

MINUTES

Executive Council

University Hill Neighborhood

15 June 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Manos at 6:09.

Present were Raj Aluri, Ward Briggs, Kathryn Braun Fenner, Miranda Morrison Hagan, Todd Herman, Peggy McMaster, Marc Manos.

Invited guests were John Stucker, Officers Waggoner and Calby, and Gerry Lynn Hall.

Officer Waggoner: The neighborhood has been quiet. The burglar of 828 Laurens burglary was caught when he came back a second time. Housing at 1200 Laurens contains lots of Hispanics, but investigation found that everyone in the structure was related, so nothing illegal seems to be going on.

Gerry Lynn Hall, community liaison with City Council District Three and Task Force Coordinator of BikeColumbia handles concerns with city-based services. She has direct communication with neighborhood, business and City leaders. Call 311 if there is an issue—trash not picked up, hole in the street, etc. To make an online request, go to www.columbiasc.net, click on Online Service and then Online Service Request. Fill out the form and the appropriate city department will contact you within 5-7 days. She routinely contacts Manos and Fenner once a month.

Ms Hall also represents BikeColumbia. We were awarded bronze level as bicycle friendly city by national organization. The contact information is: 545-3381, bc@columbiasc.net, www.columbiasc.net/bikecolumbia.

Aluri - 1726 Greene has lots of trash and lots of drinking.

Aluri: Landlords required to notify who is moving in and out of apartments. This should be able to be done by memo. The City also wants notarized signature for subleasing. Ms. Hall will look into this.

Henderson/Greene Street RFP (Manos): Initial RFP got no bids. We have been asked by the University if we would reconsider allowing the Presbyterians to build a center. The Council voted unanimously against reconsidering this proposal. Marc has asked Helen to get the bidders together and ask how to make the RFP more attractive. Stucker: Shadow of Budget and Control Board is upon them, We need them to know that the land is exact equivalent to area that the buildings sit on. By giving away property they have the purchase price for the land they already own but can't use. Manos: but they need to simply donate the property to whoever will agree to take it; Presbyterian deal is dead. Marc will discuss this matter with Harris Pastides.

Treasurer: We are \$10 richer than last month with a total of \$3144. We have taken down the names of new members who want to volunteer to serve on subcommittees.

Safety (Herman): Todd has received no messages or complaints. Stucker: Thanks to Todd for Museum shows. Aluri: 1826 Greene tenants had run-in with 1828 Greene, tenant went into rage at 6:30 in morning. He's quiet now. Keep an eye on him.

Zoning: Gottshall absent, no report. Fenner: We should put maps with restrictions on the website.

Landlords (McMaster): No report, no complaints. Herman: 1828 Greene probably has too many people and is beginning to be run down.

Parking: Hiott absent; no parking.

Old Business— Landscaping (Briggs): Belinda Gergel convened a meeting of city officials earlier in the day at City Hall to work out the Columbia Green issue. It was decided that the City will allow a "Pilot Program" in which we will donate the plants, a volunteer from the City on his/her day off will dig the beds with a city tiller, then supervise the soil enrichment and planting of the shrubbery by our volunteers under the guidance of our landscaper, Jennifer Denslow Glass. The Neighborhood will be responsible for the permanent maintenance of these beds, but we will not need the \$600k insurance policy. Though everyone would love to have this completed as soon as possible, it will be in the best interest of the plants to wait until the fall.

The meeting was adjourned (Fenner, Hagen) at 7:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Ward Briggs