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Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

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Sims Park

Council Members Present, Burns, Appleby, Vail, Crouch, Elijah, Foster, Augustine, Johnson, Jones, Thomas, Roe

Absent: Addison, Hynes, Gruner, Keeney, Lindenberg

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes were posted on website. Reading of the minutes was waived. Motion to accept the minutes was voted on. Ayes were unanimous.

Treasurer: Updated accounting of the bank balances was presented. Several checks (mostly from NNO) were mentioned as being recently written. Financial statement is on our website.

Newsletter: Burns indicated that submissions for the October newsletter need to be in by 9/13/2016. The newsletter will be mailed early in October. He wanted to make sure that everyone was getting a copy of the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

NNO. Mary Roe said the turnout for NNO was good. She thanked Baskin Robbins for the ice cream and Love Automotive for the hot dog cooker-grill. There was a traditional, family NNO at Sims Park also featured Fire Truck from CFD and Mason from Columbia Fireflies. An adult area was blocked off so that some over 21ers could enjoy NNO with music and adult beverages.

Turkey Trot: Crouch mentioned some of the exposure that TT was getting from Strictly Running. Also encouraged people to like the TT FB page of Strictly Running. Also thanked sales assistants, Roe, Johnson and Addison. Johnson was able to land a Gold Sponsor.

Homes for the Holidays) aka Tour of Homes: Burns said the tour moved to Sunday, December 4th. 1-5 PM. Encouraged neighbors to be docents. 7 homes on the tour. Food will be available and some music at the houses. Get tickets from the Shandon Neighborhood web site. Or The Pig, Rosewood Market or Gibson's Jewelry. St John's will again be on the tour.

Easter Egg Hunt: Foster thanked our sponsor Eggs UP. They provided the eggs for the kids and grilled muffins for the rest of us. 2000 eggs were hidden for the hunt.

Special Guests: Shandon Resident AVNI Gupta-Kagan presented herself to the neighborhood. She is running for School Board District 1. She spoke about her efforts in education and ask for everyone's vote.

Dreher High School Rezoning: Presentation by Vance Strickland. Dreher needs a zoning designation of "Commercial with Institutional Designation. They want to build a practice all-purpose field and re-work the tennis courts. Lighting will be at both projects. This will keep

Dreher High School competitive. Council voted on motion by Charles Appleby: "Council supports the rezoning of Dreher High School to " Commercial with Institution Designation". Charles Appleby will draft a letter to Zoning Board in support of the rezoning effort. Vote Unanimous in favor

Animal Control: Officer Wilson with Animal Control spoke about several new programs by the city. Become a Foster Parent -provide short and long term care for animal in their home. Fostering prepares the animal for a permanent, loving home. Animal Ambassador Spoke about TNR. Trap Neuter and Release of feral cats. Mentioned that chickens (up to 4 hens) were legal in the city..

New Business:

Beautification Project: Motion was made by Crouch. "Move that we take 80% of the remaining Turkey Trot Sponsor fund and allocate them to a neighborhood Beautification Project identified as the triangle at Heyward and Harden Streets. The funds would be from the Turkey Trot races of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018." Discussion on allocation of funds, watering of plants, bringing in partners to help (Historic Columbia-Russell Jones will check with them). Ron Burns suggested that we go ahead and allocate an amount of \$6500 to the project with a \$1500 budget for maintenance. Temple Ligon mentioned that the triangle lies at the old boundary marking for the City of Columbia in 1791. That corner is now known as Heyward and Harden.Streets. After discussion, Crouch withdrew his motion and substituted the following motion, "Council will allocate a lump sum of \$6500 for a neighborhood beautification project identified as the triangle at Heyward and Harden Streets. Going forward up to \$1500 from the Turkey Trot annual net income will be used for maintenance of the beautification project. That motioned failed. Voting nay were Foster, Vail, Roe, Augustine, Johnson and Jones. In favor were Crouch Elijah, Burns, Thomas.

Council suggested that next meeting we have a plan and plants to add to the motion. Council also asked that we talk with City or Hollywood-Rosehill neighbors about the median care on Saluda Avenue.

501C

Vail and Roe met with attorneys. They gave some cost from the Law Firm that they consulted with. The firm wanted an hourly rate and retainer. Discussion of flat fee to complete 501C was offered as an alternative to retainer/hourly rate. Jones offered motion: "Council to obtain a flat fee amount from three (3) law firms for 501C status. Council can move forward with the lowest bid without further consideration or vote".

Passed unanimously. Mary Roe and Charles Appleby and others will seek a legal firm to complete the 501C process.

Remainder of Agenda was tabled until next meeting.

Adjourned meeting at 8:00pm