

Shandon Neighborhood Council

Minutes – March 14, 2022



Call to Order –6:23pm

Roll Call

Judy Anderson, Andrew Clarkson, Lois Elijah, Matt Flach, Dolly Garfield, Michael Jameson, Mike McCauley, Bill McCormick, John Meyers, Kelly Hynes Morris, Kathleen Warthen, Harrison Greenlaw, Tamra Paschal, Tricia Seal were present.

Catherine Hunter, Steve Augustine, were not present.

Quorum established.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved 626pm.

Approval of Minutes - The Jan meeting minutes were approved.

Nomination of Council Members

Dennis Wehl- Wheat Street

Rich Horton- Wilmot Ave

Harrison Greenlaw- Treasurer – Wilmot Ave

Troy Byrd – Monroe St

Cindy Waund – Wilmot Ave

No nominations from the floor

Slate approved at 0631p

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

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Mayor Daniel Rickemann – City of Columbia

- Workforce shortage, 625 people short, behind in employment in work orders, yard waste, water, and sewer. Working with some private contractors.
- Promoting wellness programs for mental and physical wellness.
- Actively recruiting and retaining in this city. Increasing support of small business.
- In 5 Points, students as well as surrounding residents want to increase restaurants, retail, safety in the area.
- Decisions regarding short term rentals (AirBnB) remains in committee.
- 34% pay property taxes (this is similar to Greenville), we have <50% home ownership.
- Plan for decreasing homeless population, planning to consolidate current services to be more streamlined, and enforcing panhandling and increasing services to get people into shelters and rapid housing programs. Also increasing rehab, mental health services, and counseling for homeless

population. How do prevent “drop-off” of homeless population from other cities, striking a balance with being the indigent center for 17 counties.

Katy Renfro - 5 Points Association

- Busy with St Pat’s at 5 Points on 3/19, Blues Traveler is headliner. The race “Get to the Green” will impact some Shandon roads. Parade on Devine St at 10a. Music starts at noon, will end at 7p. Streets will be closed until midnight. 26 new businesses coming into 5 Points.

William Brennan – District 3 Representative

- Working on infrastructure support, working on labor shortages.
- cell 803-622-2626

Seth Rose – SC Representative

- \$35M in state budget with federal fund matching for railroad crossing issues as the city expands.
- \$5M for 5 Points making it more walkable on Harden St.
- Cell 803-361-2360

Crime and Safety Report –

MPO Collin Johnson

Property crime is down 78% compared to the last year. Prolific property crime offenders have been arrested. Please contact the police with any concerns.

Please call in suspicious activity, people or vehicles that are out of place. Check video surveillance systems, these are invaluable tools for arrest. Front porch roll call is being re-started, there is a link on the Facebook page to sign up.

Capt Blendowski

For St. Pats, there is a comprehensive plan for barricades. There will be roving neighborhood patrols.

MPO Todd Ballard

Usually on Garners Ferry, first neighborhood meeting.

Officer Reports:

President's Report – Andrew Clarkson

Columbia Greens festival of gardens in late April, early May. Please contact Andrew Clarkson with these nominations. This year’s Columbia Greens Festival of Gardens April 2 and April 3rd. Tickets can be purchased through Columbia Green website.

Please participate in the St Pat’s festival.

Secretary’s Report – Catherine Hunter

No report.

Treasurer’s Report – Harrison Greenlaw

\$15,584.12 Bank statement - March 1, 2022

\$17,362.31 total funds - end of year 2021

Expected/Budgeted annual expenses in 2022 of \$7,675.00

Expected/Budgeted annual income in 2022 of \$8,100.00

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Tamra Paschal, chair

\$1000 reimbursable grant received from Columbia Green for the Triangle. We will need to buy plants and plant this spring. Would emphasize native plants and consider a maintenance agreement for the Triangle,

Bylaws & Procedures: Steve Augustine, chair

Not present.

Communications: Michael Jameson, chair

Applications for candidates are on the website in PDF form. We posted a zoom recording for code enforcement, we can do this again in future. Website has been upgraded on main landing page.

Events: Matt Flach, chair

Easter egg hunt is coming up this spring. Have not had in 2 years secondary to COVID. Have reached out to Eggs Up grill, will work with new Events chair to help.

Grants: John Meyers, chair

\$1000 reimbursable grant from Columbia Green. \$1500 reimbursable grant from the county for national night out and our newsletter. Will continue to work with grants to keep grant income coming into the council.

Traffic & Safety: Mike McCauley, chair

Sophia Papolis, MS-2– President of Healthy Strides club. Host a 5K every year, it is scheduled Sat April 2nd at 8am. Working with Strictly Running using a pre-approved race route and working with CPD Officer Jordan. All proceeds to FoodShare Columbia. Will send a QR code.

Katy Renfroe and 5 Points Assoc have planned street barricades for St Pats 3/19, this information will be posted on Shandon website and Facebook pages. Will start 0630a on Saturday. Race will convene at 0930, parade will impact Devine St, use Rosewood and Kilbourne. All barricades will be broken down by midnight, with 2 sets of cleaners.

Have been monitoring problem intersections, animal control issues, golf cart issues. Using website, social media, and newsletter to disseminate information.

Turkey Trot: Kelly Morris, chair

Very successful this past year.

400 runners

Sponsorships \$4,800.00

Proceeds \$3,557.00

Zoning & Code Enforcement: Judy Anderson, chair

Monitoring zoning changes in our area and how they affect us. There was a meeting with code enforcement (recorded on zoom).

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

How to improve the parks- Emily Douglas, Sims, the Triangle. Participating in the planning and construction of the new meditation garden at Emily Douglas park. Conducting a survey regarding the dog park and using this information to guide changes for general safety and improvements in the dog park. Seeking federal and local grants to make improvements in our parks, consider State grants to get investment in our parks.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Columbia Water and Storm Drainage project

columbiascwater.net/shandonstormwater

Waterline project- over the entire neighborhood.

Phase 1 - West side of Shandon Late 2022/Early 2023, 18 month construction time

Phase 2- East side of Shandon

Storm drainage project – 6 pinch points in the Shandon area, Shandon will be broken into a East Side and West side, will put in another 1.1miles of trunkline

Majority will be running under streets, detour plans will be in place. Lines are from the 1930's. Replacement will improve brown water, water pressure issues. Storm system converges into Devils Ditch.

B McCormick: Are contractors insured and how to prevent spillover damage? -- City has a claims department, contractors are insured, and there is a supervisor.

M McCauley: What are day to day impacts? -- Increasing communication with flyers on your doors if there is a disruption on your road, contact information. Have been increasing online information presence through the website, facebook, etc.

Need to obtain 35 property easements, contacts will be made in the next 2-3 months. Most easements are in Rosewood neighborhood.

Martie Whitten receives Belinda Gergel leadership award.

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H Greenlaw- Movement for the Shandon Neighborhood Council to purchase a table at the annual banquet of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods in April 2022. Cost is \$275 and covers six seats (one table).

Deadline for nominations March 24.

Adjournment – 742pm

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