

ECCO Monthly Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2010

Police and Safety Meeting

Officer Walker's cell: 803-391-2391.

Two break-ins occurred recently at 2818 and 2820 Park Street. A white van was seen in the area, and van occupants ostensibly walked around houses. Call 911 if you see a white van.

An auto theft occurred on Clark Street.

New residents at 3101 Lakewood Drive had 3 computers stolen and got 1 back. The same man came by the house several times.

Melanie Lewis-Moss reported apparent prostitutes and drug sales at the Parkview Inn.

About a week ago, Lib Davis saw police detain some men in the 1000 block of Union.

Jim Prater reported that SCE&G is in the process of clearing the right of way between Keenan and Sunset. This could make for easier access to Keenan Drive homes. Call the police if you see anyone in the right of way.

Police are still seeing valuables in plain sight in cars and reminded residents not to leave valuables in their vehicles.

Kenneth Brown, 911 training officer, made a presentation on the 911 system. 252-2911 is the 911 non-emergency number. Mr. Brown encouraged residents to report any staff rudeness. Michael King is the 911 supervisor and more than 80 people work for the 911 center.

Robert Smith is the new chair of Police and Safety.

Membership Meeting

Fred Monk called the meeting to order.

Rodney Greathree of Spirit of Truth Church (301 Sunset Drive) told the group that his church is here to serve and offered his services.

Becky Airheart, First Citizens Bank on North Main Street, is pleased to be working in Earlewood.

City Councilman Sam Davis asked about current thoughts on the streetscaping. He noted that some of the grass is dying along Main Street. The city intends to continue to show that Columbia is business friendly; a recent example is the nearly completed CiCi's Pizza at 3730 Main Street.

The RFP on the park building is out. May 20 was the beginning date of the 45 days. Sam will have more information by the next Membership meeting. National Night Out (Tuesday, August 3) will be held at Reformation Lutheran.

Doug Onley noted that the empty buildings on Main Street are in bad shape. Sam hopes architectural guidelines and sprinkler requirements will not scare away potential developers.

Rebecca Spratlin reported that funding has been approved for the NOMA Dog Park fencing and benches. Dog park membership rules will be posted on the Earlewood website.

Melanie Lewis-Moss met with Damon McDuffie regarding a playground. The projected location is the green area **BELOW?** the ball park. Two separate areas are proposed . for small children and for older children.

Elizabeth Davis inquired about the Earlewood Park building. There will be a new park entrance on Main Street, with a 20x 30 flower bed. Columbia Green will create the sign. Jay Lawson will be the landscaper.

BungalowFest, will be held from 1-6 pm, on September 12. The tour will feature 12 houses and 6 gardens and will begin at the intersection of River Drive and Union Drive. Captain Telegram's trolley will be available to transport visitors. Ticket prices are under discussion and more sponsors would be welcome.

Tiaa Rutherford is chair of the Election Committee. Elections will be held on September 16.

Submit newsletter articles to John Sinclair by July 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Mason