

**Shandon Neighborhood Council**  
**Monday September 10, 2012 at 6:15 p.m.**  
**Sims Park**

**I. Welcome and Introduction of Council Members.**

Those in Attendance: Carla Moore, Tina Cundari, Ron Burns, Mary Greene, Derek Gruner, Jane Key, Ryan Causey, Jesse Burke, Betsy Beach, Caroline Clarkson, Jason Bobertz.

Those Absent: Charles Appleby, Annie Caggiano, Julie Ruff

Beatrice King, who is running to fill a vacancy on the Richland 1 School Board was introduced. She is running unopposed.

**II. Vote to Fill Vacancy on SNC.**

There was one nominee, Daniel Coble, for a position which expires in March 2013. Daniel Coble was unanimously elected a member of the SNC.

**III. Safety Report – City of Columbia Police Officers.**

Captain Sharp stated there was a significant arrest involving a string of burglaries in the Rosewood neighborhood. The arrest was the result of a tip from a neighbor, and he encouraged residents to report suspicious activities to police.

Officer Broder reiterated that community assistance is very important in preventing criminal activity and solving crime. Officer Broder also emphasized that when residents have issues with students they may call CPD at 252-2911 in non-emergency situations. Where neighbors have unsuccessfully attempted to resolve an issue with a student neighbor, they may file an incident report with the Office of Student Conduct by visiting <http://www.housing.sc.edu/osc/>.

An arrest was made in a recent assault which occurred on Wheat Street. The suspect who was arrested must be extradited from Georgia.

A traffic study on Blossom Street was completed. More than 11,000 cars passed through the area of the study. The average speed was 25.17 mph, the fastest car travelled 42 mph.

**IV. Remarks from Elected Officials and Candidates in Attendance.**

Antjuan Seawright is running for the At-Large Seat for Richland One School Board.

Joe McCulloch is running for State House District 75. He is holding a meet and greet at Sims Park on September 23 at Sims Park.

Seth Rose states his website has been recently updated. He also announced his house will be on the Tour of Homes.

## **V. SNC Reports**

**A. Minutes – Jason Bobertz.** The minutes from the July 9, 2012, Meeting were approved.

**B. Treasurer’s Report – Jane Key.** Financially, the National Night Out was a success. Expenses since the last meeting totaled \$461.36, and deposits totaled \$2,675. Cash on hand is \$13,159.59.

**C. Newsletter – Julie Ruff.** The next edition is due out on October 1, which is the Fall and Holiday Edition.

**D. National Night Out – Ron Burns.** There was great participation even though the weather did not cooperate. Gratitude was expressed to everyone who participated and extra food was given to the fire station and the USO Center at the airport, so nothing went to waste.

**E. Turkey Trot – Charles Appleby and Ryan Causey.** Preparations are going well. Approximately \$2,100 in donations is committed toward a goal of \$4,000. Earth Fare is helping with water, bananas, and bagels for runners. Panera Bread has also offered support. Council members are needed to volunteer.

**F. Home for the Holidays Tour – Mary Greene, Caroline Clarkson, Julie Ruff.** The Tour is scheduled for Sunday December 2, 2012. One more house is needed for the tour, and more sponsors are also needed.

## **VI. Old Business.**

**A. Update of Traffic Studies/City Engineering Dept. – Carla Moore.** The City is conducting traffic studies in the neighborhood, and data should be available in October. The City may make some safety improvements, including constitute repainting stop bars and adding reminders on stop signs that signs are 2-way stops or 4-way stops.

**B. Increased Lighting in Shandon.** The City wants SNC approval for a lighting plan. The City contacted residents by postcard and asked whether they supported or opposed new lights in specific locations. Maps, which have been made available at several meetings, indicate whether residents supported, opposed, or failed to respond to proposed lighting additions.

The Council was asked to vote on whether it supported new lighting, and the Council voted in support of the City moving forward with installation of new lighting.

## **VII. New Business.**

**A. Habitat Re-Store. Neighborhood Blitz Day.** Habitat for Humanity is asking for a Blitz Day for neighbors to donate household goods. Trucks will be in the neighborhood to pick up items. There seemed to be general support for the idea, and Council asked whether an advance date in the spring could be arranged.

**B. USC Office of Off Campus Housing Outreach to Neighborhood.** This was organized in an effort to minimize and resolve conflicts between students and full time residents in Shandon. Part of the plan is that, on October 4, student workers will walk around the neighborhood and welcome people, but there may be a conflict with another walk and may need to be rescheduled.

**VIII. Open Discussion and Announcements.** Work on the Dog Park in Emily Douglas Park will be commencing soon.

**IX. Adjourn.**

*Upcoming Neighborhood Events:*

Next SNC Meeting – November 12 at Emily Douglas Park

Turkey Trot – November 17

Home for the Holidays Tour – December 2