SHANDON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2016

EMILY DOUGLAS PARK

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT and introduced:

Karen Addison, Charles Appleby, Steve Augustine, Ron Burns, Lois Elijah, Martha Johnson, Russel Jones, Kelly Hynes Morris, Mary Roe, Deborah Thomas, Rachel Vail

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s report from Rachel Vail was reviewed.

4 checks were written totaling $2153.73, and Deposits totaling $1845.00, with an ending balance of $15,287.04.

Newsletters-no new news according to Ron Burns

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Turkey Trot: Turkey sales are up and blank sponsor forms were available.

The Piggly Wiggly is our partner. Last year the extra turkeys were donated to Harvest Hope.

Charles Appleby noted that 10% of Turkey Trot income must be returned to Strictly Running for advertising according to our agreement with them.

This year’s race is more competitive with a children’s race and a 10K

Tour of Homes: Date is Sunday Dec 4th

Looking for docents and volunteers. Proceeds go to schools as checks with unrestricted funds.

St Patty’s Day:

5 Points Assoc has met with neighborhoods--the next meeting is in one month

Entry fee and hours will be the same with no re-entry. Nov 17th there will be an oversight committee meeting—Charles Appleby will attend in Mary Roe’s place

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Seth Rose with County Council present to answer questions—no questions asked

Jennifer Satterwaite with the City, Utilities Communications Coordinator presented information about the ‘Trash the Poop” campaign. She passed out plastic holders that can be attached to dog leashes that hold poop bags and also displayed a new metal dispensary for the poop bags that will be placed at various locations in the neighborhood. She reviewed how dog poop, if not bagged, goes into the storm water drains and affects the quality of our local streams. She recommended all poop is bagged and placed into a trash receptacle and not into trash piles. She noted that her department also marks and maintains storm drains.

A resident noted that the city seems to flush fire hydrants on a regular basis, often when there is yard trash by the curb to be picked up, and the trash then clogs the drains. It was noted that these are two different divisions of the city. It was recommended that communication be coordinated between these two departments so that the trash is picked up before the hydrants are flushed.

Jesse Burke recommended neighbors leave space between the curb and trashpiles.

A new resident Paula Davis recently moved here from Florida, and she noted the leniency of the city to what is allowed on trashpiles. She noted that trash piles are not aesthetically pleasing either. She asked why there is no requirement to bag yard trash. Jesse Burke stated that the yard clippings and leaves go into forming mulch and the city doesn’t want plastic mixed in. Mulch is available through the city near the pet shelter.

Mary Roe then reminded us that this is just and informational meeting, and will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. She passed around a sign up sheet for pledges to Trash the Poop.

Dreher High re-zoning:

Several representatives from Richland Co School District one were present to clarify and answer questions about the zoning and physical plans being discussed for Dreher High School—the Campus Athletic Field Improvement Plan. This is a plan to rework the fields and space surrounding Dreher in order to add an artificially surfaced multi-purpose field. This involves an institutional overlay over the current C1 zoning. Similar plans are being undertaken at other high schools in the area.

Reasons for improvement include increasing participation in sports since transportation is a limiting factor for some students, increasing the safety of students by reducing the amount of transportation to and from fields such as Memorial Stadium, and retaining promising athletes at Dreher as we are potentially losing them to other schools with better athletic facilities. In addition our Dreher students end up forfeiting games as problems arise with not enough tennis courts at Dreher. The field and tennis courts will also be used for “lower-level” games, and potentially be used to raise funds as similar fields can be rented for $100-150 / hour. The new field will be a multi-purpose field which will have 2 sets of bleachers seating 900 people . (600+300). Memorial has 5,000.

The Heathwoood and Melrose Heights neighborhoods have shown concern regarding traffic, noise, and lighting associated with the new field. We were reassured that traffic flow will be exactly as it is now with all parking entrance/exit onto Millwood, and that noise shouldn’t be a concern due to the smaller capacity of the field. It was also noted that the height of the lights is being reviewed closely and taller 70 ft lights are recommended for less “light bleed” as opposed to 40 ft lights.

It was noted that tonight is just an informational meeting to inform us about some changes to the process in which these improvements will be approached:

A simplified version of the process being reviewed is a 2 part effort:

Part 1 is to rezone Dreher as “residential”, and Part 2 is to go through the Zoning Board of Appeals to get a special exemption.

There was discussion of the time frame, and it is projected that the project would be presented to the Board of Appeals in march, 2017.

Notable dates to rezone to residential:

12/5/16 planning commission

1/17/17 city council public hearing

2/7/17 city council 2nd reading

Next Special Guest: Alex Golden, a senior student in the Honors college is compiling a Brief Guide to trees and is asking the Council for permission to use trees in Shandon for a walking tour guide which will include about 20 trees and will be a 3 mile loop through the neighborhood. No opposition was voiced as long as those on the tour don’t trespass on private property.

OLD BUSINESS:

501c3 status :

At the last meeting a motion was approved to get three quotes for fees to obtain 501c3 classification for the SNC. At this point we only have one quote so the motion was rescinded and a new motion passed to proceed with Richardson Plowden law firm for a fixed fee of $750 + $250-400 for IRS fees.

Sims Park:

The landscaping has been done and the Bocce ball court completed. Mary Roe is in the process of getting a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled.

Rental Ordinance update:

Door hangars are available to place on a neighbor’s door as a warning.

Emily Douglas Dog Park Bench as a Memorial to Polly Thompson:

Mary Roe has obtained a park bench which will be placed at the dog park. A plaque will be made and displayed on the bench as a memorial to Polly Thompson

ROLL CALL

Local police are having their Roll Call at local homes in the area. Any neighbor can volunteer for the police to have Roll Call at their home.