

Shandon Neighborhood Council

Minutes – July 11, 2022



Call to Order –6:15

Roll Call

Judy Anderson, Steve Augustine, Troy Byrd, Andrew Clarkson, Dolly Garfield, Harrison Greenlaw, Rich Horton, Michael Jameson, Mike McCauley, Bill McCormick, Kelly Hynes Morris, Tricia Seal, Cindy Waund, and Dennis Wiehl were present.

Kathleen Warthen was not in attendance.

Quorum established.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved 6:18pm.

Approval of Minutes - The May meeting minutes were approved.

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

Will Brennan

- Increased recruitment and retention for Police, Fire Dept
- No water rate increase. Able to increase stormwater projects in Shandon. Maple and Monroe- 90% design, easement part has started. Will take 6 months. Hoping for late spring early summer for this. Other Shandon project is in design as well. Trying to reduce burden on “pinch point” areas – Maxcy Gregg, the railroad, etc. while still continuing with capital investments.
- Keep calling for water, road issues, code enforcement issues. For potholes, call public works (Robert Anderson), DOT has an email service as well
- City campaign for property beautification, keep gutters and storm drains clear.
- Next short term rental meeting is yet to be scheduled.
- Parking for businesses- 6-7 ways to incentivize small business, trying to increase restaurants and shops- including no parking limits for businesses <7500 sq ft
- Five Points road improvements not started until at least next summer
- Cell: 803-622-2626
- Email: Will.brennan@columbiasc.gov

Kety Renfoe (Sent Minutes to be added)

- The Flying Biscuit Café [936 Harden Street] is opening next Monday, July 18th. We are hosting their ribbon cutting at 11am with Councilman McDowell and Councilman Brennan speaking.
- Orangetheory Fitness Downtown Cola [940 Harden Street] is slated to open on Saturday, September 10th.

- Five Points Salon and Bombshell Beauty Studio have left Five Points and relocated to other areas to downsize.
- All Good Books [734 Harden Street] is fully renovating the building and taking it back to the look of the building from the '50s-'60s and will reopen likely sometime next year. This will be a bookstore with a café that will serve light bites and alcohol.
- Smokers Town Tobacco & Vape told me they hoped to open today.
- Tomorrow, we are hosting a press conference at 10am to reveal what is coming to 711 Saluda Avenue. The old white mule, received funding from the Boyd foundation to make a tech holding area and office space for small businesses. Mayor Rickenmann and Councilman Brennan will be speaking. This is one we are very excited about and would love for you to come as well as anyone else in Shandon and the surrounding neighborhoods!
- Upcoming dates: JerryFest 10/2 2-10p, USC Homecoming 10/28 5-10p

Crime and Safety Report –

CRT Justin Boyd

- Introduction: Has worked city for 7 years, South region for entire 7 years, his info on facebook page, can be called directly. Email: justin.boyd@columbiasc.gov or phone (803-873-8594). In training all week, emergencies call 911- not the officer, social media, etc.
- Kias or Hyundais are #1 stolen vehicles in country and our city. “The Kia Boyz” are forcing entry, tearing off the steering column, using phone charger to start the ignition. They are keeping an eye out for the tags for these brands of vehicles.
- 2% decrease in crime overall. Property crime down 31%. 34% decline in our area. 26% reduction in burglaries from the beginning of the year (Jan). 11 out of 936 crimes were in our neighborhood. All of the auto breakins were not forced entry (unlocked doors). 3 were property breakins. 5 auto breakins with 1 stolen vehicle.
- Please secure doors, remove weapons and valuables out of cars.
- Capt Blendowski will be out for the next 3 weeks in FBI training. Lt Wesley will be upper management at this time.

Officer Reports:

President's Report – Michael Jameson

Insurance Coverage:

Have been working on getting events insurance- we have 4 quotes. Evaluating for either a la carte per event or one policy to cover all events.

Turkey trot needs \$1M occurrence liability policy

Might need an insurance policy for the Triangle as well. Controversial because the city owns the land, D&O coverage- directors and officers coverage. We do not have a lot of money as a council so we would deplete funds quickly in a lawsuit.

S Augustine- Motion for vote for purchasing policy for NNO - approved

Secretary's Report – Tricia Seal

No report.

Motion for draft minutes to be placed on the website- approved.

Treasurer's Report – Harrison Greenlaw

13K total at this time

No income in last 2 months

Expenses \$225 deduction for GoDaddy domain registration, \$166 for post office box fee

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Andrew Clarkson, chair

Maintenance came by to beautify the triangle.

Bylaws & Procedures: Steve Augustine, chair

Please review bylaws, if you have thoughts or changes please send to email on website and we will make pros and cons evaluation and have a more substantial report at future meetings. Bylaws would need to be voted on at March meeting.

Communications: Michael Jameson, chair

Website is being fixed to allow for more dynamic content. "Found a solution for the website security project. Implementation is underway so there may be some disruption of service as we cut it over. We will ultimately clone the site and move it away from squarespace hosting. Updates will be made as the site is migrated to local hosting."

Please let Julie Ruff know if you are not getting a newsletter. Shandontimes@gmail.com

Events: TBD, chair (Presented by Michael Jameson)

City approved permit for NNO. Baskin Robbins backed out, so we are looking for a new ice cream vendor.

Possibly an ice cream truck?

Will contact for grill, music, meats

Grants: TBD, chair (John Meyers assisting)

County grant for SNC was put in before deadline July 30th for City grants. Big thanks to Harrison and John for gathering the documentation and submitting all the necessary information before the deadline.

W Brennan- Neighborhood cleanliness grants are in this years' budget.

Traffic & Safety: Mike McCauley, chair

Please continue to be in touch with the police for traffic issues. We have been monitoring storms and being in touch with the city as circumstances dictate.

Turkey Trot: Kelly Morris, chair

Need to work on the insurance policy. Registration is open and the website is open. Registration is \$30 until Aug 31st, then price goes up. 30 runners have signed up so far. Anticipate at least 400 registrants. Please contact sponsors to help with this event. Motion to approve contract with Grit Endurance for Turkey Trot- approved.

Zoning & Code Enforcement: Judy Anderson, chair

Has partnered with traffic and safety committee for survey on short-term rentals. Please take this survey, information is needed from our neighbors (neighborhood residents). The city has a draft ordinance in place and is asking for feedback from our neighborhood. Hoping to have a meeting with neighbors and the city after survey information comes in to discuss the specifics of what this would look like for us.

Code enforcement officer Stacy Harris- if you have a concern for code enforcement they are requesting us to please send pictures with your request. Stacy.harris@columbiasc.gov

Councilman Brennan has arranged some zoning meetings, thanks!

Board of Zoning appeals- address on Duncan Street looking for a variance. Wanted variance for setback 3ft (currently 5ft).

2 Freedom of information requests sent to the city for short-term rentals. Asking how many neighbors have a business license and a permit for rentals (specifically short term rentals).

W Brennan- will follow up on this.

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

Parks survey was put on hold given survey for short term rentals. Will do parks survey in late summer, early fall.

Dennis Wiehl- People who live right next to a park might be more interested in changes/impact on local parks. Ad hoc committee has asked for phone numbers, email address of these neighbors and property owners if they want to be updated on what is going on at the park for renovations, alterations. Please contact Mike McCauley and Dennis Wiehl; shandonparks@gmail.com.

Old Business:

Will work on a budget development during this year, change bylaws at March meeting, with plan for budget approval at May meeting.

Neighborhood Council meeting signs- They have been finalized, will be red and will be 18x24". We can do 20 for \$10 each, 30 for \$8 each. Will be durable corrugated plastic signs. Motion at last meeting to not exceed >\$200 for signs. Heyward Street Methodist Church location to be added in some capacity.

New Business:

Brittons: July 23rd hosting a charity event to support local teachers and schools. Make a \$20 donation, get 10% off your purchase.

Adjournment – 7:24pm

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