

University Hill Neighborhood Association

Executive Council

16 August 2010

Minutes

In the absence of President Manos the meeting was called to order at 6:12.

Present: Aluri, Briggs, Fenner, Gottshall, Manos

Guests: Frits and Katherine DeJonge; Shirley Mills from USC; Officer Waggoner.

Officer Waggoner: There has been another incident at Hooka Lounge, this time during a private party. A car was shot at. Operation Welcome Back will start this weekend and continue through Labor Day weekend. People at Gregg and Greene had a move-out party that required enforcement of the noise ordinance. Officer Waggoner has been in class for the last two weeks but will be back in the neighborhood soon.

DeJonges: The DeJonges evicted a tenant, whose father became angry and called an inspector. The inspector found that the ceiling in the basement apartment was too low, windows were too small, hot plates were not allowed by code. The apartment should be grandfathered in as more than half the houses in Columbia probably do not meet the code. Safety issues cannot be grandfathered but in practice, it's not illegal until someone complains.

Treasurer (Leonardi): (absent) by mail: we have had no expenses or income.
Balance: \$2419.76.

Safety (Herman): (absent)

Zoning (Gottshall): Bowden properties at 1913 & 1917 Gregg have an appliance and TV on porch. Aluri: For the benefit of us all, we should follow the code. Manos: Independent Schools wanted to put in an awning and DDRC staff told them they could not do it because it covers fascia. Fenner: Shandon Ministry is again in the house on Greene Street with a banner across the front columns.

Landlords (McMaster): (absent)

Parking (Aluri): John David Spade is doing a good job with parking. Students need to be told of regulations. Briggs: USC Police did a great job of traffic control during move-in days. Manos will write a letter of thanks to the Ernie Ellis of USC Police.

Old Business:

Briggs: Gerry Lynn Hall reported that there had been citations issued to the owners of 1720-1726 Greene (Preston Callison property) on July 30 and on 1901 Pendleton to cut back obstructive shrubbery.

Lower Walkabout will take place this Saturday at 9:00.

The Hospitality Task Force met without significant impact on our neighborhood.

Fenner: Tom has not contacted the Wilsons about a plaque for the Wilson Tree.

New Business:

Amendment to By-Laws (Manos):

Article 5 Sec. 1 (new material is in bold):

Section 1 The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of officers listed above in Article 4 and five additional members who shall be elected by a majority vote of the Association members present and voting at the general membership meeting held in October (amended May 13, 2003) of odd numbered years, and for the term immediately succeeding his or her term, the immediate past President (amended October 17, 2006). The term of office shall be two years, and members of the Executive Council may be reelected for additional terms. **In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Council, the President shall appoint a member of the Association in good standing to fill the vacancy, with the consent of a majority of the remaining members of the Executive Council, to serve until** a majority vote of the Association members present and voting at the next general membership meeting following the notice of the vacancy (to be amended October 12, 2010).

Approved for submission to the general membership.

Joy Goodwin has asked that the Association clean up the Rose Hall property at its expense. The association does not think we should spend our money on a private property. MOTION: Marc will report to city about the condition of the Rose Hall & 1719-1721 Pendleton (Gottshall, Fenner).

Discussion of Membership Meeting on October 12; \$200 authorized for food and beverage.

Fenner: Our local inspector is Ronnie Hingleton.

Council moved to Executive Session,.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 until 20 September.

Respectfully submitted,

Ward Briggs, Secretary