

## **Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting:**

May 14, 2018

Roll: Kelly Hynes, Rick Todd, Rich Horton, Steve Augustine, Michael Drennan, Buddy Atkins, Bill McCormick, Russell Jones, Lois Elijah, Martha Johnson, Joe Berry, Tamra Paschal, Deborah Thomas, George Crouch

John Meyers arrived late from the Hand Foundation Meeting.

Karen Addison was not in attendance.

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:

Commissioner Beatrice King of the Richland County School Board spoke and answered questions.

Officer Frier was not in attendance.

President's Report: In 2018-19, a goal is to make committee's more open to public participation. At least two members of SNC will be on each Committee. Only Council members vote. Any resident may participate.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed \$1721.12 to Smith Printing and \$50 for State Filing; Deposited \$700 in ad fees. Moving forward with audit. 501(c)(3) filed.

Secretary's Report: Thanked those who donated money to allow for Hand teachers to attend the Hand Foundation Luau.

Beautification: Chair Kelly Hynes. Committee looks into ways to beautify Shandon, which might down the road include tending to the lawns of some of our elderly residents. Discussed the Triangle beautification. Mendoza bid was over budget. Committee is exploring ways to reduce the cost, which includes use of pine straw over mulch and use of different flowers. City is going to assist with electric and irrigation.

Communications: Chair Michael Drennan. Committee prepares newsletter and keeps the neighborhood informed. Ron Burns was thanked for his continued assistance with the newsletter. Committee is going to discuss ways of improving communication with the residents, including the use of social media.

Events: Chair George Crouch. Committee plans and conducts events for Shandon. Three signature events: National Night Out, Turkey Trot, Easter Egg Hunt. President thanked Sally Foster for her efforts with Easter Egg Hunt. Committee will discuss possible event around July 4 and a Christmas night out. There was a general discussion about whether all members of committees needed to be approved by Council. There was a more specific discussion about whether the members of the Events Committee needed to be approved by SNC. As a cautionary measure, a motion was made John, and seconded by Rich, that the Events Committee as outlined in Russell Jones' email of May 14 listing George, Kelly, John, Karen, and Lois as comprising the Events Committee be approved by Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Traffic and Safety: Chair Rich Horton. A question was asked concerning the proposed 25 mph speed limit for our neighborhood. It was commented that the City has indicated that such a proposal is awaiting DOT approval.

Zoning and Ordinance. Chair Buddy Atkins. Buddy summarized his experience with zoning and ordinance issues. A question was raised about whether Z&O deals with the new City rental ordinance. The question was answered in the affirmative. A related question was asked about zoning variances. Russell described how variances are handled, including the role of SNC in that process.

Presentation by Linda Suber. She described the annual Red Truck Fundraiser and how it benefits the Animal Mission. Items needed include dog crates, dog and cat food, dog beds, towels, etc. Event is scheduled for May 19-20, from 9 am to 5 pm each day. Event location is at the corner of Heyward and Holly Streets.

Presentation by Presley Houge concerning Beautify the Bridge. Norfolk Southern owns the bridge that crosses Gervais Street between Harden and Gregg Streets. Organization wants to beautify the bridge. Cost is \$350,000. Raised \$100,000 so far. Website is [www.beautifythebridge.com](http://www.beautifythebridge.com). Tax deductible donations can be made through Keep the Midlands Beautiful. Link for donations is on the Beautify the Bridge website. It was noted that Norfolk Southern requires that the City agree to manage the project. BTB is meeting with the City on May 15. If residents want to know what a beautified bridge looks like, they may look at the (smaller) bridge across Blossom Street (near Saluda Avenue) which was beautified by the Five Points Association for about \$50,000.

Richland County Council Candidate Forum. Allison Terracio and Will Brennan gave brief introductory remarks and then addressed questions from residents and members of SNC. Primary is June 12. Old Business: The need to choose a final design for the Triangle sign was discussed. Four designs were considered. Vote was taken to choose the final design which will be submitted for bids. Tamra recused herself on account of a conflict of interest. Rich abstained. Design #2 (from Signarama) garnered the most votes. The #3 design from Magna International finished second, and the #1 design finished third. Design #2 will be submitted for bids.

New Business: A motion was made by Bill to create SNC meeting signs that can be posted throughout Shandon. After discussion, the motion was referred to committee. A question was raised about what needed to be done for National Night Out. George is working on those necessities. A question was raised about participation by residents on SNC's five committees. Sign up sheets were on hand. A discussion ensued about the contours of how residents would participate. It was noted that each committee had at least five council members on them. It was further noted that residents could not vote on any action taken by the committee, and that the SNC ultimately makes the final decision. As a result, participation by residents is an advisory capacity. A motion was made by John, and seconded by Rich, that residents who signed up to participate in committee activity or emailed such a desire to participate be permitted to do so in a non-voting capacity. After discussion and the withdrawal of a proposed amendment to the motion, the motion carried unanimously. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned.