

Shandon Neighborhood Council
Monday May 13, 2012 at 6:15 p.m.
Emily Douglas Park

I. Welcome and Introduction of Council Members.

Those in Attendance: Charles Appleby, Betsy Beach, Jesse Burke, Ron Burns, Ryan Causey, Caroline Clarkson, Daniel Coble, Mary Greene, Derek Gruner, Ashley Gwin, Jane Key, Carla Moore, Andy Sholn, Polly Thompson

II. Safety Report – City of Columbia Police

A. Officer Broder reported (in Captain Sharpe's absence) that Shandon is doing well overall and to keep up the call-ins and to report any suspicious activities. He noted the South Region Report shows crime is down in the region, partially credited to a "zero tolerance" policy that increases jail time for repeat offenders.

A burglary was said to have occurred on Friday, May 10th some time during the morning hours. It was unclear if the crime had been reported, however several neighbors had knowledge of the incident.

B. Dan Johnson, Richland-Kershaw County Solicitor cited new programs that use crime data to recognize patterns and trends in crime to better prepare officers and help determine police coverage in different areas. Mr. Johnson also reiterated the idea of tougher prosecution for repeat offenders, and specifically stated that P.T.I. (Pre-Trial Intervention, ie. Community Service) would no longer be an option for daytime burglaries as it has been in the past. In reference to the crime increase in Five Points, the Solicitor noted a shift of violent crime from other areas, namely Two Notch Rd area just north of town. Mr. Johnson proposed ideas for possible solutions to the problem such as bar owners helping to fund extra security officers and designated smoking areas to reduce loitering outside bars and on sidewalks.

III. SNC Reports

A. Minutes – Jason Bobertz. The minutes from the annual meeting on March 12, 2013 were approved.

B. Treasurer's Report – Jane Key. Errors were noted in the calculated amounts. A revised report to be posted.

C. Easter Egg Hunt was a success with costs of \$438.18

D. Newsletter – Julie Ruff. Deadline for new articles is Friday, June 7th. 2013.

E. National Night Out – Ron Burns National Night Out will be August 6th from 7pm to 9pm.

F. Turkey Trot – Charles Appleby and Ryan Causey. Event was a success. Ryan Causey will take over as chairmen for this year's race.

G. Home for the Holidays Tour – Mary Greene, Caroline Clarkson, Julie Ruff. The Tour is scheduled for Sunday December 8th, 2013. Several homes are needed for the tour. Contact Mary, Caroline or Julie to volunteer or sponsor this year's event. *There will be a meeting at the City of Columbia May 21st regarding the distribution of hospitality taxes. Shandon Neighborhood hopes to gain some benefit from the tax to apply to the Tour and other community events.*

H. Signage – Daniel Coble The sign-toppers have just been installed and seem to be having the

desired effect. More toppers are scheduled for installation.

IV. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Speed Limit Dave Brewer has proposed a 25 mph speed limit for the neighborhood. Several residents showed support for speed limit signs at the major ingress/egress points of the neighborhood.

B. Regarding the issue of the traffic study and recommendations made by Dave Brewer, discussion ensued on the authority held by the Council to make recommendations and to advise our elected officials. Also, many council members and residents expressed the view that agreement between all members of the Council was unlikely and that the effort should be ceased. Council members agreed that residents may still appeal to council with traffic issues, however the Council has no specific authority to grant changes, and, once again, that this authority lies with the municipalities and elected officials. Based on these discussions the following motion was made and passed regarding the Traffic Study conducted by City of Columbia: Based on the bylaws of the Shandon Neighborhood Council, members and residents shall defer ultimate representation to elected officials.

C. Sidewalk Renovations (DOT) are about 80% complete

D. Flood Bump Outs-DOT must complete the permitting process before getting bids to move forward with installation of the bump-outs/collection containers.

V. New Business

A. 2745 Monroe St. Homeowner requested that Council approve construction of a new single-family residence on the property due to unresolvable issues with the current structure. Council approved the request unanimously.

B. 2330 Wilmot Ave. Homeowner requested that Council approve construction to replace his existing garage with a carport/storage structure. Homeowner submitted external drawings along with a floor plan, plat, and letters from adjacent neighbors offering their consent. Council approved the request unanimously.

C. David Adams spoke on behalf of his wife, **Pamela Adams**, who is running for Richland County District One School Board in the special election being held June 4th.

VI. Open Discussion and Announcements.

Dog park is a huge success!

Would like to get the water fountain in Emily Douglas working.

Fill up the Red Truck - May 18-19 9am - 5pm 2901 Heyward Street

Would like to get the splash pool working on the weekends in Emily Douglas Park. Residents are unsure of how to turn it on. IX.

Adjourn.

Upcoming Neighborhood Events:

Fill up the Red Truck - May 18-19

Next SNC Meeting – July 8 at Sims Park

National Night Out - August 6

Home for the Holidays Tour – December 8