ancheta from Richland County and Dr. Schneider with the Central Midlands Regional Transportation Authority spoke on the Penny Sales Tax proposal that will be on the November 6th ballot.
- Andrew Epting asked if the penny passes, will the franchise fee will be removed from utilities? Yes, That is a 2% reduction on utility bills.
- Andrew Epting stated compressed natural gas is very efficient, good for air quality, and it is fuel from the U.S.
- Two of the proposed bike/pedestrian/greenway projects would benefit Druid Hills.
- New buses will be American, because of federal requirement for "Buy American" applied to steel.
- Andrew Epting asked about bus stops. They will be top mount system advertising the system, giving the route underneath, and the bus schedule printed on it. There will also be QR codes to tag. They will also be adding a travel trainer to help people learn how to ride.
- They will work with employers to create incentives to increase ridership.
- There will be a watchdog committee to oversee the use of the penny tax, if passed. Terri Price asked how to get on the watchdog committee. There will be an application available. The county council will vote on applications. Several county committees are open. Check out the website if you are interested.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting December 13, 2012