

Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting: May 13, 2019

Roll:

Catherine Mubarak arrived a few minutes late. Rick Todd was absent. All other members of Council were present.

Quorum established.

Agenda was approved by unanimous vote of those present.

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

City Councilman Moe Baddourah presentation: Meditation garden proposed to be built in Emily Douglas Park. The cost of the project will be borne by the family seeking to honor the loss of a loved one. Ongoing maintenance to be handled by City. Seeking SNC approval because the project involves use of park real estate. Projected timeline: construction to begin this summer with completion hopefully this fall.

Storm Drains Presentation: Dana Higgins, Shandon resident and engineer with the City of Columbia, spoke on the Storm Water Project in Shandon. The City is providing questionnaires to Shandon residents to find out where flooding is occurring in the neighborhood.

Fill the Red Truck: Linda Suber spoke about the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Fill the Red Truck event, a fundraiser for the Columbia Animal Shelter and The Animal Mission. It will be Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19 from 9am to 5pm at the corner of Heyward and Holly Streets.

Neighborhood Crime Report: Officer Frier reported that overall crime is down but automobile break-ins are on the rise. He reminded residents to lock their cars and to not leave firearms in the car. Officer Frier also answered questions from residents about crime statistics in the 5 Points area. He reminded residents to report suspicious activity to the police. He provided his cellphone number. (803) 391-6303.

Elected Officials: Allison Terracio answered questions about the Greenway project that was discussed at the last meeting. At the present time, the location of the new County Courthouse is unknown. County Council hopes to pick a new county administrator at its next meeting. Seth Rose spoke briefly about legislation he has been able to pass as out new House rep and encouraged residents to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Candidates for Office: John Loveday introduced himself as a candidate for City Council District 3 and spoke briefly.

Patrice Green, the Principal of Hand Middle School, congratulated her students and teachers on earning an Excellent score on the 2017-2018 School Report Card.

President's Report: Deborah Thomas.

Treasurer: The account balance is \$3472.37.

Newsletter: Deborah Thomas reported for Ron Burns. Discussed cost of the newsletter. The cost of mailing the newsletter should be reduced from \$.22 to \$.15. Deborah is getting quotes from printing companies to compare the cost of printing the newsletter. Additionally, the postman has indicated that numerous addresses do not exist and the mailing list needs to be re-done.

Events: Steven Augustine. The Ester Egg Hunt was a great success. Many thanks to Eggs Up Grill. The next event is National Night Out on August 6 at Sims Park. It's a chance to meet first responders and neighbors. Deborah reported that Silicon Solutions is willing to help pay the balance of National Night Out.

Grants: John Meyers. SNC has submitted a grant request to the County for \$1,500. If approved, \$350 of this money will be used to pay for the ice cream from Baskin Robbins for National Night Out. Another grant with the City is available this fall. In the past, that grant money has been used for the triangle. It was proposed that the \$1,500 be used for a poop station and poop bags. There is another Richland County grant coming up that John is looking into.

Communications: Harrison Greenlaw. Committee is satisfied with newsletter format. The goal is for the newsletter to be solvent/breakeven and be informative in four issues. It was suggested that council member wear name tags at events and that banners be hung.

Traffic and Safety: Rich Horton. The speed limit is 25 mph throughout the neighborhood. Residents can contact the City to have a speed limit sign posted on their street. 545-3845 or [david.brewer@columbia.sc.gov](mailto:david.brewer@columbia.sc.gov). A four way stop sign has been requested at the intersection of Blossom and Holly Streets. Concerns about parking near corners. Communications will contact the City about refreshing the yellow paint on certain streets.

Beautification: Kelly Hynes Morris. Flowers are being maintained in the triangle. SNC has received two dog waste/poop stations from the City. The committee is deciding where to install. If successful, the committee will request more poop stations.

Zoning: Martha Johnson. No report.

Bylaws: Joe Berry. The bylaws have been posted on the website. Input for changes is welcome. The bylaws can be edited at the next annual meeting.

Old Business:

Easter Egg Hunt: Events Committee will write Eggs Up Grill a thank you note.

New Business:

Meditation garden proposed to be built in Emily Douglas Park: There is a concern from some members that green space would be reduced.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned.