

Minutes
Meeting of the Shandon Neighborhood Council
January 9, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. (Emily Douglas Park)

I. Welcome and Introduction of Council Members

Those in attendance: Charles Appleby, Betsy Beach, Jason Bobertz, Jesse Burke, Caroline Clarkson, Annie Caggiano, Tina Cundari, Mary Greene, Derek Gruner, Jane Key, Carla Moore, and Ed Pope.

Those absent: Tushar Chikhliker, Julie Ruff and Terry Sharpe.

II. Guest Speakers

Connor Paschal, a student at Dreher High School, reported that he completed his Eagle Scout Project Started project in at Sims Park and passed the Eagle Scout Board of Review in December. He refurbished and moved the picnic tables at Sims Park. He will stain them soon. He thanked the Council for its support.

Seth Rose, County Council

Please contact him with concerns. He mentioned that he not had any submitted the cat on the leash ordinance that has come up at Council. He is going to a meeting at 701 Whaley about Rocky Branch Watershed Alliance.

Tina mentioned the Rocky Branch Watershed Alliance Steering Committee has asked if neighbors were interested on being the on Committee. Contact Tina for further information.

III. Reports

A. Safety – City of Columbia Police Officers

Lt. Morgan reported that neighbors have been doing a good job contacting the Police with safety concerns. He said some house break-ins have been interrupted by officers in Shandon thanks in part to calls by neighbors. Officer Morgan introduced Officer Chris Morris, phone number 803-315-5128. Officer Morris is now the supervisor of the PACE Team. His e-mail address is cmmorriss@columbiasc.net. Officer Morris introduced Officer Chauncy Duckett, who will be monitoring Shandon as a PACE Officer. His cell phone number 803-391-2411 and e-mail is cbduckett@columbiasc.net. Officer Duckett asked that those in attendance share our opinion of current safety concerns in the community. Car break-ins were mentioned. Lt. Morgan mentioned that last week four teenagers were arrested for breaking in homes and a driving a stolen car. A neighbor mentioned that a member of his church was beaten in Five Points last week and was on his church's prayer list. Officer Duckett did not know about that incident, but said that crimes are being committed against young people in Five Points. Officer Morris said that if we have questions about specific incidents, please contact his office via phone or e-mail. He mentioned that if a person did not file a police report because they went for medical care, the police may not know about an incident. Officer Morris asked Tina to send him a list of all our Council members and contact information.

B. Minutes – Caroline Clarkson

Charles made a motion to accept the November minutes; Ed seconded; the minutes were approved.

C. Treasurer's Report – Jane Key

We currently have \$11,578.01 on hand.

- D. Newsletter – Jane Key for Julie Ruff
The latest edition of the newsletter is out. The Spring issue will go to print mid-March. Jane encouraged all members to help with the Newsletter by selling ads or submitting articles.
- E. Website/Communication –Tina Cundari
Tina and Carla have previewed the new Shandon website. Currently it is under construction. It is hoped that the new site will be rolled out by the end of the January.
- F. By-Laws – Jason Bobertz and Jane Key
Revised By-Laws will be voted on at the March meeting.
- G. Turkey Trot – Charles Appleby
Charles thanked Tushar Chikhliker for his wonderful leadership for this year’s event. This year there were close to 200 runners in the 4K and 8K. There was an additional \$1500 profit this year. Plans for next year will start up in March.
- H. Homes for the Holidays Tour – Mary Greene and Caroline Clarkson
The Tour was a success. The final wrap meeting will be held soon and we hope to present the checks to the schools at the March meeting.
- I. Easter Egg Hunt – Jason Bobertz
Jason will once again dress as the Easter Bunny for the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m. at Emily Douglas Park. There is an admission fee of \$3.00 per child. The committee requested \$500 for the purchase of eggs and prizes. Jesse made a motion to give the committee \$500; Jane seconded; the request for \$500 was approved.

III. Old Business

- A. SNC meeting dates and locations for 2012 were shared. They are:
January 9 (Emily Douglas Park)
March 12 (Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church , Queen and Heyward)
May 14 (Sims Park)
July 9 (Emily Douglas Park)
September 10 (Sims Park)
November 12 (Emily Douglas Park)
- B. SNC committee assignments and Council Terms were e-mailed in advance of the meeting. Below is a summary of Council Members and there terms of service.

Julie Ruff, March 2005	(re-elected for a third term, March 2011; third term expires March 2014)
Tina Cundari, March 2008	(elected in summer 2007 to fill a vacancy; re-elected for a second term, March 2011; second term expires March 2014)
Carla Moore, March 2008	(re-elected for a second term March 2011; second term expires March 2014)
Jesse Burke, March 2009	(first term expires March 2012)
Tushar Chikhliker, March 2009	(first term expires March 2012) Not seeking reelection
Caroline Clarkson, March 2009	(first term expires March 2012)
Jane Key, March 2009	(first term expires March 2012)
Terry Sharpe, March 2009	(first term expires March 2012) Not seeking reelection
Mary Greene, March 2010	(first term expires March 2013)
Ed Pope, March 2010	(first term expires March 2013)
Charles Appleby, March 2011	(first term expires March 2014)

Jason Bobertz, March 2011	(first term expires March 2014)
Derek Gruner, March 2011	(first term expires March 2014)
Annie Caggiano	(elected May 2011 to replace Tracy McKelvey; up for election of first full term March 2012)
Betsy Beach	(elected November 2011 to replace Edward Bender; up for election of first full term March 2012)

V. New Business

A. Sims Park

David Myers presented pictures of a fenced area behind the Sims Park Building that houses air handlers and garbage bins. He would like to have the City remove the wood panels as he feels people break in the area and try to hide while doing suspicious activities. He would rather see a chain link fence, or no fence at all. He said he has already contacted City Councilwoman Belinda Gergel. Tina said the Council would need more input from the City about why the fence is still there before we would make a recommendation. She went on to say she would stay in touch with David Myers about this issue.

B. Neighborhood Park Committee

Tina mentioned that City Councilwoman Belinda Gergel suggested we set up a Neighborhood Park Committee. Anyone interested should contact Tina.

VI. Open Discussion and Announcements

A. Annie Caggiano shared four ideas for potential new events.

1. Music in the Park – Utilize the new amphitheater at Emily Douglas and great spring weather to host a weekly or bi-weekly spring concert series in the park that features Jazz ,blue grass, acoustic rock, etc.
2. Food Truck Rodeo – There are about 5 or 6 food trucks in Columbia which you can organize to one location for a “food truck rodeo”. Follow link for the latest one at Cross Hill. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/314017695288221/> These are becoming increasingly popular and I think this would be a great event to host at Hand or Sims Park or maybe at a combined event with Devine Street Merchants and target Aflac as a sponsor? Jane Key suggested doing this at the Neighborhood Night Out in August.
3. Spring Fun Run – Shandon is one of the most beautiful places in the spring and hosting a 5K could bring a lot of people into the neighborhood to see all the bulbs, dogwoods, etc. in bloom.
4. Music Festival – Hosting a blue grass festival with stages located at Hand and Emily Douglas, this could be combined with the 5k as a Shandon Spring Fling type event.

B. Shandon Neighborhood Yard of the Month

Mary Lane Sloan submitted information for a Shandon Neighborhood Yard of the Month Award. Monthly winners would be selected by a committee. Mary Lane Sloan would provide the signs. A picture of the house would be put in the neighborhood website.

C. Carla Moore

Belinda Gergel could not attend tonight, so she asked Carla to promote the One Book, One Columbia program. Columbia residents are encouraged to read Saints by the River by Ron Rash. Events focusing on the novel will take place between January 17th and February 29th.

VII. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 7:03.

Next meeting: ANNUAL MEETING, Monday, March 12, at 6:15 p.m.
Location: Fellowship Hall at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
(Corner of Queen and Heyward Streets)