

## **Draft**

July 11, 2016

### **Shandon Neighborhood Council Minutes**

Roll Call-Present- Johnson, Vail, Elijah,Hynes, Crouch, Roe, Augustine, Lindenberg, Jones, Gruner, Kenney, Addison,Burns, Thomas and Foster Absent: Appleby

Minutes: May 9th meetings are on-line. Copy made available at the meeting Meeting minutes approved. Recommendation that the minutes be submitted as a draft and then final approval at meeting

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance in Bank \$14,888.88. Recap of income and expenses by R Vail

#### **Newsletter-Summer edition**

Ron Burns suggested that we issue extra to devine Street merchants. Asked residents to promote articles for the newsletter

#### **Turkey Trot**

George Crouch has secured Platinum sponsors Anytime Fitness and Mary Lane Sloan with The Art of Real Estate

Meeting with SR July 18th to start work on Trot. Same route as last year.

#### **National Night Out (NNO)**

August 2nd from 6-8

Communities to engage with public officials.Mayor and other officials invited.

Discussion on expanding the NNO at Sims Park with a ,more adult version. This led to discussion about block parties.

Kelly Hynes spoke about her block party and how to sponsor a block party.We suggested putting block party "how to" steps in the newsletter.

Sally Foster contacted SCANA about low energy light bulbs for neighbors to light up their front porches at night. Possibly if SCANA comes thru with some bulbs to hand them out at NNO.

#### **Tour of Homes**

Ron Burns set the date for December 4th from 1-5 (a SUNDAY)

Most of the homes have been lined up. May relocate the Tour HQ to Dreher HS as in years past.

## New Business

Parks and Rec meeting with Mary Roe. Discussed possible addition of basketball hoops for smaller children, possible shuffleboard court and Bocce ball court. All this would be at Sims Park. Pickle Ball was also suggested by resident. Was suggested that the Profanity Prohibited sign was no longer needed at Sims.

## Communications

Scott Lidenburg is handling the web site. More current information is the goal. Possible e-news letter was discussed with link added in the website to opt-in for an e edition. And then opt-out is so desired.

## Funding for Block Parties

Discussion turned to block party particulars. Encourage more neighbors to get to know each other. Discussion was around allocating \$250 for helping offset the costs of NNO block party. Entertainment was discussed and Craft and Draft was invited to help with adult beverages..Mary Roe stated that she had checked with SNC insurance and that we are covered for such an event. Permitting is required by the city. That allows adult beverages to be consumed within the "blocked" area.

Motion was made to : Spend \$250 to enhance adult section of NNO to include live entertainment.. Unanimous agreement.

## Rental Ordinance

City moved implementation of ordinance to fall and not July. Ron Burns explained how the updated ordinance works in a nutshell. Same complaint process but better enforcement.

## HUD Housing in Neighborhood

Resident was concerned about HUD Housing next to her on Blossom St. Several people explained some steps that she could take to get better action on her complaints. One was to contact Joe Wilson's office. Officer Schmidt also asked for a conversation about the topic after the meeting. Russell Jones explained briefly about HUD regulations and rules.

## Dedication for Polly

Another similar bench needs to be added at the dog park for Polly to have dedicated. The city will afford the bench and SNC will purchased the plaque. Mary Roe is following up on that.

## Speed Limit

Mary Roe stated to get a uniform 25mph in the neighborhood, we need to draft a request and submit to city council. Suggested we put recap of the discussion into the newsletter. State road control of streets was discussed. Impression was that City could control the speeds on the roads. Discussion about every entry point needing 25mph sign or just changing the current signs. Over the years the objection of having a sign in front of someone's house has halted the

project to unify Neighborhood-wide 25mph speed limit. It was suggested that the sign have a "Neighborhood Wide" heading on it.

Motion: Council will create a recommendation to City Council to unify the Shandon Neighborhood speed limit to 25mph. Voted on and approved. Two (2) abstained.

#### 501 C status update

Mary Roe and Rachel Vail will meet with attorneys on Thursday (July 14) to discuss 501C and have a report at next council meeting.

#### Bike Walk Plan City of Columbia

John Fellows and Leigh DeForth from City Planning Department explained the project to those assembled. This was an education presentation to see what the City wanted to do with Bike Walk upgrades in the City.

Maps and information is available at [WalkBikeColumbia.org](http://WalkBikeColumbia.org)

Several types of Bike paths were discussed from simple to complex. Simple ones are being implemented currently. Mostly involves signage. Several maps showing exactly how the Shandon Neighborhood would be impacted. Should we become a 501C there may be some opportunity for grants that allow us to enhance our neighborhood's bike/walk paths. There was discussion about how our large roads, Devine, Rosewood, Beltline etc form a barrier to biking and walking. Several funding sources were mentioned: Grants, Federal, County and City sources are available.

Speed Management and Traffic calming methods were briefly mentioned. Types of methods are general, vertical deflection and horizontal deflection. One size does not fit all so many solutions are in play.

#### Safety Report

Office Schmidt indicated that there were less issues this time from his last visit. Mentioned a couple of car break-ins and home break-ins. Suggested that we visit FACEBOOK. Search City of Columbia Police South Region. It has a list of names and pictures of people recently arrested and booked for theft. If we notice someone suspicious we might check them out on that FACEBOOK page.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00.