Sedgefield Neighborhood Association General Meeting

November 13, 2012

Debby Robinson, President, began the meeting at 7:05PM.

Treasurer's report from Candace Chapman. She also requested dues for 2012 and payment for 2013 is welcomed.

Introductions of **new board members**, Liz Porter and Lauren Lewis.

Matt Montgomery, our neighborhood police officer, provided the latest crime stats and talked about what's been happening in our neighborhood. There have been numerous break-ins recently (about twenty), but individuals have been picked up by the police who are very actively pursuing for incarceration or ankle monitors.

Patsy Kinsey, our City Council representative, gave an update on various City matters: hiring of new City Manager since Curt Walton is retiring, CIP (capital improvement projects) status, the extension of Lynx Blue Line received federal funding so will proceed, and Walgreen's (in Dilworth) vote (likely a no vote says Patsy).

Jennifer Brumer, a representative from **Colonial Reserve Apartment Homes** attended to let us know that leasing office recently opened. The buildings will be 5 stories high, with a total of 363 apartments. Rents will range from \$837 for studios to \$1,300 for 2-bedroom units. The first units are anticipated to be available on March 14th, 2013. There are twenty-eight different floor plans. A video about the project is on Youtube at www.colonialreserveatsouthend.com

Michael Seaton, our Sedgefield neighborhood realtor, talked about housing market activity in Sedgefield. Right now there are nine active listings, with 25 closings this year (a very nice improvement over last year). Average price is about \$165/sq ft for our neighborhood but there are huge variation in conditions of homes. There was discussion about renovations and keeping historic character of our homes. Right now, activity has picked up a lot, rates are fantastic, there is a lot of pent up demand, but who knows what the future holds.

Liz Porter discussed plans for **creating holiday ornaments for our neighborhood**. Ornament-making event will be at St. Paul's on December 1st (for those who have paid their dues) and kits and assistance will be provided (by Liz's husband, Andrew). Instructions will also be posted on the Sedgefield Facebook page and Jeanne brought a sample, and explained the process.

The Holiday Decorations contest will be judged on Saturday, December 22nd. Email Liz if you want to participate and be judged. Winner will be posted on Facebook. <u>Lizporter946@gmail.com</u>

Sedgefield Elementary School's old buildings have been almost completely torn down. Once public access to the area is restored, we will take a good look at what we might do to create a sort-of public park.

Also, Cindy Gadd asked for help for Sedgefield Elementary. The school gets money for **General Mills cereal box-tops and Campbell's soup labels** and if we bring them to the next meeting, she will take to them the school. The school is also looking for volunteers, at any time.

CDOT wish list – Contact Debbie Robinson if you have ideas, concerns, wishes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.