Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting: January 14, 2019

Roll: Lois Elijah, Rich Horton, Rich Todd, John Meyers, George Crouch, Russell Jones, Karen Addison, Michael Drennan, Joe Berry, Martha Johnson, Bill McCormick, and Deborah Thomas.

Buddy Atkins, Steve Augustine, Kelly Hynes, and Tamra Paschal 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.

Neighborhood Crime Report: Officer Frier. Break-ins remain low. There was an attempted armed robbery on Rosewood and the defendants were apprehended. Speed limit is now 25 mph throughout Shandon. A question was asked about the speed limit on Heyward/S. Walker in that it may still be 30 mph. Rich will look into this. Firearm was stolen out of a car three weeks ago. Officer Frier stressed once again the need for residents to lock their cars and to keep firearms out of them. Officer Frier’s phone contact is (803) 391-6203. Also, if you are interested in a Front Porch Roll Call, a Community Outreach Program, please contact him.

President’s Report: Russell Jones. The City is holding a public education forum on utility line tree trimming. The meeting is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on January 23, 2019 at Earlewood Community Park at 1113 Recreation Drive. Grants Committee established. John is chair, with Michael, Lois, Rich, and Deborah. Resident Diane Babuin is also a member of the Committee. Elections for Council are at the SNC March 11 plenary meeting. At least 5 spots on Council will be up for reelection.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill McCormick. Sold one ad; received one monetary donation from a resident. Balance before these items is $4,205. But we have to pay an insurance bill that will be somewhere in the neighborhood of $700. Traffic and Safety is going to review our insurance policy and report back to Council in March with any recommended changes.

Secretary’s Report: John Meyers. John again encouraged folks to support the Hand Parents’ and Teachers’ Night Out. The date is March 1, 2019. This is the Hand Educational Foundation’s biggest fundraiser of the year. The Foundation is trying to get community residents to donate 75 teacher/staff/administrator tickets so that all the employees at the school that want to attend the event can do so free of charge. Tickets for teachers are only $25. Contact John Meyers, meyersjohnm@gmail.com, if you are interested in getting a flyer and supporting the event.

Elected Officials: Allison Terracio. Paul Livingston is now the Chair of the RCC. Dalhi Myers is the Co-Chair. Explained details of upcoming two-day RCC retreat and the pathway of getting a new county administrator. Allison’s contact number is (803) 622-6029.

Beautification Report: Nothing to Report.

Communications Report: Michael Drennan. We have SNC Meeting signs. Working on where to put them to best advertise upcoming meetings. Launched SNC Facebook Page. Committee is discussing preparing a Leaflet/Welcome to the Neighborhood Information Sheet to give to new residents. The Sheet would contain information about Shandon and important phone contacts.

Events Report: George Crouch. Turkey Trot was last November. 200 runners, one in a turkey suit. Committee is pleased with the job Strictly Running did. Easter Egg Hunt is the next event on April 20, 2019 at Emily Douglas Park. Following a question from Deborah concerning turkey vouchers, a discussion ensued concerning who received the vouchers.  George indicated he will look into this and report back to Council.

Traffic and Safety Report: Rich Horton. 25 mph speed limit is in place throughout Shandon.

Zoning/Ordinance Report: Martha Johnson. Committee met for a couple of hours and discussed new City Zoning Ordinance. New Ordinance will be brought up in new business.

Old Business:

Action Grant. Unsuccessful obtaining a grant for beautification.

Proposed Cell Phone Tower on Rosewood. Rep could not attend meeting, but hopes to attend March meeting.

New Business:

January 26, 2019 Run with the Saints race. Council unanimously approved a motion by Russell (seconded by Rich) that Council send a letter of support to the City approving the route and the race. Russell will also contact the race coordinator(s) asking them to notify residents near St. Joseph’s School when the race will take place and provide details of the race, so that residents can adequately prepare.

Motion by Martha to send letter to the City of Columbia in support of the new Community Character Protection Overlay. See Attached Letter. Motion seconded by Michael. After a call to vote was successfully called, Lois, Michael, Martha, Joe, Bill, and Deborah voted in favor of the Motion. Rich and Karen voted against the Motion. John abstained. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich and seconded Lois. Meeting adjourned.