

Sharon Woods Civic Association

October 2023

Meeting Minutes



Date: October 5, 2023

Location: Church of the Good Shepherd

Attendees: Thomas Page, Karen Osmond, Sandra Stamps, Tyler Mitchell, Leila Ba (via Google Meet), and Barbara

Opening: Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

Police Liaison: Officer Reed stated that car thefts are on the rise. Please be vigilant. Lock your cars. Do not leave any personal items or valuables in your car. There was also an armed robbery in Devonshire. The criminals claimed to be Door Dash Delivery Drivers. When the homeowner came to the door, the criminals forced their way in and demanded cash, prescription medications, and car keys. An attendee also reported that there was a serious head-on crash on Sharon Woods Blvd. Officer Reed was not aware of the accident but will investigate and report back.

President Report (Thomas Page): In an effort to keep the meeting time to 1.5 hours, Thomas deferred to our guest speaker, Tiffany Elchert.

Guest Speaker (Tiffany Elchert): Tiffany is the project manager on the 161 traffic corridor, i.e., the roundabouts that are being added at several access road entrances. The roundabouts at Maple Canyon (South) and Karl Road (North) are complete. Maple Canyon (South) will be complete soon. Tiffany and her team are continuing to monitor the new roundabouts to determine if additional corrections can/need to be made. By the end of the year, they are also going to start an educational campaign (which will be in multiple languages) regarding how to use the roundabouts. Roundabouts are also planned for Spring Run, Parkville, and Sharon Woods Blvd. Assuming that funding is available, Sharon Woods Blvd. will be in the "planning" stages through April 2026; however, a draft project plan is already complete, which Tiffany shared with us at the meeting. At the meeting, we spent several minutes discussing what our options - as a civic association - may be with respect to the project, i.e., landscaping, cost, signage, etc. No decisions were made at the meeting.

Treasurer Report (Karen Osmond): No expenses this month, except Square fees. Income of \$423.67. For the year, we are still down \$222.11.

NCC Development Committee: Thomas gave the NCC Development Report. The only issue relevant to our area was a window tinting business on 161. They started to build two large garages on their property, but they only sought an electrical permit, not a building permit. The issue was tabled at the meeting because the business owner did not have the correct materials. FYI, the business owner also owns a body/repair shop near the former Giant Eagle on 161. Cars were being stolen from their shop overnight, hence the need for the garages, but there was no room to build garages on the body/repair shop property.

Beautification Report (Sandra Stamps): No new update, other than what was discussed about landscaping with Ms. Elchert.

Gatepost: Attendees spent a substantial amount of time discussing the future of the Gatepost. Currently, there are no volunteers to produce the Gatepost. Plus, the Gatepost is, by far, the largest expense of the Association. Proposal was to send a flyer in the mail with four sections - some content, QR code for membership application/payment of dues, link to our website, and one advertisement. One attendee raised a concern that the flyer would not bring in membership in the same way that the full Gatepost would since a large portion of our membership still uses checks to pay dues. Due to time constraints, no decisions were made.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.