Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting January 8, 2018

Roll: Deborah Thomas, Lois, Joe Berry, Sally Foster, Russell Jones, Kelly Hynes, Ron Burns, George Crouch, Martha Johnson, Scott, Steve Augustine, Mary Roe

Karen Addison arrived late and Lois left later in the meeting.

Approval was made to change and approve the agenda. Approval of agenda was unanimous,

Scott reviewed the budget/financial statement and stated our account is at $13,456.00 and details are posted online.

There is a neighborhood race on Jan 13. Details and map will be posted on FB and tweeted

An Events Committee has been created which will oversee all events, including the Turkey Trot and Easter Egg Hunt and National Night Out. Looking for members.

At upcoming March 12, Plenary meeting, we will have 3-4 Council positions open.

The city is having 2 public information sessions coming up regarding zoning, one at the Lourie Center 1/17, and one at Drew Fitness 1/18. We will twitter and post on FB.

Seth Rose-Richland County Council member opened discussion about the $$ being spent on the Richland Renaissance.

Officer Friar stated there were 11 property crimes last month, half of them were one night, and they caught the suspects.

Neighbor Michael Drennan opened discussion about Harpers becoming a Zaxbys. And there was some discussion about the Master’s Cleaners property becoming the restaurant Macados. He also addressed the 2 am vs. 4 am bar closing-time issue. He presented the Closing time Resolution from the 5 Points Neighborhood Association. This issue presented in Ordinance form before City Council and and is under review with Public Safety at City.

“Welcome to Shandon” Sign discussion opened by neighbor Rosemary Sanders. She had two questions: 1) Who designed it, 2) Who is going to fix/clean it when it gets damaged? The questions were addressed later in the meeting by Mary Roe.

ABL (Alcohol Beverage License) discussion: There is a coalition of 5 Points Neighborhoods that asked us for an opinion or stance, possibly a letter of support regarding new/renewed ABLs. Timing often makes it hard for council to make opinion. When there is a transfer of an ABL the establishment is allowed 120 days to operate on a temporary ABL. This is the time-frame to contest a transferred ABL.

There is a coalition of neighborhood associations referred to as 5 Points Neighborhood Association. George Crouch attended the most recent meeting.

Regarding the ABL position by SNC, Russell Jones made the following motion:

“Shandon Neighborhood Council supports the diversified nature of 5 Points and encourages more family- friendly businesses. We also support the Shandon residents' concern and right to object to new and renewed ABL licenses. Should a resident object to the issuance or renewal of an ABL license and request an opinion from the Council, Council will consider a motion regarding the ABL for discussion and vote to either support or not support the neighbor's objection to the ABL.

If such a request is made more than 30 days prior to a upcoming Council meeting, it will be considered at that upcoming meeting. If it is made less than 30 days prior to an upcoming meeting, it will be considered at the next meeting after the upcoming meeting.”

The motion was seconded. During discussion the timing of a written request was debated. John Myers asked what would be policy if just under 30 days. Suggestion was made to amend the Motion.

The previous motion was withdrawn and the following motion was made and seconded.

 “Shandon Neighborhood Council supports a diversified and balanced 5 Points and encourages more family-friendly and neighborhood-friendly businesses. We also support the Shandon residents’ concern and right to object to new and renewed ABL licenses. Should a resident make a formal objection to the issuance or renewal of an ABL license, they may request the Council consider issuing a letter of support for their objection. Once such a request is made, council will consider a motion regarding the resident’s objection to the ABL license for discussion and both whether to issue a letter supporting the objection or not. If such a request is made to a council member in writing more than 30 days prior to an upcoming Council meeting, it will be considered at that upcoming meeting. If it is made less than 30 days prior to an upcoming meeting, it will be considered no later than the meeting after the upcoming meeting.” The motion was passed.

Andrew Clarkson asked who would get the letter if we formulated one.

Minutes from the last meeting were posted on the website.

Ron gave communications update. Newsletter was just sent out. He also presented SNC with a check for $750. This was a check from the Tour of Homes proceeds.

Sally Foster gave Beautification committee update. Liability insurance was procured on 10/17. We will open up for bids for landscaping the triangle in February, and bring the top 3 to the March meeting for discussion. The city is scheduled to remove several trees by May 1. The first reading of the encroachment was at the December City Council meeting. Council approved the encroachment. The second reading is scheduled for February.

Mary Roe spoke about the Action Grant which she obtained. We thanked Mary for getting the grant. Neighbors are not happy with the design. A motion was made to allow for “contest” to make sign changes. We have a window of time until next meeting, March 12, to make changes. We will look for community input with the design, and will probably post ideas and let neighbors vote on their favorite. There are certain basic requirements that will need to be maintained. There was discussion of whether it would be visible, and according to the designer it would be. The “contest” rules will be posted on Shandonneighborhood.org.

The following motion was made by Russell Jones:

“I hereby move that the SNC accept the location of the proposed sign as written in the action grant and accept any and all design recommendations, provided they meet the requirements of the grant as accepted and the rules of the city as published, via the website prior to our next meeting, March 12, 2018.

The above motion was seconded. Some discussion about not needing a motion for this action. Discussion about moving project forward and establishing the location by SNC vote.

Vote taken as follows:

In Favor: Mary, Scott, Ron, Kelly, Russell, Rick, Karen

Opposed: Steve, Sally, Joe, Deborah, Martha

Motion passed.

By-Laws/Ordinance committee had nothing to report

Discussion about the date of the Turkey Trot for next year. There are several competing runs (Zoo Race, Girls on the Run). We are currently renegotiating the deal with Strictly Running.

Deborah asked for an outside audit and end of year report. It was confirmed to her that all financials are available.