Stratfield Historic District Association

Date: Monday, February 13, 2018
Place: Calvary St. George's Episcopal Church, 755 Clinton Avenue

Meeting called to order 7:39 PM by SHDA President Margee Judge

In attendance: Frank Borres, Erroll Bowen, Hope Edwards, Howard Gardner, Peter George, Joyce Glasgow, Bob Halstead, Guy Horvath, Bette Huckabee, Margee Judge, Kyle Langan and guest Lauren, Howard Raabe, Chris Russo, Judy Shanner, Sarah Skollingsberg, Steve Stafstrom

INTRODUCTION OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

REVIEW OF MINUTES
November and December minutes were reviewed. Howard Raabe motioned to accept, Hope Edwards seconded. Minutes accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer Ivelis Reyes reported that we currently have 41 dues-paying members. Bette Huckabee will assist with the membership and dues records. She will start collecting dues for 2018. Treasurer's report presented. Hope Edwards motioned to accept, Howard Raabe seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS
Safety and Security - Neighborhood Watch committee formed, and we attended a meeting with members of the West End NRZ. Our neighborhood watch is now official, and the police department will install signage. Frank Borres reported that O&G will donate flashlights, vests and walkie-talkies for the patrol. We will also try to issue alerts to members about any issues in the neighborhood.

Councilman Kyle Langan - Our newly elected councilman introduced himself and told us about his role and what he wants to accomplish in office. He also requested that members share concerns that need to be addressed:

- **Frank Borres** - People parking on lawns is an ongoing problem in the district.
  We also need to get the mayor to move on combining the historic district commissions.
- **Joyce Glasgow** - Recycling needs to be collected twice a week to prevent spillage onto the streets and sidewalks
- **Bob Halstead** - Pierce Place has never been paved.

NEW BUSINESS
Setting Strategic Goals for 2018. Members presented their ideas for what we might achieve in the coming year. Suggestions included:

1) Clinton Park – using it for events such as jazz concerts, farmer's market, flea markets, tag sales,
   – clean it up (work on trees, hedges, grass and cosmetic work)
2) Trees in park – fence by high rise apartments
3) 955 Clinton Avenue project (anti-blight)
4) Commercial vehicles on all stress – especially Clinton Avenue tow truck\
5) Trees on streets – Earth Day –side streets – trim the trees
6) Membership drive and focus
7) Block party, tree lighting use that park
8) Educational events – Ancient Burial ground, jazz concerts, security, education on tax credits

9) Historic District education – have historic tours/ walk with Historian Bob Halstead
10) Website – use it for informing people and promoting events and our association
11) Expand City-wide litter campaign and recycling efforts
12) Identify low light areas in the district
13) UI – pruning trees in district
14) Colorblends – kick off Earth Day tour – (Life Bridge, Colorblends, etc.)
15) Organizations – get local churches on North Avenue involved and members
16) Get subject matter experts to speak at meetings
17) Committees – peoples needed to help our goals – like litter campaign
18) Speed bumps on streets?
19) Insurance needed for cleanup and other events?

Suggestions will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.

LOCATION & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 12, 2017 at Calvary St. George's Episcopal Church, 755 Clinton Avenue.

Motion to adjourn by Howard Raabe, Hope Edwards seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10