**Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting, July 8, 2019**

Officers and council members were introduced.

Present were Deborah Thomas, Greenlaw, John Myers, Rich Horton, Martha Johnson, Steve Augustine, Rick Todd, Tamara Paschal, Kelly Morris

Absent were Joe Berry, Catherine Mubarack, and Bill McCormick.

Previous minutes were approved.

Catherine Mubarack is absent and Kelly Hynes agreed to take minutes.

**Elected Officials**

City councilman Moe Baddourah discussed the modifications of the memorial park which is to be placed in Emily Douglas Park with our approval, garden of Tao. Moe requested we just approve the fact that we would like a memorial with the final design to be contingent on the SNC approval. Concerns were raised about the design and footprint of the memorial and how the entrance leads straight into the park, and also about the future of the memorial park’s upkeep. Moe assured council that the maintenance would be covered by the city. Questions were also asked on whether this would set a precedent and how to limit other projects from taking over green space and other city parks. Moe reminded us that if the SNC does not approve this project the plan is dead. Rich Horton made a motion that the “SNC approve the city constructing a memorial park while minimizing the footprint and creating separate paths to the memorial in the park with the understanding that the final concept will be voted on at the next meeting.” The motion was voted down and the topic will be left open for further discussion at the next meeting.

Moe also made us aware of a massage parlor attempting to move in near Maurice’s barbecue and informed us that there was a board of zoning meeting tomorrow morning at 10 AM at City Hall. He suggested we email the board of zoning if we are in disagreement.

Elisabeth Barrett spoke about the Wheatley Street library and it’s programs. It was renovated one year ago. We were invited to come take a look.

Eshana Young-Pierre With the Blue Bikes spoke about the blue bike program. It has 13 stations and is free for one month for the Shandon Neighborhood with the coupon code “Shandon”.

Sergeant Friar came and spoke about crime. Crime was up in May and June but has tapered off. Five autos were stolen. He knows that 72% of auto break-ins were unlocked or keys were left in the cars. CPD officers have spent 200 hours cruising our area.

Seth Rose introduced himself and told us to feel free to call him at anytime.

**Officers and committee reports:**

**Treasurers Report:**

Harrison Greenlaw in place of Bill McCormick stayed the SNC has a $4836 balance in our account. We had deposits for $1225, expenses included $1594 for the last newsletter. This will be reduced in the next newsletter secondary to Deborah‘s hard work carving down the mailing list. Expenses also included a $70 fee per year for the website, a $50 fee for filing as a 501(c)(3), and a $92 fee for our PO Box. A neighbor suggested that we put all financials on the website. The response was that financials are available for neighbors who request them.

**Events committee, Steve Augustine:**

August 6 national night out is at sims Park on August 6 from 6 to 8 pm. He also noted that he would like ideas about how we can improve the turkey trot in November.

**Communications committee, Harrison Greenlaw:**

He plans to update the website to promote meetings and events. We are working to delete duplicate or obsolete addresses from the newsletter mailing list as well. The next newsletter is going to print in a week or so.

**Traffic and Safety, Rich Horton:**

The 25 mph limit is in effect in the neighborhood. If you would like a speed limit sign placed on your property call the city. There is a plan to place a four way stop sign at the corner of Holly and Blossom St. You can call City Info at 311 to have them trim branches.

**Beautification committee, Kelly Hynes:**

The triangle at Heyward and Harden is being maintained and plants look good.
We have obtained two Trash the Poop stations and the area of install has been marked before we dig. They should be installed by the next meeting.

**Grant committee, John Myers:**

John is working on a grant for the National Night Out due at the end of September. We recently obtained one for $1500-- $1100 will go towards the newsletter and $350 towards national night out. He mentioned that there is also grant money available in a grant for Crimewatch which Moe Baddourah suggested.

**Ordinance and zoning, Martha Johnson:**

Palmetto First Bank is requesting variances on Devine St.

A neighbor raised the question of whether it is legal to have a home office in Shandon and whether this is being abused. The neighbor is to speak to Martha after the meeting.

**Bylaws committee, Joe Berry** is absent.

**Newsletter Committee, Ron Burns** is absent. Harrison Greenlaw said the next newsletter is going to print within the week.

**New business:**

Richard Burts of the 5 Points Association stated that the city wants to place a fence down the middle of Harden St from Blossom St all the way to Gervais Street near cookout. The city is pretty far along in their approval process and relatively close to the fence actually being built. He stated that the 5 Points Association is strongly opposed to the proposed fence and he requested The neighborhood councils’ support in this matter. He requested the neighborhood Council send a letter to the city stating that we are opposed to the fence as well. John Myers made a motion that “I move that the SNC president send a letter to the appropriate City authorities indicating that the SNC is strongly opposed to the construction of a fence along the median of any portion of Harden St between Gervais and Blossom Sts.” The motion passed unanimously and SNC President Deborah Thomas stated that she will write a letter.

Rich Horton has been approached by a neighbor Jay Rogers on the school improvement Council requesting the placement of a solid median down the middle of Rosewood Drive with a crosswalk for pedestrians crossing Rosewood Dr. which will divert traffic from each side of S. Walker St. to turn right. Rich then asked for support and made a motion that the SNC write a letter of support in favor of the plan. After much discussion and a vote of Five in favor and four abstains the motion passed.

There is also a request to place a speed bump/hump/apron on S. Holly St. Rich said he will request that the city do a speed check and then request approval from the department of transportation. SNC voted to support the installation of speed control measures on the 200 block of S. Holly St. All approved.

Stephanie Bridgers requests the SNC’s support for a block party on Thursday, July 25 from 5:30 until 8:30 on Blossom Street between Holly and Sims Avenue. John Meyers made a motion that “The SNC send a letter to the city stating that we support the closure of Blossom St between Holly St and Sims Avenue or alternatively, Holly Street between Blossom and Wheat Streets”. The motion passed unanimously.

Neighbor Rosemary stated that she is concerned about the replacement of trees in the neighborhood as they age out. The city limits the number of canopy trees that can replace the old trees to approximately five varieties. It was recommended that she call Sara Hollar with the City Beautification at 545-3860. Kelly Hynes of the Beautification committee stated that she will follow up on this with Rosemary in the city.

A neighbor recommended also that we place an American flag at the triangle. Kelly Hynes will follow up with this as well.