



Shandon Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom May 10, 2021

Call to Order: 18:30 by Andrew Clarkson (President)

Roll Call: Judy Anderson, Steve Augustine, Andrew Clarkson, Lois Elijah, Matt Flach, Dolly Garfield, Harrison Greenlaw, Michael Jameson, Mike McCauley, Bill McCormick, John Meyers, Kelly Hynes Morris, Tamra Paschal, Tricia Seal

Not Present: Catherine Mubarak, Kathleen Warthen

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Agenda was approved by unanimous vote of those present.

Recognition of Elected Officials, Special Guests, & Candidates for Office

Senator Harpootlian

Councilman Brennan

Mrs. Laquanda Aldridge, Principal, AC Moore ES – Started at her position in July, student enrollment and re-enrollment period has started. Re-enrollment and new enrollment are both online this year. Zoning line for Shandon is Maple to Kilbourne is Rosewood ES, Maple to Harden and into Hollywood-Rose Hill is AC Moore ES. Contact information laquana.aldridge@richlandone.org or 803-553-0074.

Dr. Aditi Bussells, Candidate for City Council At-large – Public Health researcher by trade, contact information aditi@aditiforthecity.com or @aditiforthecity

Crime and Safety Report - Mpo. Collin Johnson SEC and Captain PJ Blendowski SEC– Property crime has been generally unchanged. 2 individuals were arrested for breaking into vehicles and a property on Millwood. A total of 5 arrests made in the past 3.5 weeks. Please report traffic

infractions in the neighborhood. Animal complaints go to animal control during hours when they are open, and off hours they go to Police, who will call Animal Control as needed.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report – Catherine Mubarak – No report

Treasurer's Report – Harrison Greenlaw - The Council produced another newsletter but no check cashed yet for ads and newsletter. No expenses and no income.

President's Report – Andrew Clarkson – Thank you to Ron Burns and Julie Ruff for editing the newsletter. Thank you to the neighborhood for its support.

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Tamra Paschal, chair

Thanks to Steve for pointing out to Andrew the Rosewood Church site was looking overgrown and thanks to Andrew for following up with Mr. Cason who addressed it immediately.

Caroline Clarkson, Bill Paschal, and Tamra worked at the triangle this past Saturday where they raked, mowed, edged, weeded, and cut back dead branches. An idea for the area was discussed which included trying to utilize the Scout troops in the area by proposing the mulching, possible bench building, and possible additional planting as an Eagle Scout project. We have a small budget for mulch and plantings.

Kelly Hynes-Morris has been in touch with Ling Gao, who is having a meditation garden in honor of her late son installed at Emily Douglas in the near future. We discussed and approved the installation last year. Kelly spoke with her earlier today and they have decreased the overall footprint of the meditation garden as to not infringe on the green space.

Bylaws & Procedures: Steve Augustine, chair

No report this meeting.

Communications: Michael Jameson, chair

Welcome back Julie Ruff and a many thanks for taking on the newsletter editor role! Another big thanks to Ron Burns for all his hard work on the newsletter in the past.

Changes have been made to the website regarding the new council membership changes as well as committee assignments.

Facebook posts have been made to promote events like the red truck as well as tonight's meeting.

Big thanks to everyone for their patience with the virtual meetings. We are looking forward to resuming in-person meetings.

Events: Matt Flach, chair

National Night Out (NNO) will be June 5th from 5pm to 8pm. Baskin Robbins will be present, and 8 flavors of ice cream will be offered (\$765.74) - Vanilla, Chocolate, Butter Pecan, Oreo, Jamoca Almond Fudge, Daquiri Ice, Rainbow Sherbert, Lemon Custard. Will have ice, coolers, and water bottles will be provided. Hoping for a front-porch roll call (Left a voice mail with Sgt Baer about doing front porch roll call. Waiting on a response) and a fire department truck drive-by. The Fire Dept is currently not stopping for events or parking the truck. Harrison has offered to pick up a small amount of water bottles. I will grab ice from work, and I also have some coolers we can use. Since this year we are only having ice cream I do not think we will need as much cooler space since there is no food, but I will also grab some water bottles.

National Night Out in August will be on the 3rd.

Grants: John Meyers, chair

Emily Douglas Grant is a work in progress in consultation with Parks Committee and the City.

We have not received word from the County on the 2021-22 Grant (\$1500) covering some of the costs for our newsletter (\$1150) and NNO (\$350). We are exploring ways to spend 2020-21 money earmarked for canceled NNO.

June 5th National Night Out will be using 2020-2021 grant funds.

Traffic & Safety: Mike McCauley, chair

Met in late April as a follow-up for the Council approval of a traffic evaluation at Duncan and Ott Strs following a pedestrian vs. vehicle accident. The intersection was previously flagged by residents in the area.

The Traffic & Safety Committee met with the City traffic engineer on April 26 to review the results of a traffic evaluation conducted at the intersection of Duncan & Ott as requested in our March meeting (and mentioned in Rich's previous report below).

The evaluation produced the following data for that intersection:

The average daily volume along Duncan is 418 vehicles per day (212 vehicles per day eastbound on Duncan, 206 vehicles per day westbound on Duncan). 85th percentile speed of 34mph eastbound along Duncan and 24mph westbound along Duncan.

A review of the last six years of CPD crash data showed only one accident, in 2016, where a vehicle along Ott failed to comply with the stop sign. It hit a vehicle travelling west on Duncan. [Crash data is derived from police reports; unreported incidents and anecdotal evidence are not considered]

The traffic engineer indicated that the above results do not meet SCDOT criteria to qualify for a four-way stop sign; however, other traffic control measures can be considered and an updated traffic evaluation can be requested in six months.

He noted that one of the key issues affecting sight distance at intersections is on-street parking. As a result, at the Traffic & Safety Committee's request, the City immediately repainted the curbs yellow at Duncan & Ott to reinforce that no cars are allowed to park within a certain distance along the approaches and departures of the intersection, which should help with turns.

The Committee also requested from CPD additional parking enforcement at Duncan & Ott as well as increased stop sign enforcement at key intersections along Ott, Woodrow, and throughout the neighborhood.

At the traffic engineer's encouragement, the Traffic & Safety Committee is reviewing additional intersections that may need curbs and stop bars repainted (there are many!) and/or foliage to be trimmed back to increase sight lines. If anyone is aware of specific locations of concern, please forward them to me as the Committee is preparing a consolidated list to forward to the City for action.

A Clarkson question- whether stop bars are in front or behind of pedestrian curbs. Engineer did make note of areas where stop bars are too far behind intersection and impede safe visualization of intersection.

J Burke - Stop signs are usually lined up with stop bars, designed behind pedestrian walkways to allow a hard stop, then a rolling stop up to the intersection when pedestrian walkways are clear. Line of sight ordinance is 25ft at an intersection along the right of way line, 15ft x 15ft by for a driveway, nothing taller than >2 ft or branches <10 ft.

Stephanie Bridgers asked about golf cart safety in the neighborhood, citing concerns about unbelted passengers including children and babies. Plan to place the golf cart rules on website and in the next newsletter. Operator needs to be licensed driver >16yo.

<https://www.charlestonlaw.net/golf-cart-laws-in-south-carolina/>

Zoning & Codes: Judy Anderson, chair

3303 Duncan Street: A variance was granted by BOZA to increase from 30% to 34% so that a new primary residence can be constructed on the parcel. At present, there is a carriage house on the back of the lot and the primary house was torn down over 10 years ago. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the new residence, the current residence at the back of the lot will have to be converted back to a non-dwelling since the parcel is zoned single family.

3626 Wilmot Avenue (& Prospect Street): An open house was held at this location on Sunday, April 25; at least two members of the committee were able to attend. The following information was garnered:

A Proposed Subdivision Plat has been prepared. The existing house would be moved forward within 45 days of open house to allow two 150 X 76.08 feet lots in the back of the house. These lots would face Prospect. The realtor on duty knew very little about the property as he is not the listing agent.

To date, no plat has been approved by the Land Development Administrator.

The committee members plan to talk with the surrounding neighbors about this proposal. When the proposal to sub-divide the property with lots in front and in back of the existing home, the neighbors were against the proposal and BOZA denied the request. We will continue to monitor this.

We would ask that neighbors keep the committee/Council aware of zoning issues as they occur. The Council cannot properly represent the neighborhood if we are not aware of developing situations.

Turkey Trot: Kelly Morris, chair

6 months until the Turkey Trot, plan for the
Starting to look at sponsors for the run. Looking to meet to divide and conquer sponsors, preferably early in the year.

If interested in being on the committee, please contact Kelly Morris.

ad hoc (Shandon Parks): Mike McCauley, co-chair

Made note of ongoing issues at Emily Douglas dog park. Plan for development and coordinating with the city and the Animal Mission to explore opportunities for improvement with grants and with involvement of community stakeholders. Thanks to Bill McCormick for working with the city and helping to develop ground rules.

Thank you to Judy for facilitating an introduction with the Animal Mission.

Planning for a survey across the neighborhood asking what neighbors would like in the parks and the dog park.

Old Business:

School of Pharmacy 5K – Run has been completed

Letter to SCDOT in support of Speed hump on So. Holly – See above notes

Of note, 6 speed bumps being installed in Hollywood-Rose Hill neighborhood per the Free Times.

Emily Douglas dog park improvements – See above notes

New Business:

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1916