Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting: November 12, 2018

Roll: Steve Augustine, Martha Johnson, Buddy Atkins, George Crouch, Tamra Paschal, John Meyers, Karen Addison, Russell Jones, Rich Horton, Kelly Hynes, Bill McCormick, Michael Drennan, Deborah Thomas.

Rick Todd, Joe Berry, and Lois Elijah were absent.

Quorum established.

Agenda was approved by unanimous vote of those present.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved by unanimous vote of those present.

Elected Officials: None.

Neighborhood Crime Report: Officer Abrams, on behalf of Officer Frier. Officer Abrams noted that criminals were targeting Dodge cars/trucks, for unknown reasons. He encouraged everyone to lock their cars, as this would dramatically reduce property crime in Shandon. He indicated that in the last month, three guns were stolen from parked cars. In some cases, 14 to 15-years old kids were involved in property crimes. Officer Abrams addressed questions from Kelly, Bill, and Shandon resident Stacy Brennan. Kelly mentioned that she purchased Neighborhood Crime Watch signs. Contact her if you are interested in getting one.

President’s Report: Russell discussed our new SNC Facebook page.

Treasurer’s Report: Current Balance is $3,304.55. Turkey Trot donations currently total $3,225.00. Russell outlined the cost of the SNC Newsletter.

Secretary’s Report: John passed out flyers for the Hand Foundation’s Parents’ and Teachers’ Night out in March 2019. Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are $25.00. He encouraged residents to consider purchasing a ticket so a teacher could attend the event. This is the Foundation’s biggest fundraiser.

Beautification Report: Kelly discussed minor issues related to the Triangle.

Communications Report: Michael thanked Kelly, John, and Rich for purchasing the yard signs announcing upcoming SNC meetings. He also discussed our new SNC Facebook page. Russell indicated that the page was for informational purposes.

Events Report: George gave an update on the Shandon Turkey Trot. To register for the race, go to www.shandonturkeytrot.com. He indicated that we need volunteers to monitor intersections along Duncan and Monroe Streets. He also needs assistance with putting up posters throughout town promoting the race. George encouraged folks to “sponsor” a turkey for the event. For a $35 donation, SNC will buy a turkey from a local grocer and donate it to a homeless shelter in Columbia. If you are interested, please contact George.

Traffic and Safety Report: Rich gave an update on the 25-mph speed limit change. City Council approved the change. The Neighborhood is awaiting SC DOT approval. Once that approval is received, City will post the new speed limit signs.

Zoning/Ordinance Report: Martha noted that committee is in transition. Russell noted that the City has posted the latest version of the new proposed City Zoning Ordinance. It is available at [www.weplantogether.org](http://www.weplantogether.org). The Ordinance will be discussed by the City Council in December.

Old Business:

John gave an update on the status of the Action Grant submitted to the City to renovate the greenhouse and butterfly garden at Hand. We are waiting to hear from the City. If the City declines the grant, it will allow SNC to submit another grant. In that event, SNC will submit a grant for more Welcome to Shandon signs.

After our last Council meeting, the Traffic and Safety Committee met and discussed the prospect of recommending to the City the addition of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Holly and Blossom Streets. One of the challenges to adding such a stop is that accidents at that intersection are not being documented. To have action, we need to have a better record of accidents. It is unclear whether a 4-way stop at that intersection meets the City’s rigorous stop-sign guidelines. The Traffic and Safety Committee discussed ways to address the issue, including extending the yellow paint, a speed study, changing the light at the intersection of Maple and Blossom Streets to a 4-way stop, and pushing for more speed limit enforcement. Steve mentioned the possibility of using the Facebook page to track the number of accidents. Traffic and Safety will continue to monitor this issue.

Buddy addressed the two BOZA agenda items. He noted the first item was moot because the plan to place a new restaurant next to Urban Cookhouse was scrapped. As to the second item, which relates to a policy letter to BOZA outlining how Council would like to be involved in future appeals before BOZA, Council unanimously referred this issue back to the Zoning Committee, on motion of Rich (seconded by Steve).

New Business:

January 19, 2019 Red Shoe Run Race. Council unanimously approved a motion by Russell (seconded by Steve) that Council send a letter of support to the City approving the route and the race.

February 23, 2019 Race for the Place. Council unanimously approved a motion by Russell (seconded by Karen) that Council send a letter of support to the City approving the route and the race.

3400 Block of Wilmot Avenue Road Closure on December 2, 2018. Council unanimously approved a motion by Russell (seconded by Tamra) that Council send a letter of support to the City approving the road closure.

Cell Phone Tower in Rosewood. Currently, there are two citizen petitions. One in favor of the proposed tower (approximately 100 feet in height), and one against. City action on approval of the tower was recently deferred. Michael moved that the Zoning Committee collect information concerning the proposed tower, find out what the Rosewood Neighborhood thinks of the proposed tower, and report back to Council at the Council meeting in January. All members of Council present voted in favor of the motion, except Richard and Buddy, who voted against the motion.

A member of the Heyward Street church (Lee) spoke. She indicated that the church was happy to allow Council to use the Church for its meetings. She indicated that one of the goals of the church was to connect with the community.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael and seconded Tamra. Meeting adjourned.