Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting: March 11, 2019

Roll: Lois Elijah, Tamra Paschal, Rick Todd, John Meyers, Karen Addison, Russell Jones, George Crouch, Michael Drennan, Bill McCormick, Deborah Thomas, Steve Augustine, Kelly Hynes.

Joe Berry and Martha Johnson arrived a few minutes late. Buddy Atkins and Rich Horton 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 could not make the meeting. However, he sent a text to Russell Jones, which Russell read. The highlights of this text are: (1) Rise in burglaries near Five Points, particularly on Saluda Avenue—the perpetrator has been identified and warrants are forthcoming; (2) 35 MPH sign at Heyward/Walker being addressed—and Jessie pointed out that the sign has been changed to 25 MPH; (3) Individual responsible for break-ins around Cross Hill Road has been apprehended and his currently housed at ASG Detention Center; and (4) Residents need to continue to report suspicious activity, lock their cars and homes, and safeguard their valuables. Major Martin was on hand, and, following a question from the Clarksons, indicated that he will look into a potential vehicular accident at the corner of Princess and Wilmot where a vehicle appeared to hit a tree.

Neighborhood Race Protocol: Major Martin of the Columbia Police Department gave a presentation concerning the protocol to be followed when an organization desires to hold a race in Shandon. He indicated that the protocol was outlined on the Columbia Police Department’s website, [www.columbiapd.net](http://www.columbiapd.net). Major Martin also indicated that there was a requirement for the postage of signs to put neighborhood residents on notice of an upcoming race, and that such signs should be posted at least one week in advance. He also is going to provide the SNC with a list of races taking place in Shandon. Major Martin provided his contact information, 803-429-9140; randy.martin@columbiasc.gov

Rocky Branch Greenway Presentation. A presentation was made concerning the Smith Rocky Branch Greenway project. The details of the project can be found at: <http://www.richlandcountysc.gov/Portals/0/Departments/TransportationPenny/Docs/Smith%20Greenway%20Handout%20Feb_13_1.pdf>. Residents were encouraged to let the County Penny Tax Staff know we want the Rocky Branch Greenway from Five Points and King Park to the Congaree River to be funded as promised. This is known as Trail Alignment C. Trail Alignment C scored much higher than Trial Alignments A & B (Smith Branch). Steve made a motion that SNC “draft a letter of support to Richland County Transportation Penny Department in support of funding the Rocky Branch Greenway, Trail Alignment C.” Motion was seconded by John and passed unanimously.

Elected Officials: Allison Terracio discussed the Greenway project as well. She also indicated that the search for a new County administrator is ongoing. She discussed the Renaissance Project, which includes a new County Courthouse. At the present time, the location of the new County Courthouse is unknown. Her contact info is as follows: (o) 803-576-2060; (c) 803-622-6029; (email) terracio.allison@richlandcountysc.gov. Seth Rose spoke briefly, indicating that he is honored to be our new House Rep and encouraged residents to contact him with any questions or concerns.

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

President’s Report: Russell Jones. Many accomplishments were made this past year, including meeting at a permanent location and the creation of meeting signs.

Treasurer: Current Balance is $4,835.96. Newsletter is draining our resources.

Secretary. No Report.

Beautification. Kelly Hynes. We need to discuss new projects/ideas for Shandon. George observed that Mendoza was not picking up sticks and dead plants from the Triangle. Beautification will follow up.

Communications. Michael Drennan. Committee is discussing ways to get more people to receive newsletter online. Committee is currently drafting/editing an Information Sheet to be distributed to Shandon residents.

Events. George Crouch. Easter Egg Hunt is the next event.

Traffic and Safety. No report.

Zoning. Martha Johnson. Martha indicated that a City Council public hearing will be held to review the final draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations on March 19th at 7:00 PM at City Hall , 1737 Main Street.

Grants. John Meyers. SNC has submitted a grant request to the County for $1,500.00 ($1,150.00 for the SNC newsletter; $350.00 for NNO). Another grant with the City is available this fall. Lois raised question about a small grant, to which John agreed to follow up with Lois.

Old Business:

Turkey Vouchers. The subject of who received the turkey vouchers from the Turkey Trot was raised. Russell gave Deborah all the information he received from George on that subject.

New Business:

Poop Station. Residents are reminded not to throw poop on yard trash piles. Joe made a motion to refer the Poop Station issue (possible creation of a Poop Station) to Beautification for further analysis. Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

In-Kind Donation to HUMC. After some discussion about how to thank HUMC for allowing the SNC to use its space free of charge, a made was motion that SNC include in its newsletter language that thanks HUMC for allowing SNC to use HUMC and that such language may be edited by the Communications Committee as needed/desired. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Elections: Five people were elected to SNC: Lois Elijah (2nd Full Term); Matt Flach; Harrison Greenlaw; Catherine Mubarak; and Tamra Paschal (1st Full Term). Outgoing members of Council are: Karen Addision and Michael Drennan. Russell Jones will remain on Council as Past-President.

The newly formed SNC elected John Meyers as President-Elect and Catherine Mubarak as the new Secretary.

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